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Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2780–2782, and S. Res. 538–539. **Page S5434**

Measures Passed:

Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 1934, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and an amendment to the title. **Pages S5460–61**

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Federal Land Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 898, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation. **Pages S5460–61**

James Foley and Steven Sotloff: Senate agreed to S. Res. 538, expressing the condolences of the Senate to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. **Page S5461**

Former United States Senator James M. Jeffords: Senate agreed to S. Res. 539, relative to the death of James M. Jeffords, former United States Senator for the State of Vermont. **Page S5461**

Measures Considered:

Election Contributions and Expenditures—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 10, 2014; that at 2 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S5461**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator James M. Jeffords, in accordance with S. Res. 539, at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5461.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WALL STREET REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Wall Street reform, focusing on assessing and enhancing the financial regulatory system, after receiving testimony from Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Mary Jo White, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Timothy Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, who was introduced by Representative Waxman, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ARMS CONTROL COMPLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Arms Control Compliance issues from Rose Gottemoeller, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; and M. Elaine Bunn, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, and Colonel Gary Jenkins, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR EQUIPPING STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal programs for equipping State and local law enforcement agencies, after receiving testimony from Alan Estevez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; Brian E. Kamoie, Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Karol V. Mason, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Jim Bueermann, Police Foundation, and Hilary O. Shelton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Washington Bureau, both of Washington, DC; Peter B. Kraska, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond; Mark Lomax, National Tactical Officers Association, Doylestown, Pennsylvania; and Wiley Price, St. Louis American, St. Louis, Missouri.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jorge Luis Alonso, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and John Robert Blakey, who was introduced by Senator Kirk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Amos L. Mazzant, III, and Robert William Schroeder III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, who were all introduced by Senator Cornyn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THE STATE OF VA HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of VA health care, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Griffin, Acting Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, and Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5417–5430; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 124; and H. Res. 718 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H7388–89

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4067,to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014 (H. Rept. 113–582, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4321, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to require that lists of employees eligible to vote in organizing elections be provided to the

National Labor Relations Board, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–583); and

H. Res. 717, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3522) to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current group health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–584). **Page H7387**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7299**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7303**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Glen Berteau, The House Modesto, Modesto, California. **Pages H7303–04**

Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 5078, to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 489. **Pages H7307–39**

Rejected the Huffman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 488. **Pages H7337–38**

Rejected:

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–581) that sought to provide policy provisions that the Secretary and Administrator are prohibited from including in a final rule (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 486) and **Pages H7322–23, H7335–36**

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–581) that sought to state that provisions of the bill do not apply if it is determined implementation is likely to have an adverse impact on water quality (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 487). **Pages H7323–25, H7336–37**

H. Res. 715, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5078) and the resolution (H. Res. 644) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 484, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H7307–14**

Condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration's failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: The House agreed to H. Res. 644, to condemn and disapprove of the Obama administration's failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and to express national security concerns over the release of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists, by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 485. **Pages H7325–35**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. **Page H7325**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Condemning and disapproving of the failure of the Obama administration to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before transferring individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and expressing concern about the national security risks over the transfer of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists.". **Page H7335**

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

Providing for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014: H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; **Pages H7339–41**

Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act: H.R. 669, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life; **Pages H7341–43**

Wakefield Act of 2014: H.R. 4290, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program; **Pages H7343–44**

Vector-Borne Disease Research Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014: H.R. 4701, amended, to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to vector-borne diseases; and **Pages H7344–47**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: ''To provide for research with respect to Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, and for other purposes.''.

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Anti-Spoofing Act: H.R. 3670, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of inaccurate caller identification information. Pages H7347–49

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Enhance Labeling, Accessing, and Branding of Electronic Licenses Act of 2014: H.R. 5161, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Pages H7349–50

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7314, H7335, H7336, H7336–37, H7338, H7338–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXPANDING JOINT EMPLOYER STATUS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR WORKERS AND JOB CREATORS?

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled ''Expanding Joint Employer Status: What Does it Mean for Workers and Job Creators?''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY CURES: EXAMINING THE REGULATION OF LABORATORY DEVELOPED TESTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled ''21st Century Cures: Examining the Regulation of Laboratory Developed Tests''. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

STATE PERSPECTIVES: QUESTIONS CONCERNING EPA'S PROPOSED CLEAN POWER PLAN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled ''State Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA's Proposed Clean Power Plan''. Testimony was heard from Kenneth W. Anderson, Jr., Commissioner, Public Utility Commission of Texas; Travis Kavulla, Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission; Henry R. Darwin, Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality; Tom W. Easterly, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Kelly Speakes-Backman, Commissioner, Maryland Public Service Commission; and David W. Danner, Chairman, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

HAMAS' BENEFACTORS: A NETWORK OF TERROR

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled ''Hamas' Benefactors: A Network of Terror''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H.R. 4377, the ''Burma Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2014''. The bill was forwarded to the Full Committee, without amendment.

STRATEGY AND MISSION OF THE DHS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies; and the Subcommittee on Research and Technology of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, held a joint hearing entitled ''Strategy and Mission of the DHS Science and Technology Directorate''. Testimony was heard from Reginald Brothers, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; and David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE?: DOES DOJ'S OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION NEEDED TO CONDUCT PROPER OVERSIGHT?

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Access to Justice?: Does DOJ's Office of Inspector General Have Access to Information Needed to Conduct Proper Oversight?''. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1314, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; H.R. 1927, the ''More Water and Security for Californians Act''; H.R. 4256, the ''Endangered Species Improvement Act of 2014''; H.R. 4284, the ''ESA Improvement Act of 2014''; H.R. 4319, the ''Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2014''; and H.R. 4866, the ''Lesser Prairie Chicken Voluntary Recovery Act of 2014''. Testimony was heard from Todd Staples, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture; Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Dave Miller, Commissioner, Iron County, Utah; Robin Jennison, Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism; Donna Wieting, Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; 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. 3326, the ''Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013''; H.R. 3411, the ''Sabine National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2013''; H.R. 4846, the ''Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014''; H.R. 5003, the ''Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014''; H.R. 5040, the ''Idaho County Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act''; H.R. 5074, the ''Land Adjacency Notification and Disclosure Act''; H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled ''An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center'' to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5167, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Polis; Leslie A.C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Karen Mouritsen, Deputy Assistant Director for Energy, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; William Shaddox, Chief of Land Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

EXAMINING THE ADMINISTRATION'S TREATMENT OF WHISTLEBLOWERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Administration's Treatment of Whistleblowers''. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Lerner, Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; Susan Tsui Grundmann, Chair, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2013

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3522, the ''Employee Health Care Protection Act of 2013''. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a closed rule for H.R. 3522. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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 113–56, 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. Testimony was heard from the following: Representatives Burgess and Gene Green of Texas.

BAKKEN PETROLEUM: THE SUBSTANCE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Oversight, held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled ''Bakken Petroleum: The Substance of Energy Independence''. Testimony was heard from Timothy Butters, Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Chris Smith, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Mark Zoanetti, Deputy Chief of Special Operations, Syracuse Fire Department; and public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS: CASE STUDIES OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING PROCESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled ''Surface Transportation Infrastructure Projects: Case Studies of the Federal Environmental Review and Permitting Process''. Testimony was heard from Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation; Lynn Peterson, Secretary, Washington State Department of Transportation; Carlos Swonke, Director, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS AND WHETHER THEY CAN HELP GOVERNMENT ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Social Impact Bonds and whether they can help government achieve better results for families in need. Testimony was heard from David Juppe, Senior Operating Budget Manager, Maryland Department of Legislative Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine freight rail service, focusing on improving the performance of America's rail system, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, terrorism, and beyond, focusing on addressing evolving threats to the homeland, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine irrigation projects in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., SR–301.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine Older Americans and student loan debt, 2:15 p.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing to review the U.S. Forest Service's proposed groundwater directive, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled ''Operationalizing Cyber for the Military Services'', 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training; and Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, joint hearing entitled ''Improving Department of Education Policies and Programs Through Independent Oversight'', 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled ''An Overview of the Credit Reporting System'', 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Libya's Descent'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint subcommittee hearing entitled ''Genocidal Attacks Against Christian and Other Religious Minorities in Syria and Iraq'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled ''One Flight Away: An Examination of the Threat posed by ISIS Terrorists with Western Passports'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the ''Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2014''; H.R. 4299, the ''Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act''; H.R. 5108, to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; H.R. 5401, the ''Protecting the Homeland Act''; H.R. 5421, the ''Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014''; H.R. 5233, the ''Trade Secrets Protection Act of 2014''; and H.R. 5402, the ''Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2014'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Status of the Fish and Wildlife Service's

Responses to Committee Subpoenas and the Continued Lack of Transparency about Its Implementation and Enforcement of American Wildlife Laws, and Oversight of the Department of the Interior's Solicitor's Office'', 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 5412, the ''Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act'', 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1600, the ''Requirements, Expectations, and Standard Procedures for Executive Consultation with Tribes (RESPECT) Act''; and H.R. 4668, the ''Point Spencer Coast Guard and Public-Private Sector Infrastructure Development Facilitation and Land Conveyance Act'', 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Obstructing Oversight: Concerns from Inspectors General'', 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled ''Exploring Our Solar System: The ASTEROIDS Act as a Key Step'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Small Business Administration: Management and Outlook'', 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled ''The Status of the Merchant Marine'', 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 5404, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3593, the ''VA Construction Assistance Act of 2013''; H.R. 4276, the ''Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014''; H.R. 4399, the ''Comprehensive Department of Veterans Affairs Performance Management and Accountability Reform Act of 2014''; H.R. 4862, the ''Our Vets Deserve Better Act''; H.R. 4971, the ''Ask Veterans Act''; and H.R. 5094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup certain bonuses or awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Metrics, Measurements and Mismanagement in the Board of Veterans' Appeals'', 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the status of Affordable Care Act implementation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 19, Election Contributions and Expenditures, post-cloture. At 2 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 19.

After 2 p.m., Senate should expect a vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 10

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3522—Employee Health Care Protection Act (Subject to a Rule).

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