

## Committee Meetings

### SOCIETAL BENEFITS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to consider the societal benefits of biotechnology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY, 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment, to the Full Committee.

### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WAR ON POVERTY: WORKING WITH FAMILIES IN NEED

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Working with Families In Need”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### 21ST CENTURY CURES: MODERNIZING CLINICAL TRIALS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Modernizing Clinical Trials”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade began a markup on legislation regarding Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters Act of 2014; 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”.

### SPOTLIGHTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Spotlighting Human Rights in Southeast Asia”. Testimony was heard from Janet Nguyen, Supervisor, Orange County Board of Supervisors; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a 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 Memo-

rial, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Kilmer; Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council, Department of Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and a public witness.

### EXAMINING SOLUTIONS TO CLOSE THE \$106 BILLION IMPROPER PAYMENTS GAP

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining Solutions to Close the \$106 Billion Improper Payments Gap”. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; Beth Cobert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Services and General Government Management and Assurance; Government Accountability Office; Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Mark Easton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense.

### TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO MODIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT BONUS DEPRECIATION; AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a 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”. The Committee granted by record vote of 8–3 a modified-open rule for H.R. 5016. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI except for section 627. The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. During consideration of the bill for amendment: (1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and (2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that under the

rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 4718. 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. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee Report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crenshaw, Serrano, Tiberi, and Neal.

#### NAVIGATING THE CLEAN WATER ACT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Navigating the Clean Water Act: Is Water Wet?”. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### POLITICAL PLURALISM IN THE OSCE MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine political pluralism in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mediterranean Partners, focusing on political developments among the Mediterranean Partners in the years following the popular uprisings that began in late 2010, after receiving testimony from William Roebuck, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Egypt and the Maghreb, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; William B. Taylor, United States Institute of Peace, and Zeinab Abdelkarim, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, both of Washington, DC; and Shibley Telhami, University of Maryland, College Park.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* to hold hearings to examine proposed emergency supplemental request for fiscal year

2015 for unaccompanied children and related matters, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, General John F. Campbell, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and Commander, United States Forces, Afghanistan, and Lieutenant General Joseph L. Votel, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 517, to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, and the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled “Implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: Commodity Policy and Crop Insurance”, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Defense Reform: Empowering Acquisition Success”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Cruiser and Destroyer Modernization and Large Surface Combatant Force Structure Assessment”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3136, the “Advancing Competency-Based Education Demonstration Project Act of 2013”; H.R. 4983, the “Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act”; and H.R. 4984, the “Empowering Students through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade continued markup