Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4443–S4460

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2596–2600, S. Res. 501, and S. Con. Res. 40. **Page S4454**

Measures Reported:

S. 2354, to improve cybersecurity recruitment and retention, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–207)

Report to accompany S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana. (S. Rept. No. 113–208)

Report to accompany S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. (S. Rept. No. 113–209) **Page S4454**

Measures Considered:

Protect Women's Health From Corporate Interference Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2578, to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions. **Pages S4443–45, S4451–52**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Page S4451**

White Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Pages S4450–51**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on upon disposition of the nomination of Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S4451**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco.

Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2019.

Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S4459–60**

Messages from the House: **Page S4454**

Measures Referred: **Page S4454**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4459.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James C. Miller III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Markey, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5093–5106; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 119; and H. Res. 668 were introduced. **Pages H6214–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6217**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–519, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–520, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 669, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5021) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–521). **Page H6214**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaMalfa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6139**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6140**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m. **Page H6140**

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

STEM Education Act of 2014: H.R. 5031, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation; **Pages H6141–44**

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization: H.R. 1786, amended, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program; **Pages H6144–47**

Research and Development Efficiency Act: H.R. 5056, to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development; **Pages H6147–49**

International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2014: H.R. 5029, to provide for the establishment of a body to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 346 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 406; **Pages H6149–50, H6168–69**

District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act of 2014: H.R. 4185, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia; **Pages H6150–52**

Richard K. Salick Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office"; **Pages H6152–53**

Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building"; **Pages H6153–54**

Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2223, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building"; **Pages H6154–55**

Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the "Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office"; **Pages H6155–56**

Harold George Bennett Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4355, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the "Harold George Bennett Post Office"; **Pages H6156–57**

Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2802, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 418 Liberty Street in Covington, Indiana, as the "Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office"; **Pages H6157–58**

Barry M. Goldwater Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3027, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Barry M. Goldwater Post Office"; **Page H6158**

Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building: H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building"; **Pages H6158–59**

Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4416, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the "Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building"; **Pages H6159–60**

Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office"; **Pages H6160–61**

All Circuit Review Extension Act: H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers; **Pages H6161–62**

Smart Savings Act: H.R. 4193, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan; **Pages H6162–64**

Federal Register Modernization Act: H.R. 4195, to amend chapter 15 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Register Act), to modernize the Federal Register, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 405; and **Pages H6164–66, H6167–68**

Mount Jessie Benton Frémont Designation Act: H.R. 1192, to redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as "Mount Jessie Benton Frémont". **Pages H6166–67**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6167**

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 5016, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 15th. **Pages H6169–H6213**

Agreed to:

Sessions amendment that reduces funding for salaries and expenses of the Department of Treasury by $1,750,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H6181**

Posey amendment that increases funding, by offset, for salaries and expenses of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration by $1,000,000; **Pages H6182–83**

Lynch amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network by $3,339,000; **Pages H6184–85**

Jackson Lee amendment that increases funding for Community Development Financial Institutions by $500,000 and reduces funding for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by $1,000,000; **Pages H6185–86**

Grayson amendment that redirects $2,800,000 within taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program; **Page H6187**

Blackburn amendment that increases funding for the Consumer Product Safety Commission by $1,000,000 and reduces funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Enforcement by $2,000,000; **Pages H6187–88**

Gosar amendment that reduces funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Enforcement by $353,000,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6188–89**

Huizenga amendment that reduces funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Enforcement by $788,111,800 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6189–90**

Camp amendment that reduces funding for the Internal Revenue Service, Operations Support by $2,000,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6190–94**

Gosar amendment that increases funding for Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and other Judicial Services by $42,000,000 and reduces funding for the General Services Administration for rental of space by $43,000,000; and **Pages H6194–97**

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Entrepreneurial Development Programs by $3,882,000. **Pages H6204–07**

Rejected:

Grayson amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence by $5,000,000. **Pages H6181–82**

Point of Order sustained against:

Waters amendment that sought to amend section 502 of the bill and **Pages H6198–H6203**

Waters amendment that sought to add a new section which amends section 204 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 regarding investment adviser fees by the SEC. **Page H6207**

Proceedings Postponed:

Jackson Lee amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network by $200,000 and increase funding for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by $100,000; **Pages H6183–84**

Roskam amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for taxpayer services of the Internal Revenue Service by $10,000,000; **Pages H6186–87**

Moore amendment that seeks to strike section 501 from the bill, which relates to administrative provisions of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, specifically the repeal of section 1017(a)(2)(C) of Public Law 111–203; and **Pages H6197–98**

Waters amendment that seeks to increase funding for salaries and expenses of the Securities and Exchange Commission by $300,000,000. **Pages H6203–04**

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5016) and (H.R. 4718), was agreed to on July 10th.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6140 .

Senate Referrals: S. 1104, S. 653, S. 2056 and S. 2057 were held at the desk. **Page H6140**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6167–68 and H6168–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the "Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act"; H.R. 4250, the "Sunscreen Innovation Act"; H.R. 594, the "Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2014"; H.R. 669, the "Sudden Unexpected Death and Data Enhancement and Awareness Act"; H.R. 4290, the "Wakefield Act of 2014"; H.R. 4450, the "Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014"; and H.R. 5057, the "EPS Service Parts Act of 2014".

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2014

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 5021, the "Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014". The committee granted by voice vote a closed rule for H.R. 5021. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and 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 amendments 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. Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Shuster, Chairman Camp, and Representatives Norton, Blumenauer, Garrett.

EVALUATION OF THE PROCESS TO ACHIEVE VBA GOALS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Evaluation of the Process to Achieve VBA Goals". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Kristen Ruell, Authorization Quality Services Representative, Pension Management Center, Philadelphia Regional Office, Veterans Benefits Administration; Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner and Chairman, and Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Commissioner, all 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, 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 an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and a Coast Guard Promotion List, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine wildland fire preparedness and to consider the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine chronic illness, focusing on addressing patients' unmet needs, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine S. 1696, to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services, focusing on removing barriers to constitutionally protected reproductive rights, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine taking down botnets, focusing on public and private efforts to disrupt and dismantle cybercriminal networks, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Overseas Contingency Operations Funding FY 2015, 8 a.m., H–140, The Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Full Committee, markup on Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2015, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Government Accountability Office review of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) community and the restructuring of these agencies as proposed by the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled ''Protecting America's Youth: An Update from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children'', 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the ''Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act''; H.R. 4250, the ''Sunscreen Innovation Act''; H.R. 594, the ''Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2014''; H.R. 669, the ''Sudden Unexpected Death and Data Enhancement and Awareness Act''; H.R. 4290, the ''Wakefield Act of 2014''; H.R. 4450, the ''Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014''; and H.R. 5057, the ''EPS Service Parts Act of 2014'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''The Department of Justice's 'Operation Choke Point' '', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled ''Examining Regulatory Relief Proposals for Community Financial Institutions, Part II'', 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled ''The Future of Turkish Democracy'', 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint subcommittee hearing entitled ''The Rise of ISIL: Iraq and Beyond'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Lessons from the States: Responsible Prison Reform'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled ''Moral Rights, Termination Rights, Resale Royalty, and Copyright Term'', 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on the ''Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014'', 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled ''Implementation and Administration of the 2013 Helium Stewardship Act'', 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3229, the ''Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations Act of 2013''; H.R. 4546, the ''Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2014''; H.R. 4867, the ''Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act''; and S. 1603, the ''Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act'', 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census, hearing entitled ''Is the Federal Government's General Schedule (GS) a Viable Personnel System for the Future?'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4719, the ''Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2014'', 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled ''Action Delayed, Small Business Opportunities Denied: Implementation of Contracting Reforms in the FY 2013 NDAA'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled ''EPA's Expanded Interpretation of its Permit Veto Authority Under the Clean Water Act'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine an assessment of the recovery at five years, 2 p.m., SH–216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 15 through July 18, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday,* at approximately 12 noon, Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. If cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 3 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: July 15, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–192.

July 16, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening trade enforcement to protect American enterprise and grow American jobs, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

July 17, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: July 16, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold a joint hearing to examine options for assuring domestic space access, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 15, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD–106.

July 16, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine what makes a bank systemically important, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 15, business meeting to consider the nominations of Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner and Chairman, and Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Commissioner, all 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, 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 an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and a Coast Guard Promotion List, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

July 16, Full Committee, with the Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold a joint hearing to examine options for assuring domestic space access, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

July 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine consumer choice, consolidation and the future video marketplace, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

July 17, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine accountability and corporate culture in wake of the General Motors (GM) recalls, 10 a.m., SR–253.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal reserve portfolio, focusing on capitalizing on investments in research and development, 2 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 15, to hold hearings to examine wildland fire preparedness and to consider the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 16, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine S. 571, to amend the Federal Water Pollution

Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, S. 1153, to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm, S. 1175, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 1202, to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities, S. 1232, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, S. 1381, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, S. 1650, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, S. 2225, to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program, S. 2530, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and S. 2560, to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, 3 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: July 15, to hold hearings to examine chronic illness, focusing on addressing patients' unmet needs, 10 a.m., SD–215.

July 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD–215.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the role of trade and technology in 21st century manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

July 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113–04), The Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113–05), H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom, S. 2577, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to $5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014, S. Res. 498, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization, S. Res. 500, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity, and the nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, 10 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

July 16, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine reenergizing United States-India ties, 3 p.m., SD–419.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Central America in crisis and the exodus of unaccompanied minors, 10 a.m., SD–419.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, both of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 17, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the need to improve patient safety and reduce preventable deaths, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 16, to hold hearings to examine challenges at the border, focusing on examining and addressing the root of the causes behind the rise in apprehensions at the Southern Border, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's land buy-back program, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 15, to hold hearings to examine S. 1696, to protect a women's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services, focusing on removing barriers to constitutionally protected reproductive rights, 10 a.m., SD–226.

July 15, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine taking down botnets, focusing on public and private efforts to disrupt and dismantle cybercriminal networks, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

July 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: July 16, to hold hearings to examine the state of Veterans Affairs health care, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 15, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 16, to hold hearings to examine phone scams, focusing on progress and potential solutions, 2:15 p.m., SD–562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, July 15, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Overseas Contingency Operations Funding FY 2015, 8 a.m., H–140, The Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

July 15, Full Committee, markup on Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2015, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 15, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Government Accountability Office review of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) community and the restructuring of these agencies as proposed by the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 16, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 649, directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Department of Defense or the National Security Agency that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 16, Full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 OCO Budget Request, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on Unmanned Carrier-Launched Airborne Surveillance and Strike (UCLASS) Requirements Assessment, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Russian Violations of the INF Treaty: After detection-what?", 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, July 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Long-Term Budget Outlook", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

July 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The President's Funding Request for Overseas Contingency Operations", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 15, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Protecting America's Youth: An Update from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 15, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the "Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act"; H.R. 4250, the "Sunscreen Innovation Act"; H.R. 594, the "Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2014"; H.R. 669, the "Sudden Unexpected Death and Data Enhancement and Awareness Act"; H.R. 4290, the "Wakefield Act of 2014"; H.R. 4450, the "Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014"; and H.R. 5057, the "EPS Service Parts Act of 2014", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Review of CDC Anthrax Lab Incident", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Failure to Verify: Concerns Regarding PPACA's Eligibility System", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on Health, joint subcommittee hearing entitled "21st Century Technology for 21st Century Cures", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Department of Justice's 'Operation Choke Point' ", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Examining Regulatory Relief Proposals for Community Financial Institutions, Part II", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "A Legislative Proposal Entitled the 'Bank Account Seizure of Terrorist Assets (BASTA) Act' ", 9:45 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 15, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "The Future of Turkish Democracy", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint subcommittee hearing entitled "The Rise of ISIL: Iraq and Beyond", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Iran's Destabilizing Role in the Middle East'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled ''The Growing Crisis of Africa's Orphans'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 16, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled ''Port of Entry Infrastructure: How Does the Federal Government Prioritize Investments?'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 15, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Lessons from the States: Responsible Prison Reform'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled ''Moral Rights, Termination Rights, Resale Royalty, and Copyright Term'', 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on the ''Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014'', 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 16, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 646, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Department of Justice that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011; and H.R. 744, the ''STOP Identity Theft Act of 2013'', 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled ''Guilty until Proven Innocent? A Study of the Propriety & Legal Authority for the Justice Department's Operation Choke Point'', 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled ''Implementation and Administration of the 2013 Helium Stewardship Act'', 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 15, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3229, the ''Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations Act of 2013''; H.R. 4546, the ''Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2014''; H.R. 4867, the ''Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act''; and S. 1603, the ''Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act'', 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 16, Full Committee markup on the following legislation: the ''Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act''; H.R. 277, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 916, the ''Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2013''; H.R. 1810, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida; H.R. 2158, the ''Expedited Departure of Certain Snake Species Act''; H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina; H.R. 3806, the ''Great Smoky Mountains National Park Agreement Act of 2013''; 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, July 15, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census, hearing entitled ''Is the Federal Government's General Schedule (GS) a Viable Personnel System for the Future?'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''White House Office of Political Affairs: Is Supporting Candidates and Campaign Fund-Raising an Appropriate Use of a Government Office?'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled ''Examining the Justice Department's Response to the IRS Targeting Scandal'', 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 15, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4719, the ''Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2014'', 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

July 16, Full Committee, hearing on a discussion draft of a House Resolution providing for the authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President inconsistent with his duties under the Constitution of the United States, 10 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 16, Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint subcommittee hearing entitled ''Status of Reforms to EPA's Integrated Risk Information System'', 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled ''Policies to Spur Innovative Medical Breakthroughs from Laboratories to Patients'', 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 15, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled ''Action Delayed, Small Business Opportunities Denied: Implementation of Contracting Reforms in the FY 2013 NDAA'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 15, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled ''EPA's Expanded Interpretation of its Permit Veto Authority Under the Clean Water Act'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 16, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 103, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H.R. 3044, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; H.R. 5078, the ''Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014''; H.R. 4854, the ''Regulatory Certainty Act''; H.R. 5077, the ''Coal Jobs Protection Act of 2014'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Creating Efficiency through Comparison: An Evaluation of Private Sector Best Practices and the VA Health Care System'', 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Ongoing Intelligence Activities'', 9 a.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: July 15, to hold hearings to examine an assessment of the recovery at five years, 2 p.m., SH–216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. If cloture is invoked on the nominations, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 3 p.m.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 15

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 5016—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015. Consideration of H.R. 5021—Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3086—Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act under suspension of the Rules.

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