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Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs. **Pages S5861–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2013. **Page S5924**

Tennessee Wilderness Act—Bill Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—185) **Pages S5892, S5894**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5924.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FHA SOLVENCY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Solvency Act of 2013", after receiving testimony from Carol Galante, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing, and Federal Housing Administration Commissioner.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark E. Schaefer, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Nelson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CRUISE INDUSTRY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cruise industry oversight, focusing on the need for a stronger focus on consumer protection, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Ross A. Klein, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada; Mark Rosenker, Cruise Lines International Association, McLean, Virginia; and Gerald Cahill, Carnival Cruise Lines, and Adam M. Goldstein, Royal Caribbean International, both of Miami, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Franken (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Manchin, Heinrich, Baldwin, Risch, Heller, Flake, Alexander, Portman, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining: Senators Manchin (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Udall (CO), Franken, Schatz, Heinrich, Baldwin, Barrasso, Risch, Lee, Heller, Flake, Scott, Alexander, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Landrieu, Sanders, Stabenow, Schatz, Heinrich, Baldwin, Portman, Barrasso, Lee, Alexander, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Schatz (Chair), Johnson (SD), Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Manchin, Franken, Lee, Barrasso, Risch, Heller, Flake, and Scott.

Senators Wyden and Murkowski are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine implementation of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century's (MAP-21) "Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act" (TIFIA) program enhancements, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation; James Bass, Texas Department of Transportation Chief Financial Officer, Austin; Geoffrey S. Yarema, Nossaman LLP, and Arthur T. Leahy, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, both of Los Angeles, California; Jim Roberts, Granite Construction Inc., Watsonville, California, on behalf of The Associated General Contractors of America; and DJ Gribbin, Macquarie Capital, New York, New York.

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health concluded a hearing to examine cleaning up and restoring communities for economic revitalization, after receiving testimony from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County Commissioner, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kendra Kenyon, Idaho Council of Governments, Garden City; and Geoff Anderson, Smart Growth America, Washington, D.C.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health information technology, focusing on using it to improve care, after receiving testimony from Janet M. Marchibroda, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; John P. Glaser, Siemens Healthcare, Malvern, Pennsylvania; Marty Fattig, Nemaha County Hospital, Auburn, Nebraska; and Colin Banas, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, Richmond.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Nelson, James F. Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic

of Nigeria, Patricia Marie Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Patrick Hubert Gaspard, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Reuben Earl Brigety, II, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REBALANCE TO ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine rebalance to Asia III, focusing on protecting the environment and ensuring food and water security in East Asia and the Pacific, after receiving testimony from Daniel A. Reifsnnyder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Gregory Beck, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; Carter Roberts, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; and Elizabeth C. Economy, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, and Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Landya B. McCafferty, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, who were both introduced by Senator Baucus, and Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CLOSING GUANTANAMO

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine closing Guantanamo, focusing on the national security, fiscal, and human rights

implications, after receiving testimony from Representatives Adam Smith and Pompeo; Lieutenant Josh Fryday, United States Navy, Department of Defense; Major General Paul D. Eaton, USA (Ret.), Fox Island, Washington; Brigadier General Stephen N. Xenakis, USA (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia; and Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Center for Security Policy, and Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ann Miller Ravel, of California, and Lee E. Goodman, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 375, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; and

The nomination of Davita Vance-Cooks, of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the “Affordable Care Act”, focusing on understanding small business concerns, after receiving testimony from J. Mark Iwry, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Retirement and Health Policy; Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Deputy Director, Policy and Regulation, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Meredith K. Olafson, Small Business Administration; Nancy Clark, Glen Group, Inc., North Conway, New Hampshire; Jim Houser, Hawthorne Auto Clinic, Portland, Oregon; Lawrence K. Katz, Dots Diner, Metairie, Louisiana; Jamal Lee, Breasia Studios, Laurel, Maryland; Kevin Settles, Bardenay Restaurant and Distillery, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the National Restaurant Association; and William J. Dennis, Jr., National Federation of Independent Business, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 944, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public in-

stitutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 893, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, 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;

S. 572, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes;

S. 373, to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 287, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 131, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 6, to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 851, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program.

PAYDAY LOANS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine payday loans, after receiving testimony from David M. Silberman, Associate Director for Research, Markets, and Regulation, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Mark Pearce, Director, Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Eric E. Wright, Maine Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, Augusta; Rebecca Borne, Center for Responsible Lending, and Richard Hunt, Consumer Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; W. Dennis Shaul, Community Financial Services Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Annette Smith, Rocklin, California.