

Providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S.J. Res. 40, to provide for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H7860**

Condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and rejecting attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 707, as amended by Representative Royce, to condemn all forms of anti-Semitism and rejecting attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks as an acceptable expression of disapproval or frustration over political events in the Middle East or elsewhere. **Pages H7860–62**

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 734, to express the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and to condemn the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. **Page H7862**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, September 19th. **Page H7862**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H7772, H7877.

Senate Referrals: S. 2651 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Homeland Security; S. 2141 was held at the desk. **Page H7772**

Discharge Petition: Representative Wilson (FL) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committees on Ways and Means, Small Business, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Budget from the consideration of H.R. 2821, a bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs (Discharge Petition No. 12).

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7772, H7773, H7857–58, H7858, H7859, H7859–60. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BENEFITS OF PROMOTING SOIL HEALTH IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing on the benefits of promoting soil health in agriculture and rural America. Testimony was heard from Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Shanon Phillips, Director, Water Quality, Oklahoma Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGY FOR THE ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ AND THE LEVANT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Strategy for the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)". Testimony was heard from Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General William Mayville, USA, Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: HELPING LOVED ONES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Suicide Prevention and Treatment: Helping Loved Ones in Mental Health Crisis". Testimony was heard from former Member Lincoln Diaz-Balart; Rear Admiral Boris D. Lushniak, Acting Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

THE ISIS THREAT: WEIGHING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The ISIS Threat: Weighing the Obama Administration's Response". Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State, Department of State.

THE STRUGGLES OF RECOVERING ASSETS FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a joint hearing entitled "The Struggles of Recovering Assets for Holocaust Survivors". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFEGUARDING PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES WHILE KEEPING OUR SKIES SAFE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding Privacy and Civil Liberties While Keeping Our Skies Safe”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Sadler, Assistant Administrator, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Christopher M. Piehota, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Jennifer A. Grover, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing on oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Testimony was heard from Michele M. Leonhart, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing on oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office. Testimony was heard from Maria A. Pallante, Register of Copyrights and Director, U.S. Copyright Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 69, the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013”; H.R. 706, the “Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act”; H.R. 712, to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; H.R. 1363, the “Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act”; H.R. 1839, the “Hermosa Creek Watershed Protection Act of 2013”; H.R. 3226, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3227, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3326, the “Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013”; H.R. 3608, the “Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3980, the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act”; H.R. 3981, the “Accelerated Revenue, Repayment, and Surface Water Storage Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4166, the “Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4534, the “Native American Children’s

Safety Act”; H.R. 4846, the “Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5003, the “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5040, the “Idaho County Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 5049, the “Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014”; H.R. 5050, the “May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act”; H.R. 5139, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16; H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes; H.R. 5167, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; H.R. 5412, the “Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act”; H.R. 5476, the “Cabin Fee Act of 2014”; S. 363, the “Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013”; and S. 609, the “San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 69, H.R. 706, H.R. 712, H.R. 1839, H.R. 3226, H.R. 3227, H.R. 3326, H.R. 3980, H.R. 3981, H.R. 4166, H.R. 4534, H.R. 4846, H.R. 5003, H.R. 5139, H.R. 5167, H.R. 5412, H.R. 5476, and S. 609. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1363, H.R. 3608, H.R. 5040, H.R. 5049, H.R. 5050, H.R. 5162, and S. 363.

EXAMINING OBAMACARE’S FAILURES IN SECURITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare’s Failures in Security, Accountability and Transparency”. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Ann Barron-DiCamillo, Director, U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, Department of Homeland Security.

PROTECTING INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Protecting International Religious Freedom”. Testimony was heard from Sarah Sewall, Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Department of State; Katrina Lantos Swett,

Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU: ADDRESSING DATA COLLECTION VULNERABILITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census held a hearing entitled “U.S. Census Bureau: Addressing Data Collection Vulnerabilities”. Testimony was heard from John H. Thompson, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; and Todd Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

THE SCIENCE OF DYSLEXIA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Science of Dyslexia”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cassidy and Brownley of California and public witnesses.

AN UPDATE ON THE SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS PROGRAM: IS IT WORKING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Health and Technology held a hearing entitled “An Update on the Small Business Health Options Program: Is It Working for Small Businesses?”. Testimony was heard from Mayra Alvarez, Director, State Exchange Group, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

THREAT POSED BY THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT, AL-QA’IDA, AND OTHER ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Threat Posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), al-Qa’ida, and other Islamic Extremists”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Examining Ways to Combat Antibiotic Resistance and Foster New Drug Development”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Islamist Foreign Fighters Returning Home and the Threat to Europe”, 9:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Oversight of the DHS Headquarters Project at St. Elizabeths: Impact on the Taxpayer”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 4924, the “Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.