

rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Chabot and Representatives Coffman, Cooper, Brooks of Alabama, Johnson of Georgia, Fleming, Walz, Nugent, Takai, Bridenstine, Russell, McGovern, Polis, Hastings, Young of Alaska, Maxine Waters of California, Rohrabacher, Jackson Lee, Lee, Fitzpatrick, Pascrell, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Langevin, Dold, Schiff, Perry, Cicilline, Rothfus, Hahn, Brat, Adams of North Carolina, Clawson of Florida, Dingell, Sanford, Hardy, and Walker.

NUCLEAR ENERGY INNOVATION AND THE NATIONAL LABS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Energy Innovation and the National Labs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2262, the “Spurring Private Aerospace Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship Act of 2015”; H.R. 1508, the “Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2261, the “Commercial Remote Sensing Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2263, the “Office of Space Commerce Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2262, H.R. 1508, and H.R. 2261. H.R. 2263 was ordered reported, without amendment.

BRIDGING THE SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL GAP: PEER-TO-PEER LENDING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Bridging the Small Business Capital Gap: Peer-to-Peer Lending”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAGGERS RAIL ACT: RAILROAD DEREGULATION PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “The 35th Anniversary of the Staggers Rail Act: Railroad Deregulation Past, Present, and Future”. Testimony was heard from Debra Miller, Acting Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE PROMISE AND PROGRESS OF THE CHOICE PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Promise and Progress of the Choice Program”. Testimony was heard from

Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine regulatory issues impacting end-users and market liquidity, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 411, to authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land, S. 485, to prohibit the use of eminent domain in carrying out certain projects, S. 1017, to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the siting of interstate electric transmission facilities, S. 1037, to expand the provisions for termination of mandatory purchase requirements under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, S. 1196, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant rights-of-ways on Federal land, S. 1201, to advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids, S. 1202, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for supplemental, backup, and standby power fees for projects for combined heat and power technology and waste heat to power technology, S. 1207, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program under which the Secretary shall make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid by the year 2030, S. 1210, to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to oil and gas production and distribution, S. 1213, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and the Federal Power Act to facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources, S. 1217, to establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, to establish an Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, S. 1219, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and to provide for the examination of the effects of net metering, S. 1220, to improve the distribution of

energy in the United States, S. 1225, to improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, S. 1227, to require the Secretary of Energy to develop an implementation strategy to promote the development of hybrid micro-grid systems for isolated communities, S. 1228, to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, S. 1231, to require congressional notification for certain Strategic Petroleum Reserve operations and to determine options available for the continued operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, S. 1232, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to modify provisions relating to smart grid modernization, S. 1233, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to expand the electric rate-setting authority of States, S. 1237, to amend the Natural Gas Act to limit the authority of the Secretary of Energy to approve certain proposals relating to export activities of liquefied natural gas terminals, S. 1242, to amend the Natural Gas Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider regional constraints in natural gas supply and whether a proposed LNG terminal would benefit regional consumers of natural gas before approving or disapproving an application for the LNG terminal, and S. 1243, to facilitate modernizing the electric grid, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine a pathway to improving care for Medicare patients with chronic conditions, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on setting the rules for responsible global cyber behavior, 10 a.m., SD-419.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on a bill to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, markup on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Government’s Mismanagement of Native American Schools”, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on the “21st Century Cures Act”; and H.R. 1321, the “Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, markup on the “TSCA Modernization Act of 2015”, 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Protecting Consumers: Financial Data Security in the Age of Computer Hackers”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure: Examining the Costs and Benefits of Changes to the Real Estate Settlement Process”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Economic Interests in Asia”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Energy Revolution in the Western Hemisphere: Opportunities and Challenges for the U.S.”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, markup on H.R. 2140, to promote freedom, human rights, and the rule of law as part of United States-Vietnam relations; and H. Res. 213, condemning the April 2015 terrorist attack at the Garissa University College in Garissa, Kenya, and reaffirming the United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and for other purposes; hearing entitled “A Pathway to Freedom: Rescue and Refuge for Sex Trafficking Victims”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, markup on H.R. 1300, the “First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act”; H.R. 2200, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2206, the “State Wide Interoperable Communications Enhancement Act”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 758, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (LARA) of 2015”; H.R. 526, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2015”; and H. Con. Res. 13, expressing the sense of Congress that the radical Islamic movement in Afghanistan known as the Taliban should be recognized official as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States Government, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “Litigation and Increased Planning’s Impact on Our Nation’s Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests”, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1644, the “Supporting Transparent Regulatory and Environmental Actions in Mining Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Inadequate Standards for Trust Land Acquisition in the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Secret Service: Accountability for March 4, 2015 Misconduct”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Coast Guard Major Acquisitions”, 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in VA’s Purchase Card Program”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup on H.R. 675, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015”; H.R. 677, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2015”; H.R. 732, the “Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act”; H.R. 1067, the “U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Reform Act”; H.R. 1331, the “Quicker Veterans Benefits Deliv-

ery Act of 2015”; H.R. 1414, the “Pay As You Rate Act”; H.R. 1569, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1607, the “Ruth Moore Act of 2015”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Committee on the Library: organizational business meeting to consider committee’s rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, 3:40 p.m., SC-4, Capitol.

Joint Committee on Printing: organizational business meeting to consider committee’s rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, 3:50 p.m., SC-4, Capitol.