

held a hearing to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses, after receiving testimony from Chris Wibbelman, Metro International Trade Services, Allen Park, Michigan; Jacques Gabillon, Goldman Sachs, London, England; Jorge Vazquez, HARBOR Aluminum Intelligence LLC, Austin, Texas; Nick Madden, Novelis Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; and Gregory Agran, Goldman Sachs, Simon Greenshields, Morgan Stanley, and John Anderson, JPMorgan Chase and Co., all of New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Friday, November 21, 2014.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Harkin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

PRICING OF GENERIC DRUGS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine the pricing of generic drugs, after receiving testimony from Representative Cummings; Stephen W. Schondelmeyer, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy PRIME Institute, Minneapolis; Rob Frankil, Sellersville Pharmacy, Inc., Sellersville, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Community Pharmacists Association; Scott Gottlieb, The American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; Aaron S. Kesselheim, Harvard Medical

School, and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; and Carol Ann Riha, West Des Moines, Iowa.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R.1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies; and

The nominations of Jorge Luis Alonso, and John Robert Blakey, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Amos L. Mazzant, III, and Robert William Schroeder III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Nicholas J. Rasmussen, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 5746–5768; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 119; and H. Res. 761–765, were introduced. **Pages H8169–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8171**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4329, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–628). **Page H8169**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8135**

Promoting New Manufacturing Act: The House passed H.R. 4795, to promote new manufacturing in

the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 531. **Pages H8137–46**

Rejected the Kuster motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 530. **Pages H8144–45**

Agreed to:

Whitfield amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–626) that clarifies that Section 3(b) of the bill does not prohibit States from imposing new or revised federal air quality standards under state or local law. **Pages H8142–43**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–626) that stated that outdated air quality standards do not apply toward a preconstruction permit if the applicable federal, state, or local permitting agency determines that applying it would likely increase air pollution, slow permitting, or increase regulatory uncertainty (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 529). **Pages H8141–42, H8143**

H. Res. 756, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1422), (H.R. 4012), and (H.R. 4795), was agreed to on November 18.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tragedy at Marysville-Pilchuck High School in Marysville, Washington on October 24, 2014. **Page H8146**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 119, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses. **Pages H8148**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8143, H8145, H8145–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 1:05 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, November 24, 2014, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 119, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislative measures: H.R. 2901, the “Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2013”; H.R. 5206, to allow Foreign Service and other executive agency employees to designate

beneficiaries of their death benefits; H.R. 5241, the “Crimea Annexation Non-recognition Act”; H.R. 5656, the “Feed the Future Global Food Security Act of 2014”; H.R. 5685, the “Rewards for Justice Congressional Notification Act of 2014”; H.R. 5710, the “Ebola Emergency Response Act”; H. Res. 714, reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region; and H. Res. 758, strongly condemning the actions of the Russian Federation, under President Vladimir Putin, which has carried out a policy of aggression against neighboring countries aimed at political and economic domination. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2901, H.R. 5206, H.R. 5656, H.R. 5710, H. Res. 714, and H. Res. 758. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5241 and H.R. 5685.

EXAMINING WHAT A NUCLEAR IRAN DEAL MEANS FOR GLOBAL SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Examining What a Nuclear Iran Deal Means for Global Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IS THE MIDWAY ATOLL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BEING PROPERLY MANAGED?

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Is the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge Being Properly Managed?”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Foerster, Regional Chief for the National Wildlife Refuge System in the Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and public witnesses.

FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION FUND: INQUIRY INTO THE ADEQUACY OF PROCESS IN VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund: Inquiry into the Adequacy of Process in Verifying Eligibility”. Testimony was heard from Brad Flohr, Senior Advisor for Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Brigadier General David K. “Mac” MacEwen, 59th Adjutant General of the U.S. Army,