

committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Alan Nunnelee: Representatives Thompson (MS) and Boehner; the members of the Mississippi delegation: Representatives Harper and Palazzo; and Representatives McCarthy, McMorris Rodgers, Aderholt, Neugebauer, Conaway, McHenry, Fleming, Thompson (PA), Walberg, Benishek, Black, Denham, Flores, Hultgren, McKinley, Womack, Hudson, Messer, and Radewagen. **Page H904**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H872–73.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H898 and H899. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and at 9:13 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 99, the House stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Alan Nunnelee.

## Committee Meetings

### KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE APPROVAL ACT; AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2015; FIGHTING HUNGER INCENTIVE ACT OF 2015; COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee On Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on S. 1, the “Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act”; H.R. 636, the “America’s Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2015”; H.R. 644, the “Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2015”; and the committee’s oversight plan for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its oversight plan for the 114th Congress. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 644. The rule provides 90 minutes 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 an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–5 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. The rule also granted a closed rule for H.R. 636. The rule provides 90 minutes 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 an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print

114–6 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. The committee granted, by record vote of 6–3, a closed rule for S. 1. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to commit. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from February 16, 2015, through February 23, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, and Representatives Levin, Thompson of California, Cramer, and Pallone.

### AN EXAMINATION OF WASTE AND ABUSE ASSOCIATED WITH VA'S MANAGEMENT OF LAND-USE AGREEMENTS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “An Examination of Waste and Abuse Associated with VA’s Management of Land-Use Agreements”. Testimony was heard from Janet P. Murphy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Stephen Lord, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine

proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on world-wide nuclear capabilities, 2:45 p.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the retirement and compensation proposals of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine Social Security disability trust fund insolvency, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the Internet, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed carbon dioxide emissions rules from new, modified, and existing power plants, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to markup an original bill relating to access and administration of the U.S. Tax Court; an original bill to remove alcohol bonding requirements for certain taxpayers; an original bill relating to modifications to alternative tax for certain small insurance companies; an original bill to modify the excise tax on cider; an original bill to truncate the collection period for taxpayers hospitalized for combat zone injuries; an original bill to provide special rules concerning charitable contributions to, and public charity status of, agricultural research organizations; an original bill to provide an exception to the private foundation excess business holdings rules for certain philanthropic business holdings; an original bill to clarify a special rules for certain governmental plans; an original bill to modify the treatment of income received under student work-learning-service programs; an original bill for a waste-heat-to-power investment tax credit; an original bill to allow enrolled agents who meet certain requirements to use specified designations; an original bill relating to real estate investment trusts (REITs), regulated investment companies (RICs) and the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA); an original bill to exclude from gross income certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents; an original bill to convert the tax on liquefied natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas to an energy equivalent basis; an original bill to require the Internal Revenue Service to notify exempt organizations before revoking exempt status for failing to file information returns; an original bill to exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants; and an original bill to create a military spouse job continuity credit, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine ending modern day slavery, focusing on the role of United States leadership, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the National Labor Relations

Board's (NLRB) new election rule, focusing on employers and employees, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) 2015 list of high risk government programs, 10 a.m., SD-342.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing to review the state of the rural economy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on the Indian Health Service budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Army Corps of Engineers, Civil Works budget, 10:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on oversight of funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Ebola virus disease outbreak, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The FY16 Budget Request: A View from Outside Experts: 'Alternative Budgets and Strategic Choices'", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Final Recommendations from the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission", 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5, the "Student Success Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Federal Efforts on Mental Health: Why Greater HHS Leadership Is Needed", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining ICD-10 Implementation", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2016 Department of Energy Budget", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 734, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2015"; H.R. 639, the "Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act"; H.R. 471, the "Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2015"; H.R. 647, the "Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act"; H.R. 648, the "Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act"; and H.R. 212, the "Drinking Water Protection Act", 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled

“State Sponsor of Terror: The Global Threat of Iran”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Countering Violent Islamist Extremism: The Urgent Threat of Foreign Fighters and Homegrown Terror”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing on committee funding for the 114th Congress, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Federal Asset Forfeiture: Uses and Reforms”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing on a bill to improve immigration law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes; a bill to modify the treatment of unaccompanied alien children who are in Federal custody by reason of their immigration status, and for other purposes; and a bill to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to provide for the expedited removal of unaccompanied alien children who are not victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons and who do not have a fear of returning to their country of nationality or last habitual residence, and for other purposes, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, markup on the committee’s oversight plan for the 114th Congress; hearing entitled “GAO’s High Risk Report: 25 Years of Problematic Practices”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill: Laying the Foundation for U.S. Economic Growth and Job Creation Part I”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, business meeting to designate Rep. Jerry McNerney and Rep. Tim Walz to subcommittees; hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2016”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress; hearing on the IRS’s use of civil asset forfeiture laws to seize the bank accounts of law abiding small businesses, and the settlement tactics employed by the agency, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress; hearing on challenges facing low-income individuals and families in today’s economy, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.