

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6083–S6140

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1401–1416, S. Res. 207–211, and S. Con. Res. 21. **Pages S6126–27**

Measures Reported:

S. 415, to clarify the collateral requirement for certain loans under section 7(d) of the Small Business Act, to address assistance to out-of-State small business concerns, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–84)

H.R. 1171, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property.

S. 233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”.

S. 668, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building”.

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S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the “First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building”.

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Measures Passed:

NATO Allied Command Transformation 10-year Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 156, expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6137–38**

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 207, designating August 16, 2013, as “National Airborne Day”. **Page S6138**

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 208, designating the week beginning September 8, 2013, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”. **Page S6138**

Sikh Temple of Wisconsin Shooting Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, remembering the anniversary of the tragic shooting on August 5, 2012, at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. **Page S6138**

Recognizing and Honoring Robert S. Mueller, III: Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, recognizing and honoring Robert S. Mueller, III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Page S6138**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, designating September 2013 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S6138**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6085–95**

Rejected:

Paul Amendment No. 1739, to redirect certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013, military coup d’etat. (By 86 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 195), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6085–95**

Pending:

Murray (for Cardin) Modified Amendment No. 1760, to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck. **Page S6085**

Coburn Amendment No. 1750, to prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability. **Page S6085**

Coburn Amendment No. 1751, to prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees. **Page S6085**

Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs. **Page S6085**

Murphy Amendment No. 1783, to require the Secretary of Transportation to assess the impact on domestic employment of a waiver of the Buy American requirement for Federal-aid highway projects prior to issuing the waiver. **Page S6085**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, August 1, 2013, upon disposition of the nomination of Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; and that following the cloture vote, Senate recess until 2 p.m. for the bipartisan caucus meeting. **Page S6140**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the second-degree filing deadline for amendments to the bill be 11 a.m., on Thursday, August 1, 2013. **Pages S6139–40**

Chen Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Thursday, August 1, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order; and Senate then resume legislative session. **Page S6100**

Power Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Thursday, August 1, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, under the order of Tuesday, July 30, 2013. **Page S6100**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 197), Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 196), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having

voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth L. Mossman, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2016.

Sylvia I. Garcia, of Michigan, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Michael L. Connor, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon.

Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2014.

Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.

France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years. **Page S6140**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—197)	Pages S6094, S6100

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6139–40.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1376, to improve the Federal Housing Administration and to ensure the solvency of the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, with amendments.

ENERGY DRINKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy drinks, focusing on exploring concerns about marketing to youth, after receiving testimony from Senator Durbin; Marcie Beth Schneider, American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Jennifer L. Harris, Yale University Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, New Haven, Connecticut; William R. Spencer, Suffolk County Legislator, Centerport, New York; Amy Taylor, Red Bull North America, Inc., Santa Monica, California; Rodney Sacks, Monster Beverage Corporation, Corona, California; Janet Weiner, Rockstar, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada; and James R. Coughlin, Aliso Viejo, California.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 398, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, S. 524, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail, S. 618, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies, S. 702, to designate the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as "The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor", S. 781, to modify the boundary of Yo-

semitic National Park, S. 782, to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 869, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 925, to improve the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, S. 995, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, S. 1138, to reauthorize the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1151, to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa, S. 1157, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1186, to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area, S. 1252, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1253, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1328, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, S. 1339, to reauthorize the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway, H.R. 674, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 885, to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, H.R. 1033 and S. 916, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park,

Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, after receiving testimony from Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTIONS BY ADDRESSING TOXIC CHEMICAL THREATS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening public health protections by addressing toxic chemical threats, including S. 1009, to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Troncoso, Senior Counsel to the Attorney General of California, Nancy Buermeyer, Breast Cancer Fund, and Susan Vickers, Dignity Health, all of San Francisco, California; H. Michael Dorsey, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Homeland Security and Emergency Response Chief, Charleston; Ken Zarker, Washington State Department of Ecology Pollution Prevention and Regulatory Assistance Section Manager, Lacey; Daniel Rosenberg, Natural Resources Defense Council, Linda J. Fisher, DuPont, Mark N. Duvall, Beveridge and Diamond, PC, Kenneth A. Cook, Environmental Working Group, and Andrew R. Hackman, Toy Industry Association, all of Washington, DC; Thomas O. McGarity, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Stephen A. Owens, Squire Sanders (US) LLP, Phoenix, Arizona; Linda Reinstein, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, Redondo Beach, California; Robin L. Greenwald, Weitz and Luxenberg, Cecil D. Corbin-Mark, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, and Ansje Miller, Center for Environmental Health, all of New York, New York; Maureen F. Gorsen, Alston and Bird, LLP, Sacramento, California; Jonathan Borak, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine; and Dorothy Felix, Mossville Environmental Action Now, Westlake, Louisiana.

PRINCIPLES FOR ENERGY TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine principles for energy tax reform, after receiving testimony from Senators Coons and Moran; Phyllis Cuttino, The Pew Charitable Trusts, and Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, both of Washington, DC; Dan W. Reicher, Stanford University Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy and Finance, Stanford, California; and Will Coleman, OnRamp Capital, San Francisco, California.

TURKEY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine where Turkey is headed, focusing on Gezi Park, Taksim Square, and the future of the Turkish model, after receiving testimony from former Representative Robert Wexler, S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace, Kurt Volker, Arizona State University McCain Institute for International Leadership, and James F. Jeffrey, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, all of Washington, DC; and Jenny White, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1398, to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property;

S. 1360, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals;

S. 1276, to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security clearance is required, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1162, to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office;

S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act;

H.R. 1171, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property;

S. 233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building";

S. 668, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building";

S. 796, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building";

S. 885, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in

Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”;

S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the “First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of John H. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine how prepared the National Capital Region is for the next disaster, after receiving testimony from Representative Norton; Christopher T. Geldart, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Director, Washington, DC; Kenneth J. Mallette, Maryland Department of the Military Emergency Management Agency Executive Director, Reisterstown; and Barbara Donnellan, Arlington County Manager, on behalf of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Chief Administrative Officers Committee Homeland Security Executive Committee, and James H. Schwartz, Arlington County Fire Department Chief, both of Arlington County, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, and William Ira Althen, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land, and S. 1352, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-determination Reauthorization Act of 2013, after receiving testimony from Robert McSwain, Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Sarah Harris, Chief of Staff, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Sandra B. Henriquez, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Andy Teuber, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; and Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, DC.

STRENGTHENING PRIVACY RIGHTS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening privacy rights and national security, focusing on oversight of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) surveillance programs, after receiving testimony from James M. Cole, Deputy Attorney General, and Sean M. Joyce, Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; John C. Inglis, Deputy Director, National Security Agency; Robert S. Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; James G. Carr, Senior United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio; Jameel Jaffer, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, New York, New York; and Stewart A. Baker, Steptoe and Johnson LLP, Washington, DC.

PRESERVING RIGHTS IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETPLACE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preserving the rights of servicemembers, veterans, and their families in the financial marketplace, after receiving testimony from Hollister K. Petraeus, Assistant Director, Office of Servicemember Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Colonel Paul Kantwill, Director, Office of Legal Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Eric Halperin, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and Paul M. Leonard, Financial Services Roundtable Housing Policy Council, Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 2869–2899; were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5262–63

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2579, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–186) and

H. Res. 322, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 367) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2009) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; providing for proceedings during the period from August 3, 2013, through September 6, 2013; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2879) to provide limitations on bonuses for Federal employees during sequestration, to provide for investigative leave requirements for members of the Senior Executive Service, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–187).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Heck (NV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Imam Talib Shareef, Masjid Muhammad, Washington, DC.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Government Spending Accountability Act of 2013: H.R. 313, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to institute spending limits and transparency requirements for Federal conference and travel expenditures;

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Government Customer Service Improvement Act of 2013: H.R. 1660, amended, to require the estab-

lishment of Federal customer service standards and to improve the service provided by Federal agencies;

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Stop Playing on Citizen's Cash Act: H.R. 2769, amended, to impose moratorium on conferences held by the Internal Revenue Service;

Pages H5209–11

Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2013: H.R. 2768, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights;

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STOP IRS Act: H.R. 2565, to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes;

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Smarter Solutions for Students Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1911, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013 and to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 426;

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Nuclear Iran Prevention Act of 2013: H.R. 850, amended, to impose additional human rights and economic and financial sanctions with respect to Iran, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 20 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 427; and

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Encouraging peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula: H. Con. Res. 41, amended, to encourage peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

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Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the Members on matters of decorum in the House.

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Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013: The House began consideration of H.R. 1582, to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, August 1st.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–19 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Page H5247**

Proceedings Postponed:

Waxman amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that seeks to strike section 2 of the bill, which allows DOE to effectively veto EPA rules and **Pages H5247–48**

Connolly amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–174) that seeks to prevent section 2 of the bill from applying to rules related to protecting air and water quality. **Pages H5248–49**

H. Res. 315, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2218) and (H.R. 1582) was agreed to on Wednesday, July 24th.

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

Citizen Empowerment Act: H.R. 2711, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish certain procedures for conducting in-person or telephonic interactions by Executive branch employees with individuals; **Pages H5188–93**

Government Employee Accountability Act: H.R. 2579, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees; **Pages H5196–H5202**

Common Sense in Compensation Act: H.R. 1541, amended, to establish limitations, for fiscal years 2013, 2014, and 2015 on the total amount in awards or other discretionary monetary payments which may be paid to any Federal employee; and **Pages H5202–07**

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013: H.R. 1897, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam. **Pages H5249–54**

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Representatives Bishop (GA) and Thompson (CA). **Page H5256**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:37 p.m. and reconvened at 9:38 p.m. **Page H5257**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5188.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5241, H5241–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee began a markup on Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2014.

WAR ON POVERTY: A PROGRESS REPORT

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The War on Poverty: A Progress Report”. Testimony was heard from Eloise Anderson, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2810, the “Medicare Patient Access and Quality Improvement Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2844, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2810; and H.R. 2844.

OVERSIGHT OF DOE'S STRATEGY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF USED NUCLEAR FUEL AND HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Oversight of DOE's Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste”. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

IRAN-SYRIA NEXUS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Iran-Syria Nexus and Its Implications for the Region”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TSA INTEGRITY CHALLENGES: EXAMINING MISCONDUCT BY AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency and Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a joint hearing entitled “TSA Integrity Challenges: Examining Misconduct by Airport Security Personnel”.

Testimony was heard from John Halinski, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen M. Lord, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Services, Government Accountability Office; and Deborah Outten-Mills, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1123, the “Unlocking Consumer Choice and Wireless Competition Act”; H.R. 2542, the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013”; H.R. 2641, the “Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2655, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013”. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1123. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2542.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 255, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes; H.R. 553, to designate the exclusive economic zone of the United States as the “Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States”; H.R. 623, the “Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act”; H.R. 908, the “Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act”; H.R. 930, the “New Philadelphia, Illinois, Study Act”; H.R. 1168, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, to convey to the City of Carlin, Nevada, in exchange for consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of that agency, and for other purposes; H.R. 1170, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Fernley, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of either of those agencies; H.R. 1526, the “Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act”; H.R. 1684, the “Ranch A Consolidation and Management Improvement Act”; H.R. 1818, the “Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act of 2013”; H.R. 1963, the “Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydro-power Development Equity and Jobs Act”; H.R. 2388, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for

other purposes; H.R. 2463, the “Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act”; H.R. 2650, the “Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Non-Intercourse Act of 2013”; H.R. 2728, the “Protecting States’ Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act”. The following bills were ordered reported as amended: H.R. 623; H.R. 930; H.R. 1168; H.R. 1170; H.R. 1526; H.R. 1963; H.R. 2388; and H.R. 2728. The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 255; H.R. 553; H.R. 908; H.R. 1684; H.R. 1818; H.R. 2463; and H.R. 2650.

OVERSIGHT OF THE IRS’S LEGAL BASIS FOR EXPANDING OBAMACARE’S TAXES AND SUBSIDIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the IRS’s Legal Basis for Expanding ObamaCare’s Taxes and Subsidies”. Testimony was heard from Scott Pruitt, Attorney General, State of Oklahoma; Emily S. McMahon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT OF 2013; KEEP THE IRS OFF YOUR HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2013; AND STOP GOVERNMENT ABUSE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 367, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013”; H.R. 2009, the “Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2879, the “Stop Government Abuse Act”. The Committee granted by record vote of 9–3, a structured rule for H.R. 367. The rule provides one hour of general 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 makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B of the report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall

not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides a closed rule for H.R. 2009. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 3, the rule provides that H. Res. 292 is laid on the table. In section 4, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from August 3, 2013, through September 6, 2013: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; 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; and bills and resolutions introduced shall be numbered, listed in the Congressional Record, and when printed shall bear the date of introduction, but may be referred at a later time. In section 5, 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 4 of the resolution. In section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 4 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 7, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 4 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII resolutions of inquiry). In section 8, the rule provides a closed rule for H.R. 2879. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 9, the rule provides that upon passage of H.R. 2879, the following bills are laid on the table: H.R. 1541, H.R. 2579, and H.R. 2711. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, Chairman Issa and Representatives Smith of Missouri, Scalise, Price of Georgia, Conyers, Jackson Lee, Johnson of Georgia and McDermott.

FRONTIERS OF HUMAN BRAIN RESEARCH

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hear-

ing entitled “The Frontiers of Human Brain Research”. Testimony was heard from Dr. Story Landis, Director of National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health; Master Sergeant Joseph Deslauriers Jr., U.S. Air Force; and a public witness.

HOW TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY, SAFETY, AND SECURITY OF MARITIME TRANSPORTATION: BETTER USE AND INTEGRATION OF MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS DATA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime held a hearing entitled “How to Improve the Efficiency, Safety, and Security of Maritime Transportation: Better Use and Integration of Maritime Domain Awareness Data”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Mark E. Butt, Assistant Commandant for Capability, United States Coast Guard; Stephen Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING THE SAFETY NET: BETTER COORDINATING TODAY’S MAZE OF PROGRAMS TO ENSURE FAMILIES RECEIVE REAL HELP

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Improving the Safety Net: Better Coordinating Today’s Maze of Programs to Ensure Families Receive Real Help”. Testimony was heard from Eloise Anderson, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families; Clarence Carter, Director, Arizona Department of Economic Security; Michelle Saddler, Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services; and Larry Woods, Chief Executive Officer, House Authority of Winston-Salem.

Joint Meetings

TAX REFORM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how tax reform can boost economic growth, focusing on lessons from Reagan, after receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; former Virginia Governor James S. Gilmore III, Free Congress Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia; Laura D’Andrea Tyson, University of California Haas School of Business, Berkeley; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Washington, DC.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine implications for economic development in Central Asia, focusing on if the government can create the necessary conditions for more trade and exchange, including infrastructure development, efficient customs regimes and reliable transportation networks, after receiving testimony from Danica Starks, Senior Desk Officer for Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, Department of Commerce; and Craig Steffenson, Asian Development Bank, Eric Stewart, U.S.-Turkmen Business Council, and Joshua Kucera, all of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1386, to provide for enhanced embassy security, and the nominations of Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Evan Ryan, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Kirk W.B. Wagar, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Daniel A. Sepulveda, of Florida, to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U. S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, James C. Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and Alexa Lange Wesner, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, all of the Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine Prisoner of War (POW) and

Missing in Action (MIA) accounting, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 933, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018, and the nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action, to hold hearings to examine the human cost of regulatory paralysis, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Department of Defense's Challenges in Accounting for Missing Persons from Past Conflicts", 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "Initial Conclusions Formed by the Defense Strategic Choices and Management Review", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Ensuring Navy surface force effectiveness with limited maintenance resources", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, hearing entitled "PPACA Pulse Check", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2848, the "Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2014"; and H.R. 419, to strengthen and clarify the commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan, as codified in the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Outlook and Opportunities", 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, joint hearing entitled "Examining the State Department's Report on Iranian Presence in the Western Hemisphere 19 Years After AMIA Attack", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology, hearing entitled "West Fertilizer, Off the Grid:

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Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Transparency and Sound Science Gone Extinct?: The Impacts of the Obama Administration’s Closed-Door Settlements on Endangered Species and People”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Energy’s Bonneville Power Administration: Discriminating Against Veterans and Retaliating Against Whistleblowers”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2850, the “EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study Improvement Act”; and authorize the issuance of subpoenas, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “EPA’s Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment—A Factual Review of a Hypothetical Scenario”, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation H.R. 813, the “Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013”; H.R. 1804, the “Foreign Travel Accountability Act”; H.R. 2072, the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013”; H.R. 2189, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2481, the “Veterans G.I. Bill Enrollment Clarification Act of 2013”; H.R. 1443, the “Tinnitus Research and Treatment Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2011, the “Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Status of the Affordable Care Act Implementation”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 12 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Raymond T. Chen, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1243, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill is at 11 a.m.

At 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the

Security Council of the United Nations, with up to two hours of debate. Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination, upon the use or yielding back of that time.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1243, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, until 2 p.m. for the bipartisan caucus meeting.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, August 1

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 1582—Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013. Consideration of H.R. 2879—Stop Government Abuse Act (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 367—Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013 (Subject to a Rule).

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