

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Pages S2554, S2555–56**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 120), Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 121), Daniel D. Crabtree, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

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By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 122), Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

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By 75 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 123), Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

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Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—123) **Pages S2546, S2555–57**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2568.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Tony Dixon, Acting Director for Budget, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine

proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Army, after receiving testimony from John M. McHugh, Secretary, General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, 32nd Chief of the Reserve, and Major General Judd H. Lyons, Acting Director, National Guard, all of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Jacob Lew, Secretary, John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reform of the defense acquisition system in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall III, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Moshe Schwartz,

Specialist in Defense Acquisition Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jonathan L. Etherton, National Defense Industrial Association, McLean, Virginia; and David J. Berteau, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

TSA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration, focusing on confronting America's transportation security challenges, after receiving testimony from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

AFGHANISTAN BEYOND 2014

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan beyond 2014, after receiving testimony from Jarrett Blanc, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Fatema Z. Sumar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia Affairs, both of the Department of State; Kathleen Campbell, Acting Deputy Assistant to the Administrator and Deputy Director of the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; and General John Allen (Ret.), Brookings Institution, and Parnian Nazary, Women for Afghan Women, both of Washington, D.C.

BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from the Boston marathon bombings, focusing on improving intelligence and information sharing, after receiving testimony from I. Charles McCullough III, Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and David B. Buckley, Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

INDIAN TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2132, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, after receiving testimony from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Tracey A. LeBeau, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy; Carole Lankford, Confederated Salish and

Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, Montana; Michael O. Finley, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Washington, D.C.; Aletha Tom, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Moapa, Nevada; and James M. Olguin, Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, Ignacio, Colorado.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Drug Enforcement Administration, after receiving testimony from Michele M. Leonhart, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how undisclosed money and post-McCutcheon campaign finance will affect the 2014 election and beyond, after receiving testimony from United States Supreme Court Associate Justice John Paul Stevens (Ret.); Neil Reiff, Sandler, Reiff, Young and Lamb, Donald McGahn, Patton Boggs LLP, Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, Trevor Potter, Campaign Legal Center, and Ann M. Ravel, California Fair Political Practices Commission, all of Washington, D.C.

OVERMEDICATION PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine overmedication, focusing on problems and solutions, after receiving testimony from Robert Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Tracy Gaudet, Director, Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation, and Peter Marshall, Director of Primary Care Pain Management, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Brigadier General Norvell V. Coats, Deputy Commanding General (Support), Army Medical Command, and Assistant Surgeon General for Force Projection, and Colonel Kevin T. Galloway, Army Pain Management Program Director, Rehabilitation and Reintegration Division, both of the Office of the Surgeon General, United States Army, Department of Defense; Josephine Briggs, Director, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet R. Kahn, Peace Village Projects, Burlington, Vermont; and Mark J. Edlund, RTI International, Twin Falls, Idaho.

PRECIOUS METALS MARKET

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine exploring the perils of the precious metals market, after receiving testimony from

Dama Brown, Director, Southwest Region, Federal Trade Commission; Rosemary Hollinger, Deputy Director, Division of Enforcement, Commodity Futures

Trading Commission; Karl Spicer, Fairfax, Virginia; and Joe Melomo, Austin, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4521–4538; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 560–561 were introduced. **Pages H3363–64**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3364–65**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3295**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3299**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015: The House passed H.R. 4486, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 187. **Pages H3301, H3308–58**

Agreed to:

Turner amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2014) that redirects \$20,000,000 in funding for Military Construction, Defense-Wide for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services; **Pages H3320–26**

Sinema amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs by \$1,000,000 to investigate deaths at veterans' health facilities; **Pages H3326–28**

Costa amendment that increases funding, by offset, for General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration by \$10,500,000 to assist in the reduction of veterans' disability claims backlog; **Pages H3328–29**

Ruiz amendment that redirects \$5,000,000 in funding for General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration for digital scanning of health and benefits files to reduce the benefits claims backlog; **Pages H3329–32**

Rothfus amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used by the Secretary of Veterans

Affairs to pay a performance award under section 5384 of title 5, United States Code; **Pages H3339–43**

Murphy (FL) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to maintain or improve Department of Defense real property with a zero percent utilization rate according to the Department's real property inventory database, except in the case of maintenance of an historic property or maintenance to prevent a negative environmental impact; **Page H3343**

Ross amendment that prohibits funds from being used to close a commissary store; **Pages H3343–44**

Runyan amendment that prohibits funds from being used to propose, plan for, or execute a new or additional Base Realignment and Closure round; **Pages H3349–50**

Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being used to create or maintain any patient record-keeping system other than those currently approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office in Washington, DC; **Pages H3350–51**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has (A) within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; or (B) are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated above in subsection (A); or (C) within a three-year period preceding this offer, has been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied; **Page H3351**

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Department of Veterans Affairs Departmental Administration, Information Technology Systems by \$3,215,910; **Pages H3351–52**