Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2565–2569, and S.J. Res. 40. **Page S4271**

Measures Passed:

Freedom of the Press and Expression Around the World: Senate agreed to S. Res. 447, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and an amendment to the preamble. **Pages S4284–85**

Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, post-cloture. **Pages S4244–46, S4248–61**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the nomination of William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and that all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4285**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency originally declared on October 27, 2006 in Executive Order 13413 with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–48) **Pages S4267–68**

Castro, Vetter, and Adams Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12 p.m., on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities; that there be two minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form on each nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that all roll call votes after the first vote be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S4284**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S4268, S4285**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4285.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SITUATIONS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situations in Iraq and Afghanistan from Charles T. Hagel, Secretary, General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Alyssa Slotkin, Acting Deputy Assistant

Secretary for International Security, all of the Department of Defense.

EQUITY MARKET STRUCTURE AND ELECTRONIC TRADING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of regulation in shaping equity market structure and electronic trading, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Sprecher, Intercontinental Exchange, and Kevin Cronin, Invesco Ltd., both of Atlanta, Georgia; Kenneth C. Griffin, Citadel LLC, Chicago, Illinois; James J. Angel, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, Fairfax, Virginia; Tom Wittman, NASDAQ OMX, Mullica Hill, New Jersey; Joe Ratterman, BATS Global Markets, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas; and David Lauer, KOR Group LLC, Collingswood, New Jersey.

COMBATING FORCED LABOR AND MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine combating forced labor and modern-day slavery in East Asia and the Pacific, after receiving testimony from Scot Marciel, Acting Assistant Secretary, and Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, both of the Department of State; and Neha Misra, Solidarity Center, and Jesse Eaves, World Vision USA, both of Washington, DC.

EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine renewed focus on European energy security, after receiving testimony from Amos J. Hochstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Diplomacy, Bureau of Energy Resources, and Hoyt Yee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, both of the Department of State; and Edward C. Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Brenda Shaffer, Georgetown University Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Edward Lucas, Center for European Policy Analysis, and Andras Simonyi, former Hungarian Ambassador to the United States and NATO, and Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, all of Washington, DC.

CHILD TRAFFICKING AND PRIVATE REHOMING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the challenges of prevention and identification in child trafficking and private rehoming, after receiving testimony from Joo Yeun Chang, Associate Commissioner, The Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Abigail English, Center for Adolescent Health & the Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Jenee Littrell, Grossmont Union High School District, San Diego County, California; and Megan Twohey, Reuters, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5020–5031; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 657–659, were introduced. **Pages H5875–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5876–77**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5831**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5833**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m. **Page H5834**

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

Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2014: H.R. 1528, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow a veterinarian to transport and dispense controlled substances in the usual course of veterinary practice outside of the registered location; **Pages H5834–36**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2014: H.R.

4653, amended, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom; **Pages H5836–39**

Concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents: H. Res. 588, amended, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents; **Pages H5839–42**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.". **Page H5842**

Preclearance Authorization Act of 2014: H.R. 3488, amended, 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; **Pages H5842–45**

Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Authorization and Accountability Act of 2014: H.R. 4007, amended, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program; **Pages H5845–54**

Social Media Working Group Act of 2014: H.R. 4263, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 369; and **Pages H5854–56, H5860–61**

Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act: H.R. 4289, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 370. **Pages H5856–59, H5861**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5860**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he reported to Congress that he has issued an Executive Order taking additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006 relating to the Democratic Republic of the Congo—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–128). **Pages H5859–60**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5860 and H5861. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

VA WHISTLEBLOWERS: EXPOSING INADEQUATE SERVICE PROVIDED TO VETERANS AND ENSURING APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "VA Whistleblowers: Exposing Inadequate Service Provided to Veterans and Ensuring Appropriate Accountability". Testimony was heard from Christian Head, M.D., Associate Director, Chief of Staff, Legal and Quality Assurance, Los Angeles VA Health Care System; Katherine Mitchell, M.D., Medical Director, Iraq and Afghanistan Post-Deployment Center, Phoenix VA Health Care System; Scott Davis, Program Specialist, VA National Health Eligibility Center; Carolyn Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; James Tuchschmidt, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D734)*

S. 1681, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Signed on July 7, 2014. (Public Law 113–126)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine promoting the well-being and academic success of college athletes, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Russia and developments in Ukraine, 9:45 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine challenges at the border, focusing on the causes, consequences, and responses to the rise in apprehensions at the southern border, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and S. 2503, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine improving audits, focusing on strengthening the Medicare program for future generations, 2:15 p.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to consider the societal benefits of biotechnology, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY, 2015, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Working with Families In Need'', 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''21st Century Cures: Modernizing Clinical Trials'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on legislation regarding Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters; H.R. 4450, the ''Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014''; and H.R. 4013, the ''Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2014'', 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Spotlighting Human Rights in Southeast Asia'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on H.R. 3994, the ''Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act''; and H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled ''Examining Solutions to Close the $106 Billion Improper Payments Gap'', 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee hearing on H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; and H.R. 5016, the ''Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015'', 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Navigating the Clean Water Act: Is Water Wet?'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine political pluralism in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mediterranean Partners, focusing on political developments among the Mediterranean Partners in the years following the popular uprisings that began in late 2010, 10 a.m., SVC–203/202.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Darci L. Vetter, of Nebraska, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Upon disposition of the nomination of William D. Adams, Senate will vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 9

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Begin consideration of H.R. 4923—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measure under suspension of the rules: H.R. 803—Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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