

of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Mark A. Young, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on February 5, 2015.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—249)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 10:40 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5175.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FORESTRY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing 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 en-

hance the management of the National Forest System, resolve minor encroachments, and 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, after receiving testimony from Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, including S. 1484, a bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Steven A. Ellis, Deputy Director for Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mike Matz, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Durango, Colorado; Jim D. Neiman, Neiman Enterprises, Inc., Hulett, Wyoming, on behalf of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition; and Steve Swanson, Swanson Group, Inc., Glendale, Oregon.

### HEALTHCARE.GOV CONTROLS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine HealthCare.gov controls, focusing on observations on 18 undercover tests of enrollment controls for health-care coverage and consumer subsidies provided under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after receiving testimony from Seto J.

Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine human rights around the world, focusing on corruption, Global Magnitsky, and modern slavery, after receiving testimony from Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Mark P. Lagon, Freedom House, and Sarah Margon, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, D.C.

### WILDLIFE POACHING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine wildlife poaching, after receiving testimony from Jean Marc Froment, African Parks, Johannesburg, South Africa; George Wittemyer, Colorado State University Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, Fort Collins, on behalf of Save the Elephants; and Ian Saunders, The Tsavo Trust, and Ginette Hemley, World Wildlife Fund, both of Washington, D.C.

### OIRA'S ROLE IN THE REGULATORY PROCESS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' role in the regulatory process, after receiving testimony from Howard Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1599, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 3084–3113; and 3 resolutions, and H. Res. 366–368 were introduced. **Pages H5289–92**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5292–93**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 675, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–206);

H.R. 1607, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–207);

H.R. 1599, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–208, Part 1);

H.R. 1777, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the “Former Presidents Act of 1958”, with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–209);

H.R. 2395, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–210); and

H.R. 1831, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–211). **Page H5289**

**Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 2898, to provide drought relief in the State of California, by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 447.

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Rejected the Bera motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 446. **Pages H5281–83**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–23 shall be considered as an