

State and High-Risk Urban Area Working Group Act: H.R. 4509, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify membership of State planning committees or urban area working groups for the Homeland Security Grant Program; **Pages H1665–67**

Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016: H.R. 4549, amended, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conduct security screening at certain airports; and **Pages H1667–70**

Enhancing Overseas Traveler Vetting Act: H.R. 4403, amended, to authorize the development of open-source software based on certain systems of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State to facilitate the vetting of travelers against terrorist watchlists and law enforcement databases, enhance border management, and improve targeting and analysis. **Pages H1670–72**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1645.

Senate Referral: S. 2133 was held at the desk. **Page H1645**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1652, H1653, H1653–54, H1654. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND THE RURAL ECONOMY: THE IMPACTS OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Energy and the Rural Economy: The Impacts of Oil and Gas Production”. Testimony was heard from Martin T. Causer, Majority Chairman, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Pennsylvania House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, and Interim Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was ordered reported, as amended. The Interim Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017 passed.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a markup on the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

BUILDING THE NAVY OF THE FUTURE: A LOOK AT NAVY FORCE STRUCTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Building the Navy of the Future: A Look at Navy Force Structure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FLINT WATER CRISIS: IMPACTS AND LESSONS LEARNED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy; and Subcommittee on Health, held a joint hearing entitled “Flint Water Crisis: Impacts and Lessons Learned”. Testimony was heard from Joel Beauvais, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Keith Creagh, Director, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Nick Lyon, Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on seven communications bills. Testimony was heard from Detective Sergeant B.A. Finley, Criminal Investigations Division, Johns Creek Police Department, Johns Creek, Georgia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1486, the “Taking Account of Bureaucrats’ Spending Act of 2015”; and H.R. 4894, to repeal title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and for

other purposes. H.R. 1486 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4894 was ordered reported, without amendment.

ASSESSING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA FY 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled "Assessing President Obama's Middle East and North Africa FY 2017 Budget Request". Testimony was heard from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Paige Alexander, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

COUNTERING EXTREMISM AND THE THREAT OF ISIS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled "Countering Extremism and the Threat of ISIS in Southeast Asia". Testimony was heard from W. Patrick Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asia and the Pacific, Department of State; Marie Richards, Deputy Counterterrorism Coordinator for Regional and Multilateral Affairs, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

PEACEKEEPERS: ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AND ABSENCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "Peacekeepers: Allegations of Abuse and Absence of Accountability at the United Nations". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 699, the "Email Privacy Act". H.R. 699 was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on a discussion draft of the "Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act". Testimony was heard from Antonio Weiss, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

EMPOWERING STATES AND WESTERN WATER USERS THROUGH REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled "Empowering States and Western Water Users Through Regulatory and Administrative Reforms". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 4900, the "Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA)".

WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: GAO'S 2016 DUPLICATION REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Waste and Inefficiency in the Federal Government: GAO's 2016 Duplication Report". Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; John Dalrymple, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury; David Tillotson, Deputy Director, Defense Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; and Patrick H. Conway, Acting Principal Deputy Administrator, Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

EXAMINING THE SAFETY AND SERVICE OF D.C. METRO

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled "Examining the Safety and Service of D.C. Metro". Testimony was heard from Carolyn Flowers, Senior Advisor, Federal Transit Administration; Christopher Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

KEEP IT SIMPLE: SMALL BUSINESS TAX SIMPLIFICATION AND REFORM, MAIN STREET SPEAKS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled "Keep It Simple: Small Business Tax Simplification and Reform, Main Street Speaks". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KEEP IT SIMPLE: SMALL BUSINESS TAX SIMPLIFICATION AND REFORM, THE COMMISSIONER RESPONDS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Keep It Simple: Small Business Tax Simplification and Reform, the Commissioner Responds”. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3936, the “VET Act”; H.R. 4087, the “Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act”; H.R. 4757, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries; H.R. 4758, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the award of the Presidential Memorial Certificate to certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces and certain deceased members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; H.R. 4759, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans' cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization; H.R. 4782, the “Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2016”; H.R. 3715, the “Final Farewell Act of 2015”; a draft of the “Medal of Honor Legacy Act”; a draft of the “Love Lives On Act of 2016”; a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the consideration of evidence by Board of Veterans' Appeals; and a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to pay special compensation to certain veterans with the loss or loss of use of creative organs. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of Florida; and Representatives Brown of Florida; Costello; and Love; and David R. McLenachen, Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick K. Hallinan, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3724, the “Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act of 2015”; H.R. 4890, to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy; H.R. 4885, the “IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending (OWES) Act

of 2016”; H.R. 1206, the “No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act”. H.R. 3724, H.R. 4890, H.R. 4885, and H.R. 1206 were ordered reported, as amended.

MEMBER PROPOSALS RELATING TO FUNDAMENTAL REFORM OF THE INCOME TAX SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Tax Policy held a hearing on Member proposals relating to fundamental reform of the income tax system. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte; Representative Williams; and Thomas Barthold, Staff Director, Joint Committee on Taxation.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—2016: Committee announced the following membership: Senator Blunt (Chairman), Senator McConnell, Senator Schumer, Representative Paul Ryan, Representative McCarthy, and Representative Pelosi.

Also, Committee approved its budget.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for fiscal year 2017, proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for fiscal year 2017, and 302(b) subcommittee allocations, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings to examine current trends and changes in the fixed-income markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine options for addressing the continuing lack of reliable emergency medical transportation for the isolated community of King Cove, Alaska, 9 a.m., SD-366.