

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.

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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:

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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 ye-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 yeas 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 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 486) and

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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 yeas 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 ye-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 484, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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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 ye-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 485.

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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 Ken-

neth 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.