Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 4745, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3511–S3552

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2451–2460. **Page S3544**

Measures Reported:

S. 2452, to support early learning. **Page S3544**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda of the Capitol: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 100, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. **Page S3551**

Measures Considered:

Federal Student Loans—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2432, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans. **Pages S3511–12**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, and the time until 10 a.m. be divided as follows: Senator Alexander controlling up to 15 minutes, and the remaining time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees prior to the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3551**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–43) **Page S3542**

Brainard Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3520**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 182), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3520**

Powell Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S3520–21**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 183), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S3520–21**

Fischer Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3521**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 184), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3521**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. EX. 179), M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S3512–19, S3552**

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 180), Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S3512–19, S3552**

By 58 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 181), Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S3552**

Messages from the House: **Page S3542**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—184) **Pages S3514, S3519–21**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3551.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration a bill making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2015.

SERGEANT BOWE BERGDAHL PRISONER EXCHANGE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl prisoner exchange from Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary, Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Stephen W. Preston, General Counsel, Michael D. Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, and Michael J. Dumont, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia, all of the Department of Defense; and Robert Cardillo, Deputy Director for Intelligence Integration, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

FASTER SUPERFUND CLEANUPS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Oversight concluded a hearing to examine protecting taxpayers and ensuring accountability, focusing on faster Superfund cleanups for healthier communities, after receiving testimony from Barry Breen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, and Judith Enck, Region 2 Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Scott A. Thompson, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director, Oklahoma City; Mayor Joseph Delaney, Garfield, New Jersey; Lois Marie Gibbs, Center for Health, Environment and Justice, Falls Church, Virginia; Robert Spiegel, Edison Wetlands Association, Edison, New Jersey; and Susan Parker Bodine, Barnes and Thornburg, Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce concluded a hearing to examine Federal information technology (IT) initiatives and the IT workforce, focusing on a more efficient and effective government, after receiving testimony from Luke McCormack, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen Warren, Executive in Charge and Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Donna Seymour, Chief Information Officer, Office of Personnel Management; David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Christopher A. Miller, Program Executive Officer, Healthcare Management Systems, Department of Defense.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4822–4833; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 614–618, were introduced. **Page H5248**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5249–50**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 616, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4800) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4457) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4453) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations (H. Rept. 113–472). **Page H5248**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ribble to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5189**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5192**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veteran Access to Care Act of 2014: H.R. 4810, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts for the provision of hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for Department of Veterans Affairs patients with extended waiting times for appointments at Department facilities, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 426 yeas with none voting ''nay'', Roll No. 287 (Agreed by unanimous consent that the earlier proceedings on Roll No. 275, the motion to suspend the rules on H.R. 4810, be vacated to the end that the Chair put the question de novo) and **Pages H5196–H5200, H5203, H5211–12**

Condemning the senseless rampage and mass shooting that took place in Isla Vista, California, on Friday May 23, 2014: H. Res. 608, amended, to condemn the senseless rampage and mass shooting that took place in Isla Vista, California, on Friday May 23, 2014. **Pages H5201–03**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015: The House passed H.R. 4745, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 297. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, June 9th. **Pages H5203–11, H5212–39**

Rejected the Esty motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 296. **Pages H5237–39**

On a demand for a separate vote on a certain amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 295, rejected the Gingrey amendment (No. 29 printed in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2014) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to pay a Federal employee for any period of time during which such employee is using official time under section 7131 of title 5, United States Code (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by voice vote). **Pages H5226–27, H5237**

Agreed to:

Daines amendment that was debated on June 9th that prohibits funds from being used to develop, issue, or implement regulations that increase levels of minimum financial responsibility for transporting passengers or property as in effect on January 1, 2014, under regulations issued pursuant to sections 31138 and 31139 of title 49, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 283); **Pages H5208–09**

Gosar amendment that was debated on June 9th that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the proposed rule entitled ''Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing'', published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Federal Register on July 19, 2013 (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 285); **Page H5210**

Fleming amendment that was debated on June 9th that prohibits funds from being used to acquire a camera for the purpose of collecting or storing vehicle license plate numbers (by a recorded vote of 255 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 286); **Pages H5210–11**

Royce amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used for the Housing Trust Fund established under section 1338 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992; **Page H5212**

Grijalva amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in section 2313(c)(1) of title 41, United States Code, in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term ''Fair Labor Standards Act''; **Page H5219**

Higgins amendment that prohibits funds from being used to terminate the status of a unit of general local government as a metropolitan city (as defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974) with respect to grants under section 106 of such Act; **Page H5219**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to make incentive payments pursuant to 48 CFR 16.4 to contractors for contracts that are behind schedule under the terms of the contract as prescribed by 48 CFR 52.211 or over the contract amount indicated in Standard Form 33, box 20; **Page H5220**

Yoho amendment that prohibits funds from being used to promulgate, implement, or enforce any regulations that would mandate GPS tracking or event data recorders in light-duty non-commercial passenger motor vehicles; **Page H5223**

Gingrey amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to provide mortgage insurance under title II of the National Housing Act for any mortgage on a 1- to 4-family dwelling to be used as the principal residence of a mortgagor who provides only an individual taxpayer identification number for identification; **Page H5225**

DeLauro amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into any contract with an incorporated entity if such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity is incorporated or chartered in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, and such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity was previously incorporated in the United States; **Pages H5227–28**

Gingrey amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 24305(c)(4) of title 49, United States Code; **Pages H5228–29**

Sessions amendment that prohibits funds from being used to support Amtrak's route with the highest loss, measured by contributions/(Loss) per Rider, as based on the National Railroad Passenger Corporation Fiscal Years 2013–2017 Five Year Plan from May 2013; **Pages H5229–30**

Bass amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Secretary or the Federal Transit Administration to implement, administer, or enforce section 18.36(c)(2) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, for construction hiring purposes; **Page H5230**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Page H5231**

Denham amendment that prohibits funds from being used for high-speed rail in the State of California or for the California High-Speed Rail Authority (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 288); and **Pages H5214–16, H5232**

Schock amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce paragraph (c)(3) of section 982.503, Code of Federal Regulations (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 290). **Pages H5219, H5233–34**

Rejected:

Gohmert amendment that was debated on June 9th that sought to reduce funding for the Public Housing Capital Fund by $7,100,000 and the Public Housing Operating Fund by $17,600,000 and apply the $24,700,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 276); **Page H5204**

Nadler amendment that was debated on June 9th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program by $29,100,000 (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 277); **Pages H5204–05**

Capito amendment that was debated on June 9th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Community Development Fund by $100,000,000 for carrying out the community development block grant program (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 278); **Pages H5205–06**

Broun (GA) amendment that was debated on June 9th that sought to reduce funding for the community development block grant program by $20,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 288 noes, Roll No. 279); **Page H5206**

Broun (GA) amendment that was debated on June 9th that sought to reduce funding for Rental Housing Assistance by $7,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 143 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 280); **Pages H5206–07**

Broun (GA) amendment that was debated on June 9th that sought to reduce funding for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation Office of Inspector General by $1,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 281); **Pages H5207–08**

Hartzler amendment that was debated on June 9th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enforce section 319 of title 23, United States

Code (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 282); **Page H5208**

Gosar amendment that was debated on June 9th that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to retain any legal counsel who is not an employee of such Department or the Department of Justice (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 284); **Pages H5209–10**

Blackburn amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2014) that sought to reduce each amount made available by the bill by 1% (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 289); **Pages H5216–17, H5232–33**

Gosar amendment that sought to reduce the amount made available for ''Department of Housing and Urban Development—Management and Administration—Executive Offices'' by $2,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 291); **Pages H5220–21, H5234**

Gosar amendment that sought to reduce the amount made available for ''Department of Housing and Urban Development—Management and Administration—Administrative Support Offices'' by 4.2% (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 292); **Pages H5221, H5234–35**

Schiff amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enforce section 47524 of title 49, United States Code, or part 161 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, with regard to noise or access restrictions or to enforce section 47107 of title 49, United States Code, with regard to access restriction on the operation of aircraft by the operator of Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, California (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 293); and **Pages H5221–22, H5235–36**

Sessions amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to support any Amtrak route whose costs exceed 2 times its revenues, as based on the National Railroad Passenger Corporation Fiscal Years 2013–2017 Five Year Plan from May 2013 (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 294). **Pages H5230–31, H5236**

Withdrawn:

Titus amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to issue rules or regulations to allow an individual on an aircraft to engage in voice communications using a mobile communications device during a flight of that aircraft in scheduled passenger interstate or intrastate air transportation except for use by a member of the flight crew, flight attendant on duty on an aircraft, or Federal law enforcement officer acting in an official capacity and **Page H5223**

Ellison amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have inserted a new section providing funding for affordable rental housing for extremely low-income families by improving targeting of mortgage interest deductions. **Pages H5224–25**

Point of Order sustained against:

Garamendi amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of ''Buy America'' preferences; **Pages H5217–18**

Cassidy amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2014) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to promulgate or enforce rules, orders, or consent agreements or to fund approved projects under TIGER unless the Department of Transportation implements the recommendations provided in a preliminary GAO report regarding TIGER grants; and **Pages H5222–23**

Conyers amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to pay any FHA mortgage insurance claim or in connection with the sale of any mortgage insured by the FHA before compliance with existing FHA loss mitigation requirements, documentation of such compliance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and provision of such documentation to the mortgagor. **Pages H5225–26**

H. Res. 604, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4745) and (H.R. 4681), was agreed to on May 30th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tragic incident at Reynolds High School in Troutdale, OR today. **Page H5232**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–118). **Page H5240**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 21 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5204, H5204–05, H5205–06, H5206, H5206–07, H5207–08, H5208, H5208–09, H5209–10, H5210, H5210–11, H5211–12, H5232, H5232–33, H5233–34, H5234, H5234–35, H5235–36, H5236, H5237, H5238–39, and H5239. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water held a markup on Energy and Water Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported to the Full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Defense Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WAR ON POVERTY: REFORMING FEDERAL AID

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Reforming Federal Aid''. Testimony was heard from Representative Clyburn; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES OF THE EEOC: EXAMINING THE CONCERNS OF STAKEHOLDERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled ''The Regulatory and Enforcement Priorities of the EEOC: Examining the Concerns of Stakeholders''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4795, the ''Promoting New Manufacturing Act''; H.R. 4801, to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water; H.R. 4299, the ''Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act''; H.R. 4709, the ''Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act''; and H.R. 4631, the ''Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2014''. The following bills were forwarded to the House, without amendment: H.R. 4795; H.R. 4801; and H.R. 4299. The following bills were forwarded to the House, as amended: H.R. 4709 and H.R. 4631.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4697, the ''Small-Cap Access to Capital Act''; H.R. 2629, the ''Fostering Innovation Act of 2013''; H.R. 4564, the ''Equity Crowdfunding Improvement Act of 2014''; H.R. 4809, the Defense Production Act to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, and for other purpose; H.R. 3770, the ''CFP–G Act of 2013''; H.R. 4262, the ''Bureau Advisory Commission Transparency Act''; H.R. 4383, the ''Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Small Business Advisory Board Act''; H.R. 4539, the ''Bureau Research Transparency Act''; H.R. 4604, the ''CFPB Data Collection Security Act''; H.R. 4811, the ''Bureau Guidance Transparency Act''; H.R. 3389, the ''CFPB Slush Fund Elimination Act''; H.R. 4662, the ''Bureau Advisory Opinion Act''; H.R. 4804, the ''Bureau Examination Fairness Act''; legislation regarding a 6-month moratorium on the authority of the Financial Stability Oversight Council to make financial stability determinations; and H.R. 4387, the ''FSOC Transparency and Accountability Act''.

VERIFYING IRAN'S NUCLEAR COMPLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Verifying Iran's Nuclear Compliance''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING U.S. RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled ''Examining U.S. Reconstruction Efforts in Afghanistan''. Testimony was heard from John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Director, International Security and Counterterrorism Issues, International Affairs and Trade Team, Government Accountability Office.

STATE DEPARTMENT'S COUNTERTERRORISM BUREAU: BUDGET, PROGRAMS, AND EVALUATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''The State Department's Counterterrorism Bureau: Budget, Programs, and Evaluation''. Testimony was heard from Tina Kaidanow, Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State.

BIOWATCH: LESSONS LEARNED AND THE PATH FORWARD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled ''BioWatch: Lessons Learned and the Path Forward''. Testimony was heard from Kathryn Brinsfield, M.D., Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Reginald Brothers, Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and Chris Cummiskey, Acting Under Secretary, Management Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and Chris Currie, Acting Director, Homeland Security

and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

MUSIC LICENSING UNDER TITLE 17

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled ''Music Licensing Under Title 17 Part One''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled ''The State of Religious Liberty in the United States''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINATION OF AMERICA'S EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled ''Whole Lotta Shakin': An Examination of America's Earthquake Early Warning System Development and Implementation''. Testimony was heard from Bill Leith, Senior Science Advisor for Earthquake and Geologic Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey; John D. Schelling, Interim Mitigation and Recovery Section Manager, Washington State and Emergency Management Division; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 318, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance; H.R. 4029, to require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer all Federal land, facilities, and any other assets associated with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways to the State of Missouri for the purposes of maintaining a State park, and for other purposes; H.R. 4049, the ''Ashland Breakwater Light Transfer Act''; H.R. 4182, to provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4272, the ''Forest Access in Rural Communities Act''; H.R. 4283, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 4489, the ''World War I Memorial Act of 2014''; and H.R. 4527, to remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Walden; Simpson; Smith (MO); Hall; Cleaver; Duffy; and Michaud; and Leslie A.C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Steve McClure, Commissioner, Union County Board of Commissioners; Victor Knox, Associate Director, Park and Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of Interior; Robert Ross, State Representative, Missouri; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3716, the ''Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe—Fish Springs Ranch Settlement Act''; H.R. 4166, the ''Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act of 2014''; H.R. 4508, to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services; and H.R. 4562, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska. Testimony was heard from Diane Dillon, Napa County California, Supervisor; Tom Iseman, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT: EXAMINING THE INTEGRITY OF THE DISABILITY DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee began a hearing entitled ''Social Security Administration Oversight: Examining the Integrity of the Disability Determination Appeals Process''. Testimony was heard from Senator Coburn; Harry C. Taylor II, Administrative Law Judge, Charleston, West Virginia, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration; Charles Bridges, Administrative Law Judge, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration; Gerald I. Krafsur, Administrative Law Judge, Kingsport, Tennessee, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration; and James A. Burke, Administrative Law Judge, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration.

PERMANENT S CORPORATION BUILT-IN GAINS RECOGNITION PERIOD ACT OF 2014; AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2014; AND AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4453, the "Permanent S Corporation Built-in Gains Recognition Period Act of 2014"; H.R. 4457, the "America's Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2014"; and H.R. 4800, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a modified-open rule for H.R. 4800. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. During consideration of the bill for amendment: (1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and (2) no pro forma amendment shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that, under the rules of the House, the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule provides a closed rule for H.R. 4457. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee Report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Lastly, the rule provides a closed rule for H.R. 4453. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–46 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tiberi, Reichert, Levin, Aderholt, and Farr.

REVIEW OF THE P5: THE U.S. VISION FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS AFTER DISCOVERY OF THE HIGGS BOSON

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled "A Review of the P5: The U.S. Vision for Particle Physics After Discovery of the Higgs Boson". Testimony was heard from Steve Ritz, P5 Chair and Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz; Persis Drell, Director Emerita, SLAC National Laboratory; Nigel Lockyer, Director, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory; and Natalie Roe, Director, Physics Division, Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory.

VERIFICATION OF INCOME AND INSURANCE INFORMATION UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Health held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Verification of Income and Insurance Information Under the Affordable Care Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary, and Peter M.

Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, both of the Department of Commerce, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be Chairman, and Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, both to be a Commissioner, both of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Judith M. Davenport, of Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and nominations for promotion in the U.S. Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, and Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, 11 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine, 5:15 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 919, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, S. 1447, to make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, S. 1574, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, S. 2041, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and S. 2188, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on higher education for American Indian students, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, 4 p.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill FY 2015; and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The May 31, 2014 Transfer of Five Senior Taliban Detainees'', 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''21st Century Cures: Examining the Role of Incentives in Advancing Treatments and Cures for Patients'', 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled ''Media Ownership in the 21st Century'', 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled ''The Production and Circulation of Coins and Currency'', 11:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled ''Assessing Energy Priorities in the Middle East and North Africa'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled ''The Ongoing Struggle Against Boko Haram'', 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3202, the ''Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act''; H.R. 3488, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 3846, the ''United States Customs and Border Protection Authorization Act''; H.R. 4263, the ''Social Media Working Group Act of 2014''; H.R. 4289, the ''Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act''; H.R. 4802, the ''Airport Security Enhancement Act of 2014''; H.R. 4803, the ''TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act of 2014''; and H.R. 4812, the ''Honor Flight Act'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Social Security Administration Oversight: Examining the Integrity of the Disability Determination Appeals Process, Part II'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, markup on committee print, the Department of Energy and Research and Development Act of 2014, 12 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''FAA's 2020 NextGen Mandate: Benefits and Challenges for General Aviation'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled ''Potential Impacts of Proposed Changes to the

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Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled ''Advancing the U.S. Trade Agenda: Benefits of Expanding U.S. Agriculture Trade and Eliminating Barriers to U.S. Exports'', 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the security, economic and human rights dimensions of United States-Azerbaijan relations, 10 a.m., SR–432.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Wednesday, June 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2432, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans. At 10 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 11

House Chamber

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