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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5721.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

AMERICAN ECONOMY INEQUALITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the impact of rising inequality on the American economy, after receiving testimony from Heather C. McGhee, Demos, New York, New York; Amir Sufi, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, Illinois; Claudia Viek, California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity (CAMEO), San Francisco; and Adam S. Hersh, Center for American Progress, Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency;

S. 2482, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2484, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2485, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007;

S. 2581, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers;

S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission;

S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport;

S. 2777, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

AMERICA'S ENERGY TAX CODE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming America's outdated energy tax code, after receiving testimony from former Senator Don Nickles, The Nickles Group, LLC, Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and David W. Kreutzer, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, DC; Gilbert E. Metcalf, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; and Norman R. Augustine, Bethesda, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Bailly, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyehara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. STRATEGY FOR ISIL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State; and Robert S. Ford, Middle East Institute, and Ben Connable, RAND Corporation, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of nonprescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4366, to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

KEEP THE PROMISE ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2670, to prohibit gaming ac-

tivities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Mayor Jerry Weiers, and Gary Sherwood, Councilman, both of Glendale, Arizona; Allison C. Binney, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, Washington, DC; Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona; and Ned Norris, Jr., The Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona, Sells.

NET NEUTRALITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine why net neutrality matters, focusing on protecting consumers and competition through meaningful open Internet rules, including S. 2476, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic, after receiving testimony from Bradford Burnham, Union Square Ventures, LLC, New York, New York; Robert M. McDowell, Wiley Rein, LLP, Jeffrey A. Eisenach, American Enterprise Institute, and Nuala O'Connor, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, DC; and Ruth Livier, Pacific Palisades, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Warren, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who were both introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5500–5524; 5 resolutions, H. Res. 729–733 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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