

providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Allison Beck, of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, and Carol Fortine Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration, that Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations, and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S6046**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6087.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CRUDE OIL EXPORT BAN

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lifting the crude oil export ban, after receiving testimony from Senators Murkowski and Hoeven; Richard Muncrief, WPX Energy, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Michèle Flournoy, Center for a New American Security, Benjamin Zycher, American Enterprise Institute, and Leo W. Gerard, United Steelworkers, on behalf of the AFL–CIO, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

Committee also began consideration of an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, July 29.

DIPLOMATIC SECURITY TRAINING FACILITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the State Department's proposal to construct a new diplomatic security training facility, after receiving testimony from Gregory Starr, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security; David Mader, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and Connie L. Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, Department of Homeland Security.

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: 41 public bills, H.R. 3231–3271; 1 private bill, H.R.

3272; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 65–66; and H. Res. 385–387 and 389–391, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on July 27, 2015 as follows:

H.R. 1656, to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–231).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 455, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a northern border threat analysis, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–232);

H.R. 2786, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to submit a report on cross-border rail security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–233); and

H. Res. 388, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1994) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3236) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–234).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces and their families.

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Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 427, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 482.

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Rejected the Nolan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 481.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified

by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–230, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Rodney Davis (IL) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that requires the agency submitting the report on proposed Federal rule to include an assessment, as part of the cost-benefit analysis submitted to the Comptroller General and each House of Congress, of anticipated jobs gained or lost as a result of implementation, and to specify whether those jobs will come from the public or private sector;

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Young (IA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that would require agencies to publish in the federal register a list of information on which a rule is based, including data, scientific and economic studies, and cost-benefit analyses, and where the public can access it online (by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 159 noes, Roll No. 473);

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Smith (MO) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that requires congressional approval for all rules proposed under the authority of the Affordable Care Act (by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 474);

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Rejected:

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that sought to add an exception to the bill for rules that the Administrator of the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job growth (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 475);

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Capps amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that sought to ensure that any rule intended to ensure the safety of natural gas or hazardous materials pipelines or prevent, mitigate, or reduce the impact of spills from such pipelines is not considered a “major rule” under the bill (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 476);

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Cicilline amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that sought to exempt rules pertaining to the protection of the public health or safety from the requirements of the Act (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 477);

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Cicilline amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that sought to provide a “special rule” pertaining to the safety of any products specifically designed to be used or consumed by a child under the age of 2 years (including cribs, car seats,

and infant formula) (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 478); **Pages H5561, H5568**

Nadler amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that sought to exempt from the bill's congressional approval requirement any rule pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards in order to prevent nuclear meltdowns like the one in Fukushima (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 479); and **Pages H5561–63, H5568–69**

Pocan amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that sought to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs from the requirements of this legislation, in regards to rulemaking for the availability of affordable medication and effective healthcare management for veterans (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 480).

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H. Res. 380, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 427) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 471, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 470.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 4:55 p.m. **Page H5564**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 27th:

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015: H.R. 675, amended, 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, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 472. **Page H5545**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “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, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to improve the processing of claims by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5545**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 387, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H5572**

Official Objectors for the Private Calendar for the 114th Congress: On behalf of the Majority and Minority leadership, the Chair announced the following official objectors for the Private Calendar for the 114th Congress: Representatives Goodlatte, Sen-

senbrenner, and Gowdy for the Majority and Representatives Serrano, Nadler, and Bass for the Minority. **Page H5572**

Commission on Care—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she appointed Mr. Michael Blecker of San Francisco, California to the Commission on Care. **Page H5574**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5543–44, H5544–45, H5545, H5564–65, H5565–66, H5566, H5566–67, H5567–68, H5568, H5568–69, H5569–70, H5571, and H5571–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “First Principles of Congressional Budgeting”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEWING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

CONTINUING CONCERNS WITH THE FEDERAL SELECT AGENT PROGRAM: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SHIPMENTS OF LIVE ANTHRAX

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Continuing Concerns with the Federal Select Agent Program: Department of Defense Shipments of Live Anthrax”. Testimony was heard from D. Christian Hassell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; Dan Sosin, Deputy Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Gregory Demske, Chief Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Marcia Crosse, Director, Healthcare, Government Accountability Office.