

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.

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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.

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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.

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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 Com-

mission 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.

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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. Krafur, 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 pre-printed 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 con-

trolled 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.