

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.

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.

Pages H5242–83

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

original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill.

Page H5254

Agreed to:

McClintock amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that makes one technical change and one clarifying change to the bill; **Pages H5271–72**

McNerney amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that adds water hyacinth to the list of invasive species to be considered for the pilot project established under the legislation; **Pages H5272–73**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that updates feasibility study completion requirements to align with a recently-signed MOU between the project joint powers authority and the Bureau of Reclamation; **Pages H5274–75**

Calvert amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that creates a more balanced approach between user group interests on the Restoration Fund Advisory Board by adding a seat for a member representing a wildlife entity that primarily focuses on waterfowl; **Page H5275**

Costa amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that requires the Secretary of the Interior to publish an annual report detailing the in-stream flows released for the Central Valley Project and measured outcomes as a result of those flows; and **Pages H5275–76**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that improves due process by providing contractors of a federal water project in California and Oregon ESA applicant status, ensuring that contractors are properly informed of and may provide input to ESA consultations that may impact operations of the project (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 444). **Pages H5276–77, H5280**

Rejected:

Garamendi (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that sought to direct the Secretaries to collaborate with the California Department of Water Resources to install a fish screen at the Delta Cross Channel Gates (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 443); and **Pages H5273–74, H5279–80**

Grijalva (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–204) that sought to fund water reclamation programs and water reuse projects so that the Bureau of Reclamation may investigate more opportunities to reclaim and reuse wastewater and naturally impaired ground and surface water in the 17 Western states and Hawaii (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 445). **Pages H5277–79, H5280–81**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5284**

H. Res. 362, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2898) and (H.R. 3038) was agreed to yesterday, July 15th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 20th, and that the order of the House of January 6, 2015, regarding morning-hour debate not apply on that day. **Page H5286**

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2016: Mr. Larry Wortzel of Williamsburg, Virginia and Mr. Peter Brookes of Springfield, Virginia. **Page H5288**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5279–80, H5280, H5280–81, H5282–83 and H5283. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEWING THE U.S.-CHINA CIVIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, held a joint hearing entitled "Reviewing the U.S.-China Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement". Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF, Retired, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

THE GOLDMAN ACT TO RETURN ABDUCTED AMERICAN CHILDREN: ENSURING ACCURATE NUMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION ACTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Ensuring Accurate Numbers and Administration Action". Testimony was heard from Susan S. Jacobs, Special Advisor for Children's Issues, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.