

PORTS Act Referral—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that S. 1519, to amend the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to address slowdowns, strikes, and lockouts occurring at ports in the United States, be discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and be referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—214)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4254.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL CHALLENGES

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office's analysis of the Federal government's deepening fiscal challenges, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after receiving testimony from Elliot F. Kaye, Chairman, and Robert S. Adler, Ann Marie Buerkle, Joseph P. Mohorovic, and Marietta S. Robinson, each a Commissioner, all of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine

the Environmental Protection Agency's final rule to regulate disposal of coal combustion residuals from electric utilities, after receiving testimony from Danny Gray, Charah, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Michael Kezar, South Texas Electric Cooperative, Nursery, on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Environmental Council of the States, Washington, D.C.; Nancy Cave, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Georgetown; and Frank Holleman, Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

GOVERNING THROUGH GOAL SETTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine governing through goal setting, focusing on enhancing the economic and national security of America, including S. Res. 199, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joe Lieberman, former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, Mclean, Virginia, Andrew Tisch, Loews Corporation, New York, New York, and Andrea Hogan, Merchants Metals LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, all on behalf of No Labels.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carol Fortine Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the General Services Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on evaluating accreditation's role in ensuring quality, after receiving testimony from Peter T. Ewell, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, Boulder, Colorado; George Pruitt, Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, New Jersey; and Albert C. Gray, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, and Anne D. Neal, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, both of Washington, D.C.

ACCESSING CAPITAL IN INDIAN COUNTRY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine accessing capital in Indian Country, after receiving testimony from Alejandra Y. Castillo, National Director, Minority

Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce; Derrick Watchman, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Mesa, Arizona; Ross Alan Hill, Bank2, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Dante Desiderio, NAFOA, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 2798–2817; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 322–325, were introduced. **Pages H4490–91**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4492–93**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1626, to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–162);

H.R. 1633, to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–163);

H.R. 2200, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–164);

H.R. 2206, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–165);

H.R. 1640, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–166); and H. Res. 321, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, fire-

fighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–167).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Reception in the House Chamber of Former Members of Congress: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the former Members program held earlier in the day be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

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Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 160, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 18th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–157, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 319, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 160) and (H.R. 1190) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 372, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 371.

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Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014: The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 55, directing the