

4355; and H.R. 4416. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4670; H.R. 2750; and H.R. 4671.

ASTROBIOLOGY AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Astrobiology and the Search for Life in the Universe”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on S. 1254, the “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013”; and H.R. 4186, the “FIRST Act of 2014”. The bill S. 1254 was ordered reported, as amended. The Committee did not complete action on H.R. 4186, and will meet again on a date to be determined.

OVERSIGHT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing “Examining the Federal Protective Service: Are Federal Facilities Secure?”. Testimony was heard from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; L. Eric Patterson, Director, Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

USING NEW OCEAN TECHNOLOGIES: PROMOTING EFFICIENT MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AND IMPROVING MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Using New Ocean Technologies: Promoting Efficient Maritime Transportation and Improving Maritime Domain Awareness and Response Capability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

WOMEN’S RETIREMENT SECURITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine women’s retirement security, after receiving testimony from Debra B. Whitman, AARP, M. Cindy Hounsell, Women’s Institute for a Secure Retirement, and Rachel Greszler, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, all of Washington, DC; and Brigitte Madrian, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D533)

H.R. 3627, to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers. Signed on May 20, 2014. (Public Law 113–104)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to adopt the fiscal year 2015 302(b) allocations, and markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine bringing our transit infrastructure to a state of good repair, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine access and supports for servicemembers and veterans in higher education, 10 a.m., SD–430.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing on legislation regarding federal and state enforcement of fraudulent patent demand letters, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continued markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4200, the “SBIC Advisers Relief Act”; H.R. 4554, the “Restricted Securities Relief Act”; H.R. 4568, the “Small Business Freedom to Grow Act”; H.R. 4571, to direct the SEC to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefits plans; H.R. 4569, the “Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act”; H.R. 4570, the

“Private Placement Improvement Act”; H.R. 4565, the “Startup Capital Modernization Act”; H.R. 1779, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act”; H.R. 2673, the “Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act”; H.R. 4466, the “Financial Regulatory Clarity Act”; and H.R. 4521, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act”, 9:45 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “The Gulf Cooperation Council: Deepening Rifts and Emerging Challenges”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Protecting Religious Freedom: U.S. Efforts to Hold Accountable Countries of Particular Concern”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and

the Census, hearing entitled “Examining Innovative Postal Products for the 21st Century”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Evaluating Public Housing in the U.S.: Reining in Waste, Fraud, Abuse and Mismanagement at Public House Authorities”, 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “Unfair Trade Practices: Addressing Barriers Facing Small Business Exporters”, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence House, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4681, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015”, 9 a.m., 304–HVC. A portion of the markup will close.