

the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations; **Page H7599**

Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act: H.R. 3043, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes; **Pages H7599–H7603**

Preserving Welfare for Needs Not Weed Act: H.R. 4137, to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale; and **Pages H7603–05**

Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014: H.R. 4994, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning. **Pages H7605–12**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Federal Reserve Transparency Act: H.R. 24, amended, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States and **Pages H7588–91**

Amending title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers: H.R. 5462, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers. **Pages H7612–13**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7541.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7548–49, H7549, H7549–50, H7576, H7577, H7577–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR LOWER COSTS AND MORE AMERICAN JOBS ACT; JOBS FOR AMERICA ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2, the “American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act”; and H.R. 4, the “Jobs for America Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 2. The

rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 4. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 22, 2014, through November 11, 2014: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution. In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution. In section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Hastings of Washington, Chairman Camp, and Representatives Polis and Schakowsky.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the impact of rising inequality on the American economy, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 2338, to reauthorize the

United States Anti-Doping Agency, S. 2482, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 2484, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, S. 2485, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007, S. 2581, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport, S. 2777, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, S. 2799, to extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and the nominations of Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine reforming America's outdated energy tax code, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Bailly, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyehara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2141, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an alternative process for review of safety and effectiveness of non-prescription sunscreen active ingredients and for other purposes, H.R. 4366, to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement, the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2670, to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian land in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine why net neutrality matters, focusing on protecting consumers and competition through meaningful open Internet rules, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider S. 2017, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote, S. 85, to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration, and nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing to review the implementation of Section 4022 of the Agricultural Act of 2014: pilot projects to reduce dependency and increase work requirements and work effort under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 4959, the “EEOC Transparency and Accountability Act”; H.R. 5422, the “Litigation Oversight Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5423, the “Certainty in Enforcement Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “A hearing on H.R. 4526, the 21st Century Energy Workforce Development Jobs Initiative Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of FCC Budget and Management”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Cross Border Data Flows: Could Foreign Protectionism Hurt U.S. Jobs?”, 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Global Efforts to Fight Ebola”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H. Res. 714, reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “A New Era of U.S.-China Relations?”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing on Chapter 12 of Title 17, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5233, the “Trade Secrets Protection Act of 2014”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 5066, the “Data Preservation Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5176, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tiversa, Inc.: White Knight or Hi-Tech Protection Racket?”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup the following legislation: H.R. 5142, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Jackson Street in Rich Square, North Carolina, as the “Chief Joseph E. White, Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 5331, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the “Colonel M.J. ‘Mac’ Dube, USMC Post Office Building”; H.R. 5386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”; a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”; H.R. 5229, the “Wounded

Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2014”; and the “Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2014”, 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “The IRS Targeting Scandal: Changing Stories of Missing E-mails”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, Members’ Day hearing on proposed rules changes for the 114th Congress, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Climate Plan: Failure by Design”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, meeting on a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue subpoenas, 4 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Is the FCC Responding to the Needs of Small Business and Rural America?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 5449, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5146, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”; H.R. 5448, the “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 5266, to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 4926, to designate the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway” and the “James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway” in the State of Minnesota; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Scheduling Manipulation and Veteran Deaths in Phoenix: Examination of the OIG’s Final Report”, 12 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on defined benefit pension plans offered by private sector employers, 10:15 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Benghazi, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing 1”, relating to Accountability Review Board implementation, 10 a.m., HVC-210.