

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1911, Smarter Solution for Students Act, as amended.
The House passed H.R. 2397, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1349–1361. **Page S5907**

Measures Reported:

S. 960, to foster stability in Syria, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 113–79)

S. Res. 156, expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 375, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form. **Page S5907**

Measures Passed:

Smarter Solutions for Students Act: By 81 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 185), Senate passed H.R. 1911, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, by the order of the Senate of Tuesday, July 23, 2013, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Harkin (for Manchin) Amendment No. 1773, to establish student loan interest rates. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S5866, S5893–94**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 183), Reed Amendment No. 1778 (to Amendment No. 1773),

to provide for interest rate caps for certain Federal student loans. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S5870–74, S5891–92**

By 34 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 184), Sanders Amendment No. 1774 (to Amendment No. 1773), to provide a sunset date. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center: Senate passed H.R. 1092, to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the “Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center”. **Page S5923**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5856–63**

Adopted:

Portman Modified Amendment No. 1749, to prioritize certain projects under the bridges in critical corridors program. **Pages S5857–58**

Pending:

Murray (for Cardin) Amendment No. 1760, to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck. **Pages S5858–61**

Coburn Amendment No. 1750, to prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability. **Page S5861**

Coburn Amendment No. 1751, to prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees. **Page S5861**

Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs. **Pages S5861–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2013. **Page S5924**

Tennessee Wilderness Act—Bill Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—185) **Pages S5892, S5894**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5924.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FHA SOLVENCY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Solvency Act of 2013", after receiving testimony from Carol Galante, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing, and Federal Housing Administration Commissioner.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark E. Schaefer, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Nelson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CRUISE INDUSTRY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cruise industry oversight, focusing on the need for a stronger focus on consumer protection, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Ross A. Klein, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada; Mark Rosenker, Cruise Lines International Association, McLean, Virginia; and Gerald Cahill, Carnival Cruise Lines, and Adam M. Goldstein, Royal Caribbean International, both of Miami, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Franken (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Udall (CO), Manchin, Heinrich, Baldwin, Risch, Heller, Flake, Alexander, Portman, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining: Senators Manchin (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Udall (CO), Franken, Schatz, Heinrich, Baldwin, Barrasso, Risch, Lee, Heller, Flake, Scott, Alexander, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Landrieu, Sanders, Stabenow, Schatz, Heinrich, Baldwin, Portman, Barrasso, Lee, Alexander, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Schatz (Chair), Johnson (SD), Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Manchin, Franken, Lee, Barrasso, Risch, Heller, Flake, and Scott.

Senators Wyden and Murkowski are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine implementation of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century's (MAP-21) "Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act" (TIFIA) program enhancements, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation; James Bass, Texas Department of Transportation Chief Financial Officer, Austin; Geoffrey S. Yarema, Nossaman LLP, and Arthur T. Leahy, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, both of Los Angeles, California; Jim Roberts, Granite Construction Inc., Watsonville, California, on behalf of The Associated General Contractors of America; and DJ Gribbin, Macquarie Capital, New York, New York.

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health concluded a hearing to examine cleaning up and restoring communities for economic revitalization, after receiving testimony from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County Commissioner, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kendra Kenyon, Idaho Council of Governments, Garden City; and Geoff Anderson, Smart Growth America, Washington, D.C.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health information technology, focusing on using it to improve care, after receiving testimony from Janet M. Marchibroda, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; John P. Glaser, Siemens Healthcare, Malvern, Pennsylvania; Marty Fattig, Nemaha County Hospital, Auburn, Nebraska; and Colin Banas, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, Richmond.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Nelson, James F. Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic

of Nigeria, Patricia Marie Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Patrick Hubert Gaspard, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Reuben Earl Brigety, II, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REBALANCE TO ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine rebalance to Asia III, focusing on protecting the environment and ensuring food and water security in East Asia and the Pacific, after receiving testimony from Daniel A. Reifsnnyder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Gregory Beck, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; Carter Roberts, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; and Elizabeth C. Economy, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, and Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Landya B. McCafferty, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, who were both introduced by Senator Baucus, and Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CLOSING GUANTANAMO

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine closing Guantanamo, focusing on the national security, fiscal, and human rights

implications, after receiving testimony from Representatives Adam Smith and Pompeo; Lieutenant Josh Fryday, United States Navy, Department of Defense; Major General Paul D. Eaton, USA (Ret.), Fox Island, Washington; Brigadier General Stephen N. Xenakis, USA (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia; and Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Center for Security Policy, and Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ann Miller Ravel, of California, and Lee E. Goodman, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 375, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; and

The nomination of Davita Vance-Cooks, of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the “Affordable Care Act”, focusing on understanding small business concerns, after receiving testimony from J. Mark Iwry, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Retirement and Health Policy; Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Deputy Director, Policy and Regulation, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Meredith K. Olafson, Small Business Administration; Nancy Clark, Glen Group, Inc., North Conway, New Hampshire; Jim Houser, Hawthorne Auto Clinic, Portland, Oregon; Lawrence K. Katz, Dots Diner, Metairie, Louisiana; Jamal Lee, Breasia Studios, Laurel, Maryland; Kevin Settles, Bardenay Restaurant and Distillery, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the National Restaurant Association; and William J. Dennis, Jr., National Federation of Independent Business, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 944, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public in-

stitutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 893, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 572, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes;

S. 373, to amend titles 10, 32, 37, and 38 of the United States Code, to add a definition of spouse for purposes of military personnel policies and military and veteran benefits that recognizes new State definitions of spouse, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 287, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 131, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 6, to reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 851, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program.

PAYDAY LOANS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine payday loans, after receiving testimony from David M. Silberman, Associate Director for Research, Markets, and Regulation, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Mark Pearce, Director, Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Eric E. Wright, Maine Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, Augusta; Rebecca Borne, Center for Responsible Lending, and Richard Hunt, Consumer Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; W. Dennis Shaul, Community Financial Services Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Annette Smith, Rocklin, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2804–2821; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52–54; and H. Res. 316–317 were introduced.

Pages H5049–51

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5051–52

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1961, to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line (H. Rept. 113–175).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend John Reynolds, Volusia County Baptist Church, Orange City, Florida.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Jo Bonner, wherein he resigned as Representative for the First Congressional District of Alabama, effective 11:59 p.m., August 2, 2013.

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Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013 and Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 315, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 2218, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment and H.R. 1582, to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 400, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 399.

Pages H4995–H5002

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014: The House passed H.R. 2397, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2014, by a yea-and-nay vote of 315 yeas to 109 nays, Roll No. 414. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, July 23rd.

Pages H5002–31

Rejected the Frankel (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 413.

Pages H5029–30

Agreed to:

LaMalfa amendment (No. 51 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that was debated on July 23rd that provides that none of the funds made available in this act may be used to pay any fine assessed against a military installation by the California Air Resources Board (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 402);

Page H5003

Mulvaney amendment (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that was debated on July 23rd that reduces funds made available in the Overseas Contingency Operations budget by \$3,546,000,000 to better correspond with the President's request. Protects all amounts made available for the National Guard and Reserve Component Equipment modernization shortfalls for homeland defense and emergency response (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 403);

Pages H5003–04

Walorski amendment (No. 62 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that was debated on July 23rd that prohibits any funds made available by this Act from being used to transfer or release detainees from Guantanamo Bay to Yemen (by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 405);

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Bonamici amendment (No. 65 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that was debated on July 23rd that prevents the retirement, divestment, transfer, or preparation to do so of C–23 aircraft used by the National Guard and to designate \$34 million for the sustainment and operation of the C–23 aircraft in a viable state (by a recorded vote of 264 ayes to 154 noes, Roll No. 406);

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Brooks (AL) amendment (No. 72 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that prohibits funds from this Act from being used to implement or execute any agreement with the Russian Federation concerning the missile defenses of the United States;

Pages H5011–12

Speier amendment (No. 74 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that provides funds to identify individuals who were separated from the military on the grounds of a disorder subsequent to reporting a sexual assault and, if appropriate, correcting their record;

Pages H5013–14

Speier amendment (No. 75 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that provides \$10 million in additional funds to increase training for investigators to properly investigate sexual assault related offenses;

Pages H5014–15

Radel amendment (No. 97 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that prohibits the use of any funds with respect to military action in Syria to the extent such action would be inconsistent with the War Powers Resolution;

Pages H5015–17

Massie amendment (No. 98 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that provides that no funds made available by this Act may be used to fund military or paramilitary operations in Egypt;

Pages H5017–19

Kilmer amendment (No. 67 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that protects DoD civilians' security clearances (by a recorded vote of 277 ayes to 142 noes, Roll No. 407);

Pages H5006–07, H5019

Terry amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that was debated on July 23rd that increases Defense-wide O/M by \$1 billion, while reducing funding in the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund by \$2.6 billion. The reduction would be in order to give DoD more flexibility to offset civilian furloughs (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand adopted in accordance with the previous voice vote thereon); and

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Pompeo amendment (No. 99 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that ensures none of the funds may be used by the NSA to target a U.S. person or acquire and store the content of a U.S. person's communications, including phone calls and e-mails (by a recorded vote of 409 ayes to 12 noes, Roll No. 411).

Pages H5021–23, H5027–28

Rejected:

Jones amendment (No. 48 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that was debated on July 23rd that sought to restrict the use of funds approved by this Act from being used to carry out activities under the United States-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership Agreement, without being approved by Members of Congress (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 401);

Pages H5002–03

Stockman amendment (No. 60 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that was debated on July 23rd that sought to prohibit participation by the People's Republic of China in joint U.S. military exercises (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 404);

Pages H5004–05

Nadler amendment (No. 69 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that sought to prevent the further detention of Guantanamo Bay detainees that have already been cleared for release (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 408);

Pages H5007–09, H5019–20

Nadler amendment (No. 70 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that sought to prevent further construction or expansion of existing facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 409);

Pages H5009–10, H5020–21

Schiff amendment (No. 73 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that sought to prohibit funding the use of force pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF, PL 107–40) effective on December 31, 2014—concurrent with the end of our combat role in Afghanistan (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 410); and

Pages H5012–13, H5021

Amash amendment (No. 100 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that sought to end authority for the blanket collection of records under the Patriot Act. Bars the NSA and other agencies from using Section 215 of the Patriot Act to collect records, including telephone call records, that pertain to persons who are not subject to an investigation under Section 215 (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 412).

Pages H5023–27, H5028–29

Withdrawn:

Pierluisi amendment (No. 71 printed in H. Rept. 113–170) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have enabled the Department of Defense to respond to significant public safety hazards and fulfill its environmental restoration responsibilities under CERCLA by removing unexploded ordnance from the Northwest Peninsula of the island of Culebra in Puerto Rico, which is a formerly used defense site where U.S. Navy ship-to-shore bombing and weapons training occurred from 1903 until 1975.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 312, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2397) and (H.R. 2610) was agreed to yesterday, July 23rd.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 25th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5031.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and 14 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5000–01, H5001–02, H5002–03, H5003, H5003–04,

H5004–05, H5005, H5006, H5019, H5019–20, H5020–21, H5021, H5027–28, H5028, H5030 and H5031. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE FUTURE OF THE CFTC: END-USER PERSPECTIVES

Committee On Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “The Future of the CFTC: End-User Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2014. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

REBALANCING TO THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rebalancing to the Asia-Pacific Region and Implications for U.S. National Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WOMEN IN SERVICE REVIEWS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Women in Service Reviews”. Testimony was heard from Juliet Beyler, Director, Office and Enlisted Personnel Management, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Gina M. Grosso, Director of Force Management Policy, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, United States Air Force; Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr., Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps; and Rear Admiral Barbara Sweredoski, Reserve Deputy, Military Personnel Plans and Policy, United States Navy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2637, the “Supporting Academic Freedom through Regulatory Relief Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

OVERVIEW OF THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded a hearing entitled “Overview of the Renewable Fuel Standard: Stake-

holder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVERSIGHT: WHAT IS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND MISSION PERFORMANCE?

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Department of Energy Oversight: What is Necessary to Improve Project Management and Mission Performance?”. Testimony was heard from Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; and David C. Trimble, Director, National Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office.

U.S.-E.U. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT: TIPPING OVER THE REGULATORY BARRIERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The U.S.-E.U. Free Trade Agreement: Tipping Over the Regulatory Barriers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology began a markup on the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2013”; and the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded markup on H.R. 2767, the “Protecting American Taxpayers and Homeowners Act of 2013”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee concluded markup on the following: H.R. 1409 to amend the Export Enhancement Act of 1988 to further enhance the promotion of exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes; H.R. 1926, to further enhance the promotion of exports of United States goods and services, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2449, to authorize the President to extend the term of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Civil Uses of Nuclear Energy for a period not to exceed March 19, 2016; and S. 793, to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other

purposes. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2449. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1409; H.R. 1926; and S. 793.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a markup on H.R. 1204, the “Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2013”; H.R. 2719, the “Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act”. The following bills were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 1204; and H.R. 2719.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1493, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2122, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1493; and H.R. 2122.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following: H.R. 555, the “BLM Live Internet Auctions Act”; H.R. 586, the “Denali National Park Improvement Act”; H.R. 638, the “National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013”; H.R. 1394, the “Planning for American Energy Act of 2013”; H.R. 1410, the “Keep the Promise Act of 2013”; H.R. 1459, the “Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act”; H.R. 1513, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, to limit the means by which property within such revised boundaries may be acquired, and for other purposes; H.R. 1965, the “Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act”; H.R. 2197, the “York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2013”; H.R. 2337, the “Lake Hill Administrative Site Affordable Housing Act”; H.R. 2640, the “Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act”; S. 130, the “Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act”; S. 157, the “Denali National Park Improvement Act”; S. 304, the “Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act of 2013”; S. 459, the “Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 555; H.R. 586; H.R. 638; H.R. 1394; H.R. 1410; H.R. 1459; H.R. 1513; H.R. 2197; H.R. 2337; H.R. 2640; S. 130; S. 157; S. 304; and S. 459. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1965.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on the following: H.R. 2711, the “Citizen Empowerment Act”; H.R. 1541, the “Common Sense in Compensation Act”; H.R. 1660, the “Government Customer Service Improvement Act of 2013”; H.R. 2579, the “Government Employee Accountability Act”; H.R. 899, the “Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2013”; H.R. 1423, the “Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act”; and H.R. 2748, the “Postal Reform Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2748; H.R. 1541; H.R. 2579; H.R. 1423; H.R. 2711; H.R. 1660. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 899.

LESSONS LEARNED: EPA’S INVESTIGATIONS OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

Committee on Science, Space, And Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Lessons Learned: EPA’s Investigations of Hydraulic Fracturing”. Testimony was heard from Fred Hauchman, Director, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; David A. Dzombak, Chair, Environmental Protection Agency, Science Advisory Board, Hydraulic Fracturing Research Advisory Panel; John Rogers, Associate Director, Oil and Gas, Division of Oil and Gas, and Mining, Utah Department of Natural Resources; and a public witness.

IMPROVING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Committee on Science, Space, And Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Improving Technology Transfer at Universities, Research Institutes and National Laboratories”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REDUCING RED TAPE: THE NEW OIRA ADMINISTRATOR’S PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reducing Red Tape: The New OIRA Administrator’s Perspective”. Testimony was heard from Howard Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Joint Meetings

AMERICA'S CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's crumbling infrastructure, and how to fix it, after receiving testimony from former Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, Building America's Future, Robert Puentes, Brookings Institution, and Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert W. Poole, Jr., Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Krysta L. Harden, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary, and Robert Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs and Financial Services and General Government, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Susan J. Rabern, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Dennis V. McGinn, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine the state of wireline communications, 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine improving cyber security, focusing on the partnership between National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the private sector, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine supplemental funding options to support the National Park Service's efforts to address deferred maintenance and operational needs, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the issues associated with aging water resource infrastructure in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, and Joseph W. Nega, of Illinois, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and F. Scott Kieff, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade

Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Egypt, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, John B. Emerson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, John Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and James Costos, of California, to be Ambassador to Spain and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 11 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, and the nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Acquisition and Development Challenges Associated with the Littoral Combat Ship", 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2013"; and the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "Emerging Threat of Resource Wars", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled "Innovation in America: The Role of Copyrights", 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the "Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act", 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 358, the "Strategic Response to Asian Carp Invasion Act"; H.R. 709, the "Upper Mississippi Conservation and River Protection Act of 2013";

H.R. 1818, the “Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act of 2013”; H.R. 2158, the “Expedited Departure of Certain Snake Species Act”; and H.R. 2463, the “Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Data Centers and the Cloud, Part II: The Federal Government’s Take on Optimizing New Information Technologies Opportunities to Save Taxpayers Money”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Future of Coal: Utilizing America’s Abundant Energy Resources”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigation, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “Examining the Small Business Investment Company Program”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., HVC-304.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine improving cyber security, focusing on the partnership between National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the private sector, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1243, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2218—Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 1582—Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013 (Subject to a Rule).

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