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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5477–S5563

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1844–1860, and S. Res. 228–229. **Page S5526**

Measures Reported:

S. 242, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability. (S. Rept. No. 114–89)

S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–90)

S. 834, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–91)

H.R. 720, to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–92) **Page S5525**

Measures Passed:

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization: Senate passed H.R. 23, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5557–58**

Veterans Entrepreneurship Act: Senate passed H.R. 2499, to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5558**

Sullivan (for Vitter) Amendment No. 2326, relating to business loans program. **Page S5558**

DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1626, to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5558–59**

United States Intelligence Professionals Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, designating July 26, 2015, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day". **Page S5559**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Pages S5478–S5513**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, July 24, 2015, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be deemed expired. **Page S5559**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

85 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5559.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, ''Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016''.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller, USMC, to be General and Commandant of the Marine Corps, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 559 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BANK HOLDING COMPANIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine measuring the systemic importance of United States bank holding companies, including S. 1484, a bill to improve accountability and transparency in the United States financial regulatory system, protect access to credit for consumers, provide sensible relief to financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Robert DeYoung, University of Kansas School of Business, Lawrence; Deborah J. Lucas, MIT Sloan School of Management Center for Finance and Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jonathan R. Macey, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, and Michael S. Barr, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Marisa Lago, of New York, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT REVIEW

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iran nuclear agreement review, after receiving testimony from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State; Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy; and Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Denise Turner Roth, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of General Services, General Services Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine achieving the promise of health information technology, focusing on information blocking and potential solutions, after receiving testimony from David C. Kendrick, MyHealth Access Network, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Michael J. Mirro, American College of Cardiology, Fort Wayne, Indiana; David C. Kibbe, DirectTrust, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians; and Paul Black, Allscripts, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1169, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Michael C. McGowan, to be United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, Department of Justice, for the term of four years.

DODD-FRANK

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine Dodd-Frank at five years, after receiving testimony from C. Boyden Gray, Boyden Gray and Associates, PLLC, Deepak Gupta, Gupta Wessler PLLC, Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, and Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Neomi Rao, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 3173–3213; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61; and H. Res. 372–379 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5468–70**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2604, to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid (H. Rept. 114–224); and

H.R. 1994, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–225, Part 1). **Page H5464**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5407**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Brian Bohlman, The Harvest Church, Lexington, South Carolina. **Page H5407**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speakers approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H5407, H5451**

Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 1599, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes, by a recorded vote of 275 ayes to 150 noes, Roll No. 462. **Pages H5416–39**

Rejected the Polis motion to amend the title by a yea-and-nay vote of 87 yeas to 337 nays, Roll No. 463. **Pages H5438–39**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–24, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–216, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill. **Pages H5426–30**

Rejected:

Pingree amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to strike the entire bill and add back the section that creates a non-GMO certification program and label at USDA; **Page H5433**

DeFazio amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to establish that if a U.S. company or their subsidiary labels their product as containing GMOs in any foreign country they must label the equivalent product the same way in the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 303 noes, Roll No. 459); **Pages H5430–31, H5436**

Huffman amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to ensure tribal sovereignty to prohibit or restrict the cultivation of genetically engineered plants on tribal lands (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 460); and **Pages H5431–32, H5436–37**

DeLauro amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–216) that sought to prohibit the use of the term ''natural'' on food when a food consists of a genetically engineered plan (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 461).

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H. Res. 369, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1599) and (H.R. 1734) was agreed to yesterday, July 22.

Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act: The House passed H.R. 3009, to amend section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny assistance under such section to a State or political subdivision of a State that prohibits its officials from taking certain actions with respect to immigration, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 466. **Pages H5409–16, H5439–51**

Rejected the Jeffries motion to recommit to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 465. **Pages H5449–51**

H. Res. 370, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3009) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 464, after the previous question was ordered.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, July 27th for Morning Hour debate. **Pages H5453, H5463**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5409.

Senate Referral: S. 1599 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5436,

H5436–37, H5437, H5438, H5438–39, H5439–40, H5450–51, H5451. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S OVERTIME PROPOSAL

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Costs and Consequences of the Administration's Overtime Proposal''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 1344, the ''Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act''; H.R. 1462, the ''Protecting Our Infants Act''; H.R. 1725, the ''National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act (NASPER)''; and H.R. 2820, the ''Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act''. H.R. 1344 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 1462, H.R. 1725, and H.R. 2820.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a markup on H.R. 985, the ''Concrete Masonry Products, Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015''; the ''Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015''; and H.R. 3154, the ''E-Warranty Act of 2015''. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 985 and the ''Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015''. H.R. 3154 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

ENDING 'TOO BIG TO FAIL': WHAT IS THE PROPER ROLE OF CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY?

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Ending 'Too Big to Fail': What is the Proper Role of Capital and Liquidity?''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS AND BUDGET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled ''National Credit Union Administration Operations and Budget''. Testimony was heard from Debbie Matz, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

AMERICA'S SECURITY ROLE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled ''America's Security Role in the South China Sea''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLICATIONS OF A NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN, PART III

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Implications of a Nuclear Agreement with Iran, Part III''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PURSUING NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: MEXICO'S ENERGY REFORMS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled ''Pursuing North American Energy Independence: Mexico's Energy Reforms''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a markup on H.R. 3102, the ''Airport Access Control Security Improvement Act of 2015''; a Committee Print consisting of the ''Transportation Security Administration Reform and Improvement Act of 2015''; and H.R. 3144, the ''Partners for Aviation Security Act''. The following were reported to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 3102 and the Committee Print consisting of the ''Transportation Security Administration Reform and Improvement Act of 2015''. H.R. 3144 was reported to the full committee, without amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING; SANCTUARY CITIES: A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a business meeting to request Department of Homeland Security departmental reports on the beneficiaries of H.R. 422, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; and H.R. 396, for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas; and a hearing entitled ''Sanctuary Cities: a Threat to Public Safety''. The request for Department of Homeland Security departmental reports on H.R. 422 and H.R. 396 was approved. Testimony was heard from Scott Jones, Sheriff, Sacramento County, California; Richard Biehl, Chief of Police, Dayton Police Department, Dayton, Ohio; and public witnesses.

NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR THE NEXT CENTURY OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled ''New and Innovative Ideas for the Next Century of Our National Parks''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 564, the ''Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act''; H.R. 1772, the ''Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2015''; and H.R. 2168, the ''West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act''. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herrera Beutler and Carney; Wendi Weber, Northeast Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Barry Thom, Deputy Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service; and public witnesses.

MODERNIZING THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONCESSION PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled ''Modernizing the National Park Service Concession Program''. Testimony was heard from Lena McDowall, Chief Financial Officer, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

THE EPA RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD MANDATE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Oversight, held a joint hearing entitled ''The EPA Renewable Fuel Standard Mandate''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MODERN TOOLS IN A MODERN WORLD: HOW APP TECHNOLOGY IS BENEFITTING SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Health and Technology held a hearing entitled ''Modern Tools in a Modern World: How App Technology is Benefitting Small Businesses''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 2954, to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the ''Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House''; S. 261, to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr., United States Courthouse; and H.R. 3114, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved. H.R. 2954 and S. 261 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 3114 was ordered reported, as amended.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S AUDIT SELECTION PROCESS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS WITHIN THE TAX EXEMPT AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES DIVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Internal Revenue Service's audit selection process and internal controls within the Tax Exempt and Government Entities division. Testimony was heard from Jay McTigue, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, July 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 22, Hire More Heroes Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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