

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 527, Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6611–S6672

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1526–1535, and S. Res. 241–250. **Pages S6646–47**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 241, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 243, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 244, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 245, authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

S. Res. 249, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 250, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

S. 357, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. **Page S6646**

Measures Passed:

Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 527, to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and the bill was then passed (by 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 203)), after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6632–34**

Adopted:

Wyden Amendment No. 1960, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6632–34**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 246, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States. **Page S6672**

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 247, designating the week of September 16 through September 20, 2013, as "National Health Information Technology Week" to recognize the value of health information technology in transforming and improving the healthcare system for all people in the United States. **Page S6672**

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 248, designating September 22, 2013, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Page S6672**

Measures Considered:

Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1392, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6620–27**

Pending:

Wyden (for Merkley) Amendment No. 1858, to provide for a study and report on standby usage power standards implemented by States and other industrialized nations. **Page S6620**

Continuing Appropriations Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, from the House, the measure be placed on the Calendar; with a motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution not in order until Monday, September 23, 2013. **Page S6632**

Hughes Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:15 a.m., on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S6672**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—203) **Page S6634**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:17 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6672.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense, Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, who was introduced by former Senator Kent Conrad, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, and Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, both to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; and

The nominations of Gregory Dainard Winfree, of New York, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member, and Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman and a Member, both of the National Transportation Safety Board.

ALASKA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wildlife management authority within the State of Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, after receiving testimony from Gene Peltola, Assistant Regional Director for the Office of Subsistence Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Beth Pendleton, Regional Forester for the Alaska Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Craig Fleener, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Deputy Commissioner, and Rosita Worl, Alaska Federation of Natives, both of Juneau; Ana Hoffman, Bethel Native Corporation, Bethel, Alaska; Robert T. Anderson, University of Washington School of Law Native American Law Center, Seattle; and Jerry Isaac, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Japan, who was introduced by Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming and renewing the postal service, focusing on maintaining services, reducing costs, and increasing revenue through innovation and modernization, including S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Cliff Guffey, American Postal Workers Union, AFL–CIO, and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., on behalf of the Affordable Mail Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.; Jeanette Dwyer, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, Alexandria, Virginia; John Beeder, American Greetings, Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of the

Greeting Card Association; and Seth Weisberg, Stamps.com, El Segundo, California.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting a system of shared responsibility, focusing on issues for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, after receiving testimony from Paul E. Lingenfelter, State Higher Education Executive Officers, and Marshall A. Hill, National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements, both of Boulder, Colorado; Terry W. Hartle, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.; and Susan D. Phillips, University at Albany/SUNY, Albany, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 357, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty; and

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, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, and Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: On Wednesday, September 18, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3133–3156, were introduced.

Pages H5765–66

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5767–68

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 113–216, Pt. 2).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Bishop Jerry Macklin, Glad Tidings Church, Hayward, California.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

Pages H5664, H5721

Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014—

Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 352, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014 and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 473, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 472.

Pages H5684–94

Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 3102, to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 476.

Pages H5694–H5721

Rejected the Gallego motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 475.

Pages H5719–21

H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 687), (H.R. 1526), and (H.R. 3102) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 474, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act: The House began consideration of H.R.

1526, to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, and to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, September 20th.

Pages H5721–55

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–21, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–215, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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Agreed to:

Daines amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that requires the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report specifying for each Forest Reserve Revenue Area the annual volume requirement in effect for that fiscal year, the volume of board feet actually harvested, the average cost of preparation of timber sales, the revenues generated from such sales, and the amount of receipts distributed to each beneficiary county. Restricts the length of this report to one page;

Pages H5749–50

Smith (MO) amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that puts a moratorium on the use of prescribed fires in the Mark Twain National Forest until the Secretary of Agriculture submits a report to Congress on the economic impacts of these fires. The amendment does not prohibit the use of prescribed fire as part of wildfire suppression activities; and

Pages H5751–52

LaMalfa amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that streamlines the U.S. Forest Service's post-wildfire efforts by including reforestation, site rehabilitation and salvage operations as eligible to be conducted as a part of suppression efforts and adds funding flexibility for such work.

Pages H5754–55

Withdrawn:

LaMalfa amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have limited the Department of Justice efforts to seek damages beyond

actual damage to property, public lands and fire-fighting and restoration costs in states with laws limiting such damages. **Page H5754**

Proceedings Postponed:

Daines amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to protect forest reserve projects from delay by precluding Court-issued injunctions based on alleged violations of procedural requirements in selecting, planning, or analyzing the project; **Pages H5747–49**

McClintock amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to waive judicial review on any timber salvage project resulting from a wildfire occurring in 2013; and **Pages H5750–51**

McClintock amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–215) that seeks to prohibit the U.S. Forest Service from removing any roads or trails unless there has been a specific decision, which included adequate and appropriate public involvement, to decommission the specific road or trail in question. **Pages H5752–54**

H. Res. 351, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 687), (H.R. 1526), and (H.R. 3102) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 474, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H5694**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H5669, H5694.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5692–93, H5693, H5694, H5720, H5721. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

U.S. PRESENCE IN AFGHANISTAN POST-2014: VIEWS OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Presence in Afghanistan Post-2014: Views of Outside Experts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT’S POSTURE FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2013: THE LESSONS OF BENGHAZI

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled “Defense Department’s posture for September 11, 2013: What are the Lessons of Benghazi?” Testimony was heard from Gary Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and

Major General Darryl Roberson, USAF, Vice Director, Operations (J–3), Department of Defense, Joint Staff.

FUTURE OF UNION ORGANIZING

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension held a hearing entitled “Future of Union Organizing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TWO WEEKS UNTIL ENROLLMENT: QUESTIONS FOR CCIIO

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Two Weeks Until Enrollment: Questions for CCIIO”. Testimony was heard from Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

KEYSTONE’S RED TAPE ANNIVERSARY: FIVE YEARS OF BUREAUCRATIC DELAY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS DENIED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Keystone’s Red Tape Anniversary: Five Years of Bureaucratic Delay and Economic Benefits Denied”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Daines; Poe (TX); Holt; and Senator Hoeven; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT OF 2002

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Grimm; Capuano; King (NY); and Maloney; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Examining the Syrian Refugee Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and Nancy E. Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

AN UNCLEAR ROADMAP: BURMA’S FRAGILE POLITICAL REFORMS AND GROWING ETHNIC STRIFE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “An Unclear Roadmap: Burma’s Fragile Political Reforms and Growing Ethnic Strife”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a markup on H. Res. 284, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to promoting energy security of European allies through opening up the Southern Gas Corridor. The resolution was forwarded, as amended.

ASSESSING THE NATION'S STATE OF PREPAREDNESS: A FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Nation's State of Preparedness: A Federal, State, and Local Perspective". Testimony was heard from Tim Manning, Deputy Administrator, Protection and National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

DHS ACQUISITION PRACTICES: IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR TAXPAYERS USING DEFENSE AND PRIVATE SECTOR LESSONS LEARNED

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled "DHS Acquisition Practices: Improving Outcomes for Taxpayers Using Defense and Private Sector Lessons Learned". Testimony was heard from Rafael Borrás, Undersecretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security; Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Anne L. Richards, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons". Testimony was heard from Charles E. Samuels, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, CONSOLIDATION, AND THE CONSEQUENT IMPACT ON COMPETITION IN HEALTHCARE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled "The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Consolidation, and the Consequent Impact on Competition in Healthcare". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KEEPING HYDROPOWER AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE: THE PROTECTION OF EXISTING HYDROPOWER INVESTMENTS AND THE PROMOTION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled "Keeping Hydropower Affordable and Reliable: The Protection of Existing Hydropower Investments and the Promotion of New Development". Testimony was heard from Kerry McCalman, Senior Advisor, Hydropower and Electric Reliability Compliance Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH STANDARDS FOR LAND-IN-TRUST DECISIONS FOR GAMING PURPOSES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled "Executive Branch standards for land-in-trust decisions for gaming purposes". Testimony was heard from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of Interior; Todd Mielke, County Commissioner, County of Spokane; and public witnesses.

REVIEWS OF THE BENGHAZI ATTACK AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Reviews of the Benghazi Attack and Unanswered Questions". Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Pickering, Chairman of the Benghazi Accountability Review Board; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN (Ret.), Vice Chairman, Benghazi Accountability Review Board; and public witnesses.

DYSFUNCTION IN MANAGEMENT OF WEATHER AND CLIMATE SATELLITES—COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Dysfunction in Management of Weather and Climate Satellites". Testimony was heard from David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mary Kicza, Assistant Administrator, Satellite and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Marcus Watkins, Director, Joint Agency Satellite Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES TO EDUCATE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEURS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Private Sector Initiatives to Educate Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3080, the “Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013”; H.R. 3095, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3096, to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the “Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center”. The bills were ordered reported, without amendment.

TRIALS IN TRANSPARENCY: AN ANALYSIS OF VA COOPERATION WITH CONGRESS IN MEETING ITS OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES ON BEHALF OF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Trials in Transparency: An Analysis of VA Cooperation with Congress in Meeting its Oversight Responsibilities on Behalf of Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Joan Mooney, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE FRAUD CONSPIRACY IN PUERTO RICO

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Social Security Disability Insurance fraud conspiracy in Puerto

Rico”. Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and Beatrice M. Disman, Regional Commissioner, New York Region, Social Security Administration, New York.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Resetting the Force for the Future: Risks of Sequestration”, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Jobs: A Discussion on Career and Technical Education and Training Programs,” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior's proposal to use a Categorical Exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for adding species to the Lacey Act's list of injurious wildlife”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Infrastructure: Enabling Discovery and Ensuring Capability”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 4 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 1526—Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act. Consideration of H. J. Res. 59—Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014 (Subject to a Rule).

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