

Rothfus amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–325) that seeks to exempt projects to reconstruct any road, highway, railway, bridge, or transit facility that is damaged by an emergency declared by the Governor of the State and concurred in by the Secretary of Homeland Security from any environmental reviews, approvals, licensing, and permit restrictions if reconstruction takes place in the same location and using the same design, capacity, and dimensions as before the emergency; and

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DeSaulnier amendment (No. 41 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–325) that seeks to establish a peer review group and a comprehensive risk management plan to prevent cost overruns and project delays for transportation mega projects exceeding \$2,500,000,000.

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H. Res. 507, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 22) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 584, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 583.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 11:23 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7410–11, H7411–12, H7412, H7608–09, H7609–10, H7610, H7610–11, H7611–12, H7612, H7612–13, and H7613–14. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AIRCRAFT CARRIER—PRESENCE AND SURGE LIMITATIONS. EXPANDING POWER PROJECTION OPTIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, held a joint hearing entitled “Aircraft Carrier—Presence and Surge Limitations. Expanding Power Projection Options”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral John C. Aquilino, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5), U.S. Navy; Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition; Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98); and Rear Admiral Thomas J. Moore, USN, Program Executive Officer, Aircraft Carriers.

### FUTURE OPTIONS FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR DETERRENT—VIEWS FROM PROJECT ATOM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Future Options for the U.S. Nuclear Deterrent—Views from Project Atom”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EXAMINING THE EU SAFE HARBOR DECISION AND IMPACTS FOR TRANSATLANTIC DATA FLOWS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the EU Safe Harbor Decision and Impacts for Transatlantic Data Flows”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EXAMINING LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Medicare and Medicaid”. Testimony was heard from Representative Jenkins; Katharine Iritani, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office; and Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on H. J. Res. 71, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ‘Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units’; and H.J. Res. 72, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to ‘Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units’. H.J. Res. 71 and H.J. Res. 72 were both forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health began a markup on H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”; H.R. 2446, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require the use of electronic visit verification for personal care services furnished under the Medicaid program; H.R. 2646, the “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act”; H.R. 3014, the “Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R.

3537, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated Providers Are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”; and H.R. 3821, the “Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act”.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1309, the “Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 1478, the “Policyholder Protection Act of 2015”; H.R. 1550, the “Financial Stability Oversight Council Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 1660, the “Federal Savings Association Charter Flexibility Act of 2015”; H.R. 2209, to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as level 2A liquid assets, and for other purposes; H.R. 3340, the “Financial Stability Oversight Council Reform Act”; H.R. 3557, the “FSOC Transparency and Accountability Act”; H.R. 3738, the “Office of Financial Research Accountability Act of 2015”; the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 3857, to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Financial Stability Oversight Council to carry out certain requirements under the Financial Stability Act of 2010 before making any new determination under section 113 of such Act, and for other purposes. H.R. 1660 was ordered reported, without amendment.

#### DEFENDING AGAINST BIOTERRORISM: HOW VULNERABLE IS AMERICA?

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Defending Against Bioterrorism: How Vulnerable is America?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 3438, the “Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wishlists Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2631, the “Regulatory Predictability for Business Growth Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### INTERNATIONAL DATA FLOWS: PROMOTING DIGITAL TRADE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “International Data Flows: Promoting Digital Trade in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### TSA: SECURITY GAPS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “TSA: Security

Gaps”. Testimony was heard from Peter Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

#### PREPARING FOR THE 2020 CENSUS: WILL THE TECHNOLOGY BE READY?

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Information Technology, held a joint hearing entitled “Preparing for the 2020 Census: Will the Technology Be Ready?”. Testimony was heard from John H. Thompson, Director, Census Bureau; Steven I. Cooper, Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce; Carol R. Cha, Director, Information Technology Acquisition Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on Senate amendments to H.R. 22, the “Hire More Heroes Act of 2015” [DRIVE Act] [Amendment consideration]. The committee granted, by voice vote, a rule that provides for further consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 22 under a structured rule. In section 2, the rule makes in order only the further amendments to the amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–32 printed in part A of the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc. Each further amendment printed in part A of the report shall be considered 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, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part A of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or their designees, 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 further amendments

printed in part A of the report and amendments offered en bloc. In section 3, the rule makes in order only those further amendments to the Senate amendment, as amended, printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such further amendment shall be considered 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, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, 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 further amendments printed in part B of the report. In section 4, the rule provides that if the Committee of the Whole reports the Senate amendment, as amended, back to the House with multiple amendments, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question. The rule provides that if the Committee of the Whole reports the Senate amendment, as amended, back to the House without further amendment or the question of adoption of amendments en gros fails, no further consideration of the Senate amendments shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. In section 5, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the Senate amendments in the House to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

In section 6, the rule provides that upon adoption of the further amendment or amendments in the House: (1) a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the text, as amended, with such further amendment or amendments shall be considered as adopted; (2) the Clerk shall engross the action of the House as a single amendment in the nature of a substitute; (3) a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the title shall be considered as adopted; and (4) it shall be in order for the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee to move that the House insist on its amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 22 and request a conference with the Senate thereon. Finally, in section 7, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services may insert in the Congressional Record not later than November 16, 2015, such material as he may deem explanatory of defense authorization measures for the fiscal year 2016. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, Chairman McCaul, and Representatives Farenthold, Lipinski, Denham, Garamendi, Rodney Davis of Illinois, Ashford, Polis, Maxine Waters of California, Clawson of Florida, Blumenauer, Pascrell, Schakowsky, Mulvaney,

Renacci, Palmer, Moulton, Rothfus, Sablan, Russell, Schweikert, Yoho, Young of Iowa, and Zinke.

#### **THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD: A TEN YEAR REVIEW OF COSTS AND BENEFITS**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Oversight, held a joint hearing entitled “The Renewable Fuel Standard: A Ten Year Review of Costs and Benefits”. Testimony was heard from Terry Dinan, Senior Advisor, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING VA’S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS THAT PROVIDE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Information Technology Systems that Provide Economic Opportunities for Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **BETTER COORDINATING WELFARE PROGRAMS TO SERVE FAMILIES IN NEED**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Better Coordinating Welfare Programs to Serve Families in Need”. Testimony was heard from Nick Lyon, Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **STATUS OF THE CONSUMER OPERATED AND ORIENTED PLAN (CO-OP) PROGRAM, ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PRESIDENT’S HEALTH CARE LAW**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the status of the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) Program, established under the President’s health care law. Testimony was heard from Mandy Cohen, Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

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H.R. 3819, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway