

Studies; H.R. 5781, the “California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014”; and Senate amendment to H.R. 3979, the “Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2014” [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015]. The committee granted, by a record vote of 6–4, for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3979. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–58 modified by the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 5759. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also granted a closed rule for H.R. 5781. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 4, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the second session of the 113th Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of defense authorization measures for the fiscal year 2015. Testimony was heard from Chairman McKeon, Chairman Hastings of Washington, Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Smith of Washington, Coffman, Cole, Dent, McCollum, Van Hollen, Napolitano, Huffman, Valadao, Lofgren, and Gutierrez.

REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF TWO AUDITS OF THE NATIONAL ECOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY NETWORK

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of the Results of Two Audits of the National Ecological Observatory Network”. Testimony was heard from Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Anita Bales, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency.

VA’S CAREGIVER PROGRAM: ASSESSING CURRENT PROSPECTS AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “VA’s Caregiver Program: Assessing Current Prospects and Future Possibilities”. Testimony was heard from Randall B. Williamson, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Maureen McCarthy, M.D., Deputy Chief, Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2946, to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, S. Res. 578, supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world’s poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, S. Res. 586, calling on the Government of Burma to develop a non-discriminatory and comprehensive solution that addresses Rakhine State’s needs for peace, security, harmony, and development under equitable and just application of the rule of law, H. Con. Res. 107, denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law, the nominations of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, 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 Uyebara, of

Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, Leon Aron, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Carol Leslie Hamilton, of California, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and lists in the Foreign Service, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine The FANS Act, focusing on if sports blackouts and anti-trust exemptions are harming fans, consumers, and the games themselves, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Is Academic Freedom Threatened by China's Influence on U.S. Universities?", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3099, the "Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Conservation Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.