

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H5183**

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that the text of H.R. 2722, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer, as proposed to be passed under suspension of the rules, be modified by the amendment placed at the desk. **Pages H5183–84**

Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015, Part II: The House passed H.R. 3038, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, by a recorded vote of 312 ayes to 119 noes, Roll No. 441. **Pages H5188–S5213**

Rejected the Van Hollen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 440. **Pages H5210–13**

H. Res. 362, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2898) and (H.R. 3038) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 439, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 438. **Pages H5197–98**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 14th:

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2722, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 9 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 442. **Pages H5213–14**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 16. **Page H5214**

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

Steve Gleason Act of 2015: S. 984, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices; and **Pages H5214–17**

Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Improvement Act of 2015: S. 971, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length

of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program. **Pages H5217–19**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5184.

Senate Referrals: S. 1300 and S. 1482 were held at the desk. S. 756 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H5184**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5197, H5197–98, H5212–13, H5213 and H5213–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RECOGNIZING THE CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1890S LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITIES ON THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE SECOND MORRILL ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing on recognizing the continuing contributions of the 1890s Land-Grant Universities on the 125th Anniversary of the passage of the Second Morrill Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: DEVELOPING AND USING EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Developing and Using Evidence-Based Solutions". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy". Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ALLIANCES IN ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled "U.S. Economic and Military Alliances in Asia". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE RISE OF RADICALIZATION: IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FAILING TO COUNTER INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM?; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Rise of Radicalization: Is the U.S. Government Failing to Counter International and Domestic Terrorism?”; and a markup on H.R. 2899, the “Countering Violent Extremism Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. H.R. 2899 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1656, the “Secret Service Improvements Act of 2015”. H.R. 1656 was ordered reported, as amended.

OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Howard A. Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ON FEDERALLY MANAGED LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Future of Hydraulic Fracturing on Federally Managed Lands”. Testimony was heard from Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1028, the “Return of Certain Lands At Fort Wingate to The Original Inhabitants Act”; H.R. 2684, the “Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act”; and H.R. 2733, the “Nevada Native Nations Lands Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pearce, Babin, and Amodei; Michael Smith, Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Criminal Justice Reform, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY: THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on the Interior, held a joint hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: The Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burns, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Interior; and Mary Kendall, Deputy Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

INVESTIGATING CONTRACT MISCONDUCT AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Investigating Contract Misconduct at the National Weather Service”. Testimony was heard from Mark Greenblatt, Deputy Assistant General for Compliance and Ethics, Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

TAKING FLIGHT: SMALL BUSINESS UTILIZATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Taking Flight: Small Business Utilization of Unmanned Aircraft”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; EXPLORING VA’S ADMINISTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1994, the “VA Accountability Act of 2015”; and a hearing entitled “Exploring VA’s Administration of Individual Unemployability Benefits”. H.R. 1994 was ordered reported, as amended. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Bradley Flohr, Senior Advisor, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM PROPOSALS, SPECIFICALLY INVOLVING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on welfare reform proposals, specifically involving the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Testimony was heard from Kristen Cox, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Management and Budget, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what lower labor force participation rates tell us about work opportunities and incentives, after receiving testimony from Scott Winship, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York; and Aparna Mathur, American Enterprise Institute, and Elisabeth S. Jacobs, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine pending Forest Service and forestry related bills, including S. 61, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana, S. 755, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1100, to require State and local government approval of prescribed burns on Federal land during conditions of drought or fire danger, S. 1110, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish in the Federal Register a strategy to significantly increase the role of volunteers and partners in National Forest System trail maintenance, S. 1671, to reauthorize the National Forest Foundation Act, S. 1712, to amend the Small Tract Act of 1983 to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, resolve minor encroachments, S. 1733, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a forest incentives program to keep forests intact and sequester carbon on private forest land of the United States, and S. 1744, to authorize the sale of certain National Forest System land in the State of Georgia, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 132, to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, S. 326, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and S. 1691, to expedite and prioritize forest management activities to achieve ecosystem restoration objectives, 2:45 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine HealthCare.gov controls, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine human rights around the world, focusing on corruption, Global Magnitsky, and modern slavery, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine wildlife poaching, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' role in the regulatory process, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1169, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and S. 1599, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint hearing entitled "Reviewing the U.S.-China Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement", 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Ensuring Accurate Numbers and Administration Action", 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "Examining the Federal Air Marshal Service and Its Readiness to Meet the Evolving Threat", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.