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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8027.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense reform, focusing on overcoming obstacles to effective management, after receiving testimony from Major General Arnold L. Punaro, USMC (Ret.), Member, and Richard V. Spencer, former Member, both of the Defense Business Board; David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States, PricewaterhouseCoopers' Public Sector Practice; and Lisa Bisaccia, CVS Health.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine past wildfire seasons to inform and improve future Federal wildland fire management strategies, focusing on agencies' efforts to assess program effectiveness and modernize the firefighting aviation fleet, after receiving testimony from Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; John Maisch, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Fairbanks, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; William Wallace Covington, Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute, Flagstaff; Richard Zerkel, Lynden Air Cargo, LLC, Anchorage, Alaska; Mike Burnett, Chelan County Fire District 1,

Wenatchee, Washington; and Jon Wyss, Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group, Brewster, Washington.

PHYSICIAN OWNED DISTRIBUTORS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine physician owned distributors, focusing on whether they are harmful to patients and payers, after receiving testimony from Scott Lederhaus, Association for Medical Ethics, Monarch Beach, California; John Steinmann, American Association of Surgical Distributors, Redlands, California; Suzie Draper, Intermountain Healthcare, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Kevin Reynolds, Ventura, California.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Monday, November 16, 2015, Committee received a closed briefing on United States policy tools to combat North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities from Sung Kim, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, Department of State; and Andrea Hall, National Intelligence Officer for WMD, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

U.S. OVERSEAS BROADCASTING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine options for reforming United States overseas broadcasting, after receiving testimony from John Lansing, CEO and Director, Jeff Shell, Chairman, and Kenneth R. Weinstein, Member, all of the Broadcasting Board of Governors; Enders Wimbush, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Klose, University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism, College Park.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Burr, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine the relationship between the Federal government and state and local law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Vanita Gupta, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Ronald L. Davis, Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, both of the Department of Justice; Heather

Mac Donald, Manhattan Institute, and Andrew C. McCarthy, National Review Institute, both of New York, New York; Cedric Alexander, DeKalb County Police Department, DeKalb County, Georgia, on behalf of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; and Sherrilyn Ifill, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., John P. Walters, Hudson Institute Center for Substance Abuse Policy Research, and Robert N. Driscoll, McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

DRUG TRAFFICKING ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine drug trafficking across the Southwest Border and oversight of United States counterdrug assistance to Mexico, including S. 32 and H.R. 3380, bills to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Jack Riley, Acting Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Todd C. Owen, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 4023–4054; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 530, were introduced. **Pages H8279–80**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8281–82**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 529, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1210) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3189) to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 20, 2015, through November 27, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–341). **Page H8279**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8245**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8250**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, November 16th:

Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015: H.R. 1694, to amend MAP–21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 285 yeas to 138 nays, Roll No. 631; and

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Providing 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: H.R. 3114, amended, 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 632. **Page H8260**

Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 511, to clarify the rights of Indians and