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THE EBOLA CRISIS: COORDINATION OF A MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing on October 24, 2014, entitled “The Ebola Crisis: Coordination of a Multi-Agency Response”. Testimony was heard from Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Major General James M. Lariviere, Deputy Director, Political-Military Affairs (Africa), Department of Defense; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5682, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 5682. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Whitfield.

Joint Meetings

IMPRISONED IN UZBEKISTAN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Tuesday, October 28, 2014, commission received a briefing on persons imprisoned in politically motivated cases in Uzbekistan, focusing on the human cost from Steve Sverdlow, Human Rights Watch Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Cathy Cosman, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, Washington, DC; Sanjar Umarov, Tennessee; and Aygul Bekjan, Washington.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D920)

H.J. Res. 124, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015. Signed on September 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–164)

S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. Signed on September 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–165)

H.R. 594, to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–166)

H.R. 2600, to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–167)

H.R. 3043, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–168)

H.R. 3716, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–169)

H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–170)

H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–171)

H.R. 4809, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–172)

H.R. 5062, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–173)

H.R. 5134, to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–174)

H.R. 5404, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–175)

H.J. Res. 120, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in

the American Revolution. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–176)

S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–177)

S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–178)

S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–179)

S. 2154, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–180)

S. 2258, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–181)

H.R. 4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004. Signed on September 29, 2014. (Public Law 113–182)

H.R. 4980, to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery. Signed on September 29, 2014. (Public Law 113–183)

S.J. Res. 40, providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on September 29, 2014. (Public Law 113–184)

H.R. 4994, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning. Signed on October 6, 2014. (Public Law 113–185)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lourdes Maria Castro Ramirez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit

Administrator, Department of Transportation, 11 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 2638, to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, S. 2379, to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, S. 1784, to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, S. 2602, to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, S. 182, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City, S. 776, to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, S. 841, to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, S. 1419, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1971, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, S. 398, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, S. 2031, to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, S. 1750, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 1966, to provide for the restoration of the economic and ecological health of National Forest System land and rural communities, S. 2104, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, H.R. 1526, to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while