

Committee Meetings

WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES REGULATORY OVERREACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2014; RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AND DISAPPROVING OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAWFUL STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY CONGRESS BEFORE RELEASING INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, AND EXPRESSING NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS OVER THE RELEASE OF FIVE TALIBAN LEADERS AND THE REPERCUSSIONS OF NEGOTIATING WITH TERRORISTS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5078, the “Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014”; and H. Res. 644, condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration’s failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and expressing national security concerns over the release of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a structured rule for H.R. 5078. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H. Res. 644. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the resolution

shall be considered as adopted and the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Shuster, Chairman McKeon, and Representatives Smith of Washington, and Jackson Lee.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D911)

H.J. Res. 76, making an emergency supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to provide funding to Israel for the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats. Signed on August 4, 2014. (Public Law 113–145)

H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on August 7, 2014. (Public Law 113–146)

H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–147)

H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–148)

H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–149)

H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–150)

H.R. 3472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gorniewicz Memorial Post Office”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–151)

H.R. 3548, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–152)

H.R. 3765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–153)

H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–154)

H.R. 4360, to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the “Jason Crisp Forest Service Building”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–155)

H.R. 4386, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–156)

H.R. 4631, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–157)

H.R. 4838, to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the “William H. Gray III 30th Street Station”. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–158)

H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–159)

H.R. 5195, to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–160)

S. 653, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–161)

S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–162)

S. 1799, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990. Signed on August 8, 2014. (Public Law 113–163)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Wall Street reform, focusing on assessing and enhancing the financial regulatory system, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on Arms Control Compliance issues, 4 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal programs for equipping State and local law enforcement agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jorge Luis Alonso, and John Robert Blakey, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Amos L. Mazzant, III, and Robert William Schroeder III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of VA health care, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Expanding Joint Employer Status: What Does it Mean for Workers and Job Creators?”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Examining the Regulation of Laboratory Developed Tests”, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “State Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA’s Proposed Clean Power Plan”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Hamas’ Benefactors: A Network of Terror”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H.R. 4377, to place conditions on assistance to the Government of Burma, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.