

Unlimited, Bozeman, Montana; and Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

### MARINE DEBRIS AND WILDLIFE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine marine debris and wildlife, focusing on impacts, sources, and solutions, after receiving testimony from Jim Kurth, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Chris Pallister, Gulf of Alaska Keeper, Anchorage; Jenna R. Jambeck, University of Georgia College of Engineering, Athens; Nicholas J. Mallos, Ocean Conservancy Trash Free Seas, Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan Stone, Save The Bay, Providence, Rhode Island.

### INTEGRATING THE CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL TAX SYSTEMS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine integrating the corporate and individual tax systems, focusing on the dividends paid deduction considered, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Graetz, Columbia Law School, New York, New York; Judy A. Miller, American Retirement Association, Arlington, Virginia; Steven M. Rosenthal, Urban Institute and Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; and Bret Wells, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

### WAR IN SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the War in Syria, focusing on next steps to mitigate the crisis, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Ford, Middle East Institute, Nancy Lindborg, United States Institute of Peace, and Tamara Cofman Wittes, Brookings Institution Center for Middle East Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

### INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy received a closed briefing on international cybersecurity strategy from Christopher Painter, Coordinator for Cyber Issues, and Judith Strotz, Director, Office of Cyber Affairs, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, both of the Department of State.

### AMERICA'S DEMAND FOR DRUGS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's insatiable demand for drugs, focusing on assessing the Federal response, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Botticelli, Director of National Drug Control Policy; Kana Enomoto, Principal Deputy Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Diana C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

### FOSTER CARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine National Foster Care Month, focusing on supporting youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, after receiving testimony from Lisa Nelson, Iowa 3rd Judicial District Juvenile Court Services, Sioux City; Jeffrey Lind, Beltrami County Health and Human Services, Bemidji, Minnesota; Macon Stewart, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Washington, D.C.; and Sonya Brown, New Orleans, Louisiana.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 5258–5271; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94; H. Con. Res. 131; and H. Res. 734 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H2700–01

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3484, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–570);

H. Res. 735, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–571); and

H. Res. 736, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4974) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5243) making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, to strengthen public health activities in response to the Zika virus, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–572). **Page H2699**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2431**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2436**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Jay Weinstein, Young Israel of East Brunswick, East Brunswick, New Jersey. **Page H2436**

**Suspension:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act:** H.R. 897, amended, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 262 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 199. **Pages H2446–55, H2457–58**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Esty motion to instruct conferees on S. 524 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 182 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 198. The motion was debated Friday, May 13th. **Pages H2456–57**

Subsequently, the Chair appointed the following conferees:

For consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Upton, Pitts, Lance, Guthrie, Kinzinger (IL), Bucshon, Brooks (IN), Goodlatte, Sensenbrenner, Smith (TX), Marino, Collins (GA), Trott, Bishop (MI), McCarthy, Pallone, Ben Ray Lujan (NM), Sarbanes, Gene Green (TX), Conyers, Jackson Lee, Judy Chu (CA), Cohen, Esty, Kuster, and Courtney.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of title VII of the House

amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Barletta, Carter (GA), and Scott (VA).

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bilirakis, Walorski, and Ruiz.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sec. 705 of the Senate bill, and sec. 804 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Meehan, Dold, and McDermott. **Page H2458**

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017:** The House began consideration of H.R. 4909, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 18th. **Pages H2438–46, H2455–56, H2458–98**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–51, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–569, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H2438–39, H2455**

Agreed to:

Thornberry amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that clarifies that the special transfer authority in section 1702 is subject to appropriation Acts; **Page H2667**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 1, as modified, consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569: McKinley (No. 4) that increases the National Guard Youth Challenge Program under Civil Military Programs by \$15 million and decreases by the same amount Operations and Maintenance, Defense-wide; Guthrie (No. 5) that authorizes the Secretary of the Army to continue to provide for the production, treatment, management, and use of natural gas located under Fort Knox, Kentucky; Gallego (No. 6) that requires each branch of the Armed Services to monitor prescribing of medications to treat PTSD among Service Members; Graves (MO) (No. 7), as modified, that requires the DOD to report to the Armed Services Committee on the agency's use of a two-phase procurement process; Jackson Lee (No. 8) that requires outreach for small business concerns owned and controlled by women and minorities required before

conversion of certain functions to contractor performance; Jackson Lee (No. 9) that requires the Government Accountability Office to include in its annual report to Congress a list of the most common grounds for sustaining protests related to bids for contracts; Hunter (No. 15) that expands the use of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) regarding access at DoD installations; Royce (No. 17) that prohibits any action to impair U.S. jurisdiction and control over Naval Station Guantanamo Bay unless authorized or provided by subsequent statute or treaty, based on unique legal history of that U.S. base; Moore (No. 20) that expresses the sense of Congress regarding the intentional targeting of and attacks against medical facilities and medical providers in Syria; Forbes (No. 21) that requires that the Secretary of Defense submit a report at the end of each fiscal year listing each request received from Taiwan and each letter of offer to sell any defense articles or services under the Arms Export Control Act to Taiwan during such fiscal year; Graves (MO) (No. 23) that reins in SBA's authority to fund initiatives outside its current authorized authority; and Adams (No. 27) that provides for online entrepreneurial counseling services through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program and requires SCORE to submit a study and report on the future of the program through a strategic plan that covers the course of the next 5 years; **Pages H2667–73**

Westerman amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that provides an additional \$82.4 million for the Surface-To-Air missile MSE program that mitigates critical shortfall in Army War Reserve requirements; takes \$82.4 million from Atomic Energy Defense Activities, National Nuclear Security Administration, Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation, Material management and minimization account; **Pages H2673–75**

Thornberry amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that amends Section 101 of the National Security Act of 1947 to address the National Security Council's enlarged staff size and subsequent micromanagement of military operations, which is inconsistent with its statutory advisory and coordination roles; also increases oversight and accountability by requiring Senate confirmation of the National Security Advisor if the staff size of the National Security Council exceeds 100 employees; **Pages H2677–79**

Walorski amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that amends the Freedom of Information Act to include the National Security Council (NSC) and makes the FOIA requirement effective after Senate confirmation of National Security Advisor; **Pages H2681–82**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569: Calvert (No. 19) that requires a report on the Department of Defense civilian work force and contractors; Collins (NY) (No. 28) that requires the Secretary of the Army to consider using cost-competitive technologies that minimize waste generation and air emissions as alternatives to current disposal methods when reducing munitions in the stockpile of conventional ammunition or B5A Account; Russell (No. 29) that expresses the Sense of Congress that the Dept. of Defense should reassess their guidelines on how they evaluate motor carrier safety performance; the GAO found that DOD lowered standards to Dept. of Transportation standards, even for the transport of hazardous materials; Costa (No. 30) that directs the Secretary to report to the Committees of jurisdiction regarding the efficacy of prioritizing training exercises for National Guard IRT teams with well drilling capability in locations in disadvantaged communities with drinking water supplies that have been impacted as a result of drought; McKinley (No. 31) that requires the Secretary of Defense to establish an electronic tour calculator so that reservists could keep track of aggregated active duty tours of 90 days or more served within a fiscal year; Meng (No. 32) that requires GAO report on admissions practices and gender composition of military service academies; Palmer (No. 33) that allows for the award of a Distinguished Service Cross to 1st LT Melvin M. Spruiell for his acts of valor during WWII as a member of the Army serving in France with the 377th Parachute Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division; Sewell (AL) (No. 34) that allows cyber institutes to place a special emphasis on entering into a partnership with a local educational agency located in a rural, under served, or underrepresented community; Takano (No. 35) that includes in the report to Congress on the direct employment pilot program for members of the National Guard and Reserve (Sec. 566) a comparison of the pilot program to other DOD and VA unemployment and underemployment programs; Grayson (No. 36) that requires the inclusion of information concerning the availability of treatment options and resources available to address substance abuse (including alcohol, prescription drug, and opioid abuse), as part of the required servicemember pre-separation counseling; Bost (No. 37) that makes a technical change to impact aid program; and DelBene (No. 38) that eliminates the 2-year eligibility limitation for noncompetitive appointment of military spouses to civil service positions when a member of the Armed Forces is relocated in connection with their service; **Pages H2682–85**

Kelly (PA) amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that prohibits funds from being used to destroy anti-personnel landmine munitions unless the Secretary of Defense submits a report on research into operational alternatives to these munitions; **Pages H2687–88**

Walorski amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that requires the United States Government and the government of a foreign country to enter into a written memorandum of understanding regarding the transfer of an individual from Guantanamo Bay and transmitted to the Congress; **Pages H2688–90**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569: Turner (No. 22) that expresses a Sense of Congress that the United States should take certain actions relevant to maintaining NATO's solidarity, strength, and deterrent capability in addition to promoting NATO enlargement at the July 2016 NATO Summit in Warsaw, Poland; Hanna (No. 24) that directs Small Business Development Centers to provide, to the extent practicable, cyber assistance to small businesses; requires the Small Business Administration and the Department of Homeland Security to develop a joint "SBDC Cyber Strategy" to provide necessary guidance to Small Business Development Centers regarding how they can improve the coordination and provision of federal cyber assistance to small businesses; Bera (No. 39) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the VA, Education, and Labor, to submit a report to Congress detailing the transfer of skills into college credit or technical certifications for members of the Armed Forces leaving the military; McGovern (No. 40) that requires the Secretary of Defense to design and produce a military service medal to honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces who are radiation-exposed veterans (Atomic Veterans); Grayson (No. 41) that requires the Secretary of Defense to consider "comparable quality of service" as criteria used to determine partnership agreements between facilities of the uniformed services and local or regional health care systems; Carter (TX) (No. 42) that places specific reporting requirements on the Defense Department when prescribing and distributing Mefloquine to members of the Armed Forces, and requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct an annual review for each Mefloquine prescription; expands the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury's mission to include the study of the adverse health effects of Mefloquine; Wilson (SC) (No. 43) that modifies Section 825(f) of the FY17 NDAA to sunset the required report after five years; Wilson (SC) (No. 44) that modifies the effective date for sec-

tion 901(a)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 by extending it one year to February 1, 2018; Beyer (No. 45) that ensures that DOD is using LPTA in an effective and appropriate manner as a source selection process. States that it should be DOD policy to avoid LPTA use in circumstances that potentially deny the Department the benefits of cost and technical tradeoffs in the source selection process; Burgess (No. 46) that requires a report ranking all military departments and Defense Agencies in order of how advanced they are in achieving auditable financial statements as required by law; Turner (No. 47) that requires the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee on the process used to include proximity to certain commercial airports as part of its Strategic Basing Process; Frankel (FL) (No. 49) that expresses Congress's appreciation to American veterans disabled for life and supports the annual recognition of these individuals each year; and Beyer (No. 50) that pairs the FAA and the DOD to study possible changes to these routes and altitude caps to minimize the impact from these overflight operations; **Pages H2690–93**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569: Zeldin (No. 48) that requires the United States Navy to specifically assess synthetic aperture sonar systems and subsequently report on whether they are a suitable for incorporation on the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS); Trott (No. 51) that states that the President shall instruct the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United States to seek the establishment of a United Nations processing center in Erbil, Iraq to assist internationally displaced communities; Vela (No. 52) that requires the Department of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the impact of cartel violence in Mexico on U.S. national security; Thornberry (No. 53) that requires the Secretaries of Defense and State to submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report containing a description of the steps the United States has taken, plans to take, and will take to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character in accordance with the Taiwan Relations Act; Nolan (No. 54) that prohibits funding from the Syria Train and Equip program to recipients that the Secretary of Defense has reported as having misused provided training and equipment; Aguilar (No. 55) that creates a pilot program to improve the ability of the Army and Air Force, respectively, to recruit cyber professionals; Dold (No. 56) that extends the authorization of a 2014 project for barracks at Great Lakes, IL; Judy Chu (CA) (No. 57) that ensures that the Small Business Administration considers the population density of the area to be

serviced by women's business centers when reviewing and selecting eligible entities for WBC grants; Perlmutter (No. 58) that allows deed restrictions on former U.S. Army land at Rocky Mountain Arsenal to be modified or removed should an environmental risk assessment determine the property is protective for residential or industrial uses; Pompeo (No. 59) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to complete a declassification review of intelligence reports related to the past terrorist activities of individuals who were transferred or released from GTMO, and make available to the public any information declassified as a result of the declassification review; and McSally (No. 61) that places a prohibition on enforcement of military commission rulings preventing members of the Armed Forces from carrying out otherwise lawful duties based on member gender, such as guarding high-value detainees at Guantanamo Bay; **Pages H2693–95**

Rogers (AL) amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that fences 50% of the funds for the Office of the Secretary of Energy until he provides a specific report to the specified congressional committees; and **Pages H2696–97**

Zinke amendment (No. 60 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569), as modified, that ensures the security of our land-based nuclear forces and ensures an acquisition strategy that will field a UH 1N replacement aircraft in fiscal year 2018; adds a new section titled Requests for Forces to Meet Security Requirements for Land-Based Nuclear Forces. **Pages H2697–98**

#### Rejected:

Garamendi amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that sought to reduce the authorization for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent program by \$17.93 million, the amount identified by the Government Accountability Office as in excess of program need for Fiscal Year 2016; increase the authorization for Air Force procurement of Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures by \$17.93 million to address an unfunded requirement identified by the Air Force; and **Pages H2675–76**

Larsen (WA) amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that sought to amend waiver on prohibition of use of atomic energy defense funding for work with Russia to allow the Secretary of Energy to issue waiver if activity will significantly reduce the nuclear threat, regardless of backlog at DOE defense nuclear facilities. **Pages H2695–96**

#### Proceedings Postponed:

McKinley amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that seeks to require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that every tactical missile program of the Department of Defense that uses solid propellant as the primary propulsion system

shall have at least two fully certified rocket motor suppliers in the event that one of the rocket motor suppliers is outside the national technology and industrial base; **Pages H2676–77**

Nadler amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that seeks to remove funding prohibitions on the closure of the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and **Pages H2679–81**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569), as modified, that seeks to insert a proposed new text for Sec. 1048. **Pages H2685–87**

H. Res. 732, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 197, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 196. **Pages H2455–56**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened at 11:51 p.m. **Page H2698**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 114–135). **Page H2446**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2446, H2677.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2040 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2698**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2455–56, H2456, H2457, H2457–58. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: IMPACTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: Impacts of Environmental Regulations and Voluntary Conservation Solutions”. Testimony was heard from Celia Gould, Director, Idaho State Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill for FY