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| Adjournment: | Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3729.) |

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EPA’S PROPOSED NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD FOR GROUND-LEVEL OZONE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges and implications of EPA’s proposed national ambient air quality standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 638, to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, S. 751, to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and S. 640, to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone, after receiving testimony from Senators Thune and Flake; Representative Olson; Kanathur Srikanth, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Michael McKee, Uintah County Commission Chairman, Vernal, Utah; Gary Moore, Boone County Judge/Executive, Burlington, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils; Larry Greene, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Sacramento, California; and Gregory B. Diette, American Thoracic Society, Baltimore, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “Audit and Appeal Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare Act of 2015”.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implications of the Iran nuclear agreement for United States policy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Martin Indyk, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATOR POSITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine top government investigator positions left unfilled for years, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, and Daniel Z. Epstein, Cause of Action, both of Washington, D.C.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on ensuring college affordability, after receiving testimony from Judith Scott-Clayton, Columbia University Teachers College, New York, New York; Elizabeth Akers, Brookings Institution, and Michael Mitchell, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; F. King Alexander, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; and James Kennedy, Indiana University, Bloomington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1292, to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas;

S. 1470, to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Douglas J. Kramer, of Kansas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

PENDING HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 297, to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 425, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration

programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, S. 471, to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 684, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and other pending calendar business, after receiving testimony from Thomas Lynch, Assistant Deputy Under

Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration; Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, and Thomas J. Snee, Fleet Reserve Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Fred Benjamin, Medicalodges, Inc., Coffeyville, Kansas; and Victor Medina, El Paso, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2623–2644; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 292–297 were introduced. **Pages H3877–79**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3879–80**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Graves (LA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3763**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3770**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend William Rice, Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, Florida. **Page H3770**

Commodity End-User Relief Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2289) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, and to help keep consumer costs low, by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 274. **Pages H3773–81**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House passed H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 297. Consideration began yesterday, June 2. **Pages H3781–H3817**

Rejected the Brownley (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House

forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 296. **Pages H3815–16**

Agreed to:

Bonamici amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2015) that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Justice to prevent a State from implementing its own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined in section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (by a recorded vote of 282 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 280); **Pages H3784–85**

Rohrabacher amendment that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits the use of funds by various states to prevent any of them from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possessions, or cultivation of medical marijuana (by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 186 noes, Roll No. 283); **Pages H3786–87**

Grayson amendment that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits the use of funds to compel a person to testify about information or sources that the person states in a motion to quash the subpoena that he has obtained as a journalist or reporter and that he regards as confidential (by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 284); **Pages H3787–88**

Perry amendment that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits the use of funds to take any action to prevent a State from implementing any law that makes it lawful to possess, distribute, or use cannabidiol oil (by a recorded vote of 297 yeas to 130 noes, Roll No. 286); **Pages H3788–89**

Garrett amendment that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits the use of funds to enforce the Fair Housing Act in a manner that relies upon an allegation of liability under section 100.500 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 287); **Pages H3789–90**