

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EBOLA IN WEST AFRICA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to examine Ebola in West Africa, focusing on a global challenge and public health threat, after receiving testimony from Beth Bell, Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Robin A. Robinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary and BARDA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Ishmeal Alfred Charles, Healey International Relief Foundation, Freetown, Sierra Leone; and Kent Brantly, Fort Worth, Texas.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy towards Iraq and Syria and the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), after receiving testimony from Charles T. Hagel, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,458 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

SMALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of small depository institutions, including S. 635, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual written privacy notice requirement, S. 727, to improve the examination of depository institutions, S. 1349, to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, S. 1577, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, S. 1806, to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act with respect to membership eligibility of certain institutions, S. 2732, to increase from \$10,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 the threshold figure at which regulated depository institutions are

subject to direct examination and reporting requirements of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, S. 2698, to provide regulatory easement for lending institutions that enable a vibrant economy, S. 2270, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, S. 1916 and H.R. 2672, bills to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for a county to be designated as a rural area, and H.R. 2673, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide that residential mortgage loans held on portfolio qualify as qualified mortgages for purposes of the presumption of the ability to repay requirements under such Act, after receiving testimony from Doreen R. Eberley, Director, Division of Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Toney Bland, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Midsize and Community Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Maryann F. Hunter, Deputy Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Larry Fazio, Director, Office of Examination and Insurance, National Credit Union Administration; Charles A. Vice, Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions Commissioner of Financial Institutions, Frankfort, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Jeff Plagge, Northwest Financial Corp, Arnolds Park, Iowa, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; John Buhmaster, First National Bank of Scotia, Scotia, New York, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Dennis Pierce, CommunityAmerica Credit Union, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Linda McFadden, XCEL Federal Credit Union, Bloomfield, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; and Marcus M. Stanley, Americans for Financial Reform, and Michael D. Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, both of Washington, DC.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded an oversight hearing to examine oversight of and policy considerations for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, after receiving testimony from David Friedman, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Joseph W. Come, Deputy Principal Assistant Inspector General for Auditing and Evaluation, both of the Department of

Transportation; Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and Rob Strassburger, Vehicle Safety and Harmonization, both of Washington, DC; and Kendell Poole, Governors Highway Safety Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine retirement savings 2.0, focusing on updating savings policy for the modern economy, after receiving testimony from John C. Bogle, Bogle Financial Markets Research Center, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Brian Reid, Investment Company Institute, and Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, DC; Scott F. Betts, National Benefits Services, LLC, West Jordan, Utah; and Brigitte Madrian, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program, focusing on protecting America's children and families, after receiving testimony from Bruce Lesley, First Focus, and Doug Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, DC; Cathy Caldwell, Alabama Children's Health Insurance Program Director, Montgomery; and James M. Perrin, American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

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: 25 public bills, H.R. 5475–5499; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 125; and H. Res. 726, 728 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 727, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs; and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from September 22, 2014, through November 11, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–601);

H.R. 24, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–602, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 5169, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–603).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 15th:

Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2014: S. 2154, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 500;

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Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act: H.R. 5405, amended, to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, and to reduce regulatory burden, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 320 yeas to 102 nays, Roll No. 501;

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