

Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act: H.R. 5059, amended, to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, to review the terms or characterization of the discharge or separation of certain individuals from the Armed Forces, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”.

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California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 5781, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California, by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 553. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, December 8.

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Rejected the George Miller (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeand-nay vote of 182 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 552.

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H. Res. 770, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3979), (H.R. 5759), and (H.R. 5781), was agreed to on December 4.

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act: H.R. 5699, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California and

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Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014: S. 1000, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8874–75, H8877 and H8882.

Senate Referrals: S. 2520, S. 2521, and S. 2142 were held at the desk. **Pages H8875, H8877 and H8882**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeand-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8888 and H8888–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SETTING FISCAL PRIORITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Setting Fiscal Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING OBAMACARE TRANSPARENCY FAILURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare Transparency Failures”. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2014

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 2244, the “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2014”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 2244. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. 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 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 commit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of December 11, 2014, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the 113th Congress after December 11, 2014: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned

to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution. In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution. In section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling, and Representatives Waters, and Carolyn Maloney of New York.

TIMELESS HONOR: REVIEWING CURRENT OPERATIONS OF OUR NATIONAL CEMETERIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Timeless Honor: Reviewing Current Operations of our National Cemeteries". Testimony was heard from Ronald E. Walters, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick K. Hallinan, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries, Department of the Army; Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, focusing on the effective enforcement and the future of derivatives regulation, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine cybersecurity, focusing on enhancing coordination to protect the financial sector, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine passenger rail, focusing on investing in our nation's future, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Ebola epidemic,

focusing on the keys to success for the international response, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's executive action on immigration and the need to pass comprehensive reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining FDA's Role in the Regulation of Genetically Modified Food Ingredients", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Countering ISIS: Are We Making Progress?", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services, joint hearing entitled "Russian Arms Control Cheating and the Administration's Responses", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "The United States as an Arctic Nation: Opportunities in the High North", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing entitled "After the Withdrawal: The Way Forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan (Part III)", 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled "The Impact on Local Communities of the Release of Unaccompanied Alien Minors and the Need for Consultation and Notification", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled "Examining EPA's Management of the Renewable Fuel Standard Program", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled "Addressing the Backlog in the Federal Employee Retirement Process", 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled "An Update on the Space Launch System and Orion: Monitoring the Development of the Nation's Deep Space Exploration Capabilities", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled "U.S. Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Integration, Oversight, and Competitiveness", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Benghazi, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Hearing 2", relating to reviewing efforts to secure U.S. diplomatic facilities and personnel, 10 a.m., HVC-210.