

4653, amended, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom;

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Concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents: H. Res. 588, amended, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.”

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Preclearance Authorization Act of 2014: H.R. 3488, amended, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States;

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Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Authorization and Accountability Act of 2014: H.R. 4007, amended, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program;

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Social Media Working Group Act of 2014: H.R. 4263, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 369; and

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Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act: H.R. 4289, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 370.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he reported to Congress that he has issued an Executive Order taking additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006 relating to the Democratic Republic of the

Congo—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–128).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5860 and H5861. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

VA WHISTLEBLOWERS: EXPOSING INADEQUATE SERVICE PROVIDED TO VETERANS AND ENSURING APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “VA Whistleblowers: Exposing Inadequate Service Provided to Veterans and Ensuring Appropriate Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Christian Head, M.D., Associate Director, Chief of Staff, Legal and Quality Assurance, Los Angeles VA Health Care System; Katherine Mitchell, M.D., Medical Director, Iraq and Afghanistan Post-Deployment Center, Phoenix VA Health Care System; Scott Davis, Program Specialist, VA National Health Eligibility Center; Carolyn Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; James Tuchschildt, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D734)

S. 1681, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Signed on July 7, 2014. (Public Law 113–126)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine promoting the well-being and academic success of college athletes, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Russia and developments in Ukraine, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine challenges at the border, focusing on the causes, consequences, and responses to the rise in apprehensions at the southern border, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and S. 2503, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine improving audits, focusing on strengthening the Medicare program for future generations, 2:15 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to consider the societal benefits of biotechnology, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY, 2015, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Working with Families In Need”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Modernizing Clinical Trials”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on legislation regarding Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4013, the “Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2014”, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Spotlighting Human Rights in Southeast Asia”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on H.R. 3994, the “Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act”; and H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Examining Solutions to Close the \$106 Billion Improper Payments Gap”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee hearing on H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; and H.R. 5016, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Navigating the Clean Water Act: Is Water Wet?”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine political pluralism in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mediterranean Partners, focusing on political developments among the Mediterranean Partners in the years following the popular uprisings that began in late 2010, 10 a.m., SVC-203/202.