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Rohrabacher amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by various states to prevent any of them from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possessions, or cultivation of medical marijuana;

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Grayson amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to compel a person to testify about information or sources that the person states in a motion to quash the subpoena that he has obtained as a journalist or reporter and that he regards as confidential;

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McClintock amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by various states to prevent any of them from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possessions, or cultivation of marijuana on non-Federal lands within their respective jurisdictions;

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Perry amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to take any action to prevent a State from implementing any law that makes it lawful to possess, distribute, or use cannabidiol oil; and

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Garrett amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enforce the Fair Housing Act in a manner that relies upon an allegation of liability under section 100.500 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations.

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H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2577) and (H.R. 2578) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 268, after the previous question was ordered.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3694.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3658–59, H3659, H3697–98, H3698–99 and H3699–H3700. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:05 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Committee Meetings

UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF FARM COUNTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Update on the Financial Health of Farm Country”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Kauffman, Assistant Vice President and Omaha

Branch Executive, Omaha Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

QUADRENNIAL ENERGY REVIEW AND RELATED DISCUSSION DRAFTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Quadrennial Energy Review and Related Discussion Drafts”. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy; Scott Martin, Commissioner, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

MEDICAID PROGRAM INTEGRITY: SCREENING OUT ERRORS, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Medicaid Program Integrity: Screening Out Errors, Fraud, and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director, Audit Services, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

AN UPDATE ON THE TAKATA AIRBAG RUPTURES AND RECALLS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade held a hearing entitled “An Update on the Takata Airbag Ruptures and Recalls”. Testimony was heard from Mark R. Rosekind, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2576, the “TSCA Modernization Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2583, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2015”.

THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM: OVERSIGHT OF SUPERSTORM SANDY CLAIMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The National Flood Insurance Program: Oversight of Superstorm Sandy Claims”. Testimony was heard from Brad Kieserman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Insurance, Federal Insurance and Mitigation

Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

AMERICANS DETAINED IN IRAN; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Americans Detained in Iran”; and a markup on H. Res. 233, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Iran should immediately release the three United States citizens it holds, as well as provide all known information on any United States citizens that have disappeared within its borders. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. H. Res. 233 was ordered reported, without amendment.

STATE DEPARTMENT’S COUNTERTERRORISM BUREAU

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “State Department’s Counterterrorism Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Charles Johnson, Jr., Director, International Security Issues, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Justin Siberell, Deputy Coordinator for Regional Affairs and Programs, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

THE OUTER RING OF BORDER SECURITY: DHS’S INTERNATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The Outer Ring of Border Security: DHS’s International Security Programs”. Testimony was heard from Alan D. Bersin, Assistant Secretary and Chief Diplomatic Officer, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; John Wagner, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Lev J. Kubiak, Assistant Director, International Operations, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 2315, the “Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2015”; H.R. 1643, the “Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2015”; and the “Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS ON PUBLIC COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a business meeting to adopt rules of procedure for Private Claims Bills; and a hearing entitled “First Amendment Protections on Public College and University Campuses”. The rules of procedure for Private Claims Bills were adopted. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENSURING TRANSPARENCY THROUGH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Transparency through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMODITY END-USER RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2289, the “Commodity End-User Relief Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–2, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–18 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2015, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conaway and Representative Peterson.

OVERSIGHT OF THE AMTRAK ACCIDENT IN PHILADELPHIA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Amtrak Accident in Philadelphia”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Sarah Feinberg, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 356, the “Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act”; H.R. 832, the “Veterans Employment and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2015”; H.R. 1994, the “VA Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 2133, the “Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act”; H.R. 2275, the “Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 2344, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the vocational rehabilitation programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2360, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2361, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority to provide work-study allowance for certain activities by individuals receiving educational assistance by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain modifications and improvements in the transfer of unused educational assistance benefits under the Post 9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Flores; Cook; and Sean Patrick Maloney of New York; Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Teresa W. Gerton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Susan S. Kelly, Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 160, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015”; H.R. 1190, the “Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015”; S. 984, the “Steve Gleason Act of 2015”; S. 971, the “Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 2580,

the “LTCH Technical Correction Act of 2015”; H.R. 2505, the “Medicare Advantage Coverage Transparency Act of 2015”; H.R. 2506, the “Seniors' Health Care Plan Protection Act of 2015”; H.R. 2507, the “Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015”; H.R. 2579, the “Securing Care for Seniors Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2581, the “Preservation of Access for Seniors in Medicare Advantage Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 160, H.R. 2580, H.R. 2505, H.R. 2506, H.R. 2507, H.R. 2579, and H.R. 2581. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1190, S. 984, and S. 971.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D613)

H.R. 1690, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–20)

H.R. 2353, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–21)

S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking. Signed on May 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–22)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine challenges and implications of EPA's proposed national ambient air quality standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 638, to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, S. 751, to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and S. 640, to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Audit & Appeal Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine implications of the Iran nuclear agreement for United States policy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.