Recreation Area: H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

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Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act of 2016—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 618, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 86, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 85. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, February 25th.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued a Proclamation to modify and continue the national emergency declared in Proclamations 6867 and 7757, relating to Cuba—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–102). **Page H874**

Senate Referral: S. 2234 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on House Administration. **Page H889**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H873 and H873–74. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''State of the Rural Economy''. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the United States Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, United States Forest Service; and Tony Dixon, Budget Director, United States Forest Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of State and Foreign Assistance. Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary, Department of State.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on USDA Food and Nutrition Service. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Angela Tagtow, Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Loretta Lynch, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

UNITED STATES EUROPEAN COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on United States European Command. Testimony was heard from Philip M. Breedlove, United States Air Force, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Commander, United States European Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Anthony Foxx, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from Al Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

THE CHALLENGE OF CONVENTIONAL AND HYBRID WARFARE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION: THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT AND ITS EFFECT ON MILITARY PLANNING

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Challenge of Conventional and Hybrid Warfare in the Asia-Pacific Region: The Changing Nature of the Security Environment and Its Effect on Military Planning''. Testimony was heard from Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command; and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United States Forces Korea.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2017 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS: DEFENSE INNOVATION TO CREATE THE FUTURE MILITARY FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled ''Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2017 Science and Technology Programs: Defense Innovation to Create the Future Military Force''. Testimony was heard from Stephen Welby, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Mary Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; Rear Admiral Mathias W. Winter, USN, Chief of Naval Research and Director, Innovation Technology Requirements, and Test and Evaluation (N84); David Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

U.S. STRATEGIC FORCES POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled ''U.S. Strategic Forces Posture''. Testimony was heard from Brian McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; and Admiral Cecil Haney, Commander, U.S. STRATCOM.

DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY: BUDGETING AND STRUCTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled ''Defense Health Agency: Budgeting and Structure''. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense; and Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono, Medical Corps, USN, Director, Defense Health Agency.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education''. Testimony was heard from John B. King, Acting Secretary, Department of Education.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 HHS BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled ''The Fiscal Year 2017 HHS Budget''. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

DOE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY MISSIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''DOE for the 21st Century: Science, Environment, and National Security Missions''. Testimony was heard from Jared L. Cohon, Co-Chairman, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories; TJ Glauthier, Co-Chairman, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on the ''Small Business Broadband Deployment Act''; a bill to promote a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce; H.R. 1268, the ''Energy Efficient Government Technology Act''; H.R. 2984, the ''Fair RATES Act''; H.R. 3021, the ''AIR Survey Act of 2015''; H.R. 3797, the ''Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act''; H.R. 4238, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities; H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 4444, the ''EPS Improvement Act''; H.R. 4557, the ''Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act''; H.R. 2080, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; H.R. 2081, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; H.R. 3447, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the W. Kerr Scott Dam; H.R. 4411, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gathright Dam; H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of

construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Jennings Randolph Dam; H.R. 4412, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Flannagan Dam; and H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Cannonsville Dam.

THE IMPACT OF THE DOD-FRANK ACT AND BASEL III ON THE FIXED INCOME MARKET AND SECURITIZATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled ''The Impact of the Dodd-Frank Act and Basel III on the Fixed Income Market and Securitizations''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 148, calling on the government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance in this case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States hostage in our Nation's history; H. Res. 551, recognizing the importance of the United States-Israel economic relationship and encouraging new areas of cooperation; H.R. 3924, the ''Global Development Lab of 2015''; and H.R. 4403, the ''Enhancing Overseas Traveler Vetting Act''. H. Res. 148 and H.R. 3924 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 551 and H.R. 4403 were ordered reported, without amendment.

ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION: ILLICIT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, WHISTLEBLOWING, AND REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, held a joint hearing entitled ''Establishing Accountability at the World Intellectual Property Organization: Illicit Technology Transfers, Whistleblowing, and Reform''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BOKO HARAM: THE ISLAMIST INSURGENCY IN WEST AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''Boko Haram: The Islamist Insurgency in West Africa''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3892, the ''Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act of 2015''. H.R. 3892 was ordered reported, as amended.

TRIPLE THREAT TO WORKERS AND HOUSEHOLDS: IMPACTS OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON JOBS, WAGES AND STARTUPS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled ''Triple Threat to Workers and Households: Impacts of Federal Regulations on Jobs, Wages and Startups''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE 2016 CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK DURING THE EL NIÑO AND THREE YEARS OF RESTRICTED WATER DELIVERIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled ''The 2016 California Water Supply Outlook During the El Niño and Three Years of Restricted Water Deliveries''. Testimony was heard from David Murillo, Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

THE IMPOSITION OF NEW REGULATIONS THROUGH THE PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM ON MITIGATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''The Imposition of New Regulations Through the President's Memorandum on Mitigation''. Testimony was heard from Michael Bean, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Brian Ferebee, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director, Council on Environmental Quality.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3477, the ''Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act''; and H.R. 3599, the ''Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act''. Testimony was heard from Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Development, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

THE ZIKA VIRUS: COORDINATION OF A MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled ''The Zika Virus: Coordination of a Multi-Agency Response''. Testimony was heard from Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; John Armstrong, Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, State of Florida; and a public witness.

UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE: GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Unlocking the Secrets of the Universe: Gravitational Waves''. Testimony was heard from Fleming Crim, Assistant Director, Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON FUTURE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND CHIEF'S REPORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled ''A Review of United States Army Corps of Engineers Reports to Congress on Future Water Resources Development and Chief's Reports''. Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Thomas Bostick, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers.

GLOBAL TAX ENVIRONMENT IN 2016 AND NEED TO REFORM AND MODERNIZE THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TAX SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the global tax environment in 2016 and how recent developments are further escalating the immediate need to reform and modernize the U.S. international tax system. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, after receiving testimony from Dale Barnett, The American Legion, Douglasville, Georgia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Justice, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Jennifer M. O'Connor, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and Todd A. Weiler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education, 2 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine connecting patients to new and potential life saving treatments, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Tribal Law and Order Act 5 years later, focusing on the next steps to improve justice systems in Indian communities, 1:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the impact of high-skilled immigration on United States workers, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine changes to the United States patent system and impacts on America's small businesses, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing to review the G–20 swap data reporting goals, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Indian Health Service, 9 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, budget hearing on Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.