

against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL); which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–5) **Page S925**

Carter Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 12, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Defense; that the time until 2 p.m., be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that at 2 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S946**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—55) **Page S920**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S946.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Gimbel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense.

SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan,

after receiving testimony from James B. Cunningham, Mineville, New York, and Ryan C. Crocker, Texas A&M University George Bush School of Government and Public Service, College Station, both a former Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State; Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN (Ret.), former Commander, United States Special Operations Command, Department of Defense, Baltimore, Maryland; and Michael E. Leiter, former Director, United States National Counterterrorism Center, Reston, Virginia.

WORLD-WIDE NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on world-wide nuclear capabilities from Douglas S. Wade, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Korea and North East Asia, Dionisio Aquino de Leon III, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Russia and Eurasia, Daniel K. Taylor, Acting Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for China, Kent A. Breedlove, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for South Asia, Richard A. Williams, Senior Intelligence Officer for Levant Branch, and Roy E. Boone, Acting Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Nuclear, all of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the retirement and compensation proposals of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Chairman, and former Senator Larry L. Pressler, Dov S. Zakheim, Michael R. Higgins, General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA (Ret.), and Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN (Ret.), each a Commissioner, all of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; Robert L. Frank, Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; Richard A. Jones, National Association for Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia; Deirdre Parke Holleman, The Retired Enlisted Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Alexander Nicholson, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Washington, DC.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY TRUST FUND INSOLVENCY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security disability trust fund insolvency, after receiving testimony from Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner, Social Security

Administration; Mark G. Duggan, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Philip R. de Jong, University of Amsterdam, The Hague, Netherlands; and Kate Lang, National Senior Citizens Law Center, Washington, DC.

INTERNET OF THINGS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Internet of things, after receiving testimony from Mike Abbott, Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, Menlo Park, California; Doug Davis, Intel Corporation, Chandler, Arizona; Lance Donny, OnFarm, Fresno, California; Adam D. Thierer, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Justin Brookman, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, DC.

PROPOSED CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS RULES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed carbon dioxide emissions rules from new, modified, and existing power plants, after receiving testimony from Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill relating to access and administration of the U.S. Tax Court;

An original bill to remove alcohol bonding requirements for certain taxpayers;

An original bill relating to modifications to alternative tax for certain small insurance companies;

An original bill to modify the excise tax on cider;

An original bill to truncate the collection period for taxpayers hospitalized for combat zone injuries;

An original bill to provide special rules concerning charitable contributions to, and public charity status of, agricultural research organizations;

An original bill to provide an exception to the private foundation excess business holdings rules for certain philanthropic business holdings;

An original bill to clarify a special rules for certain governmental plans;

An original bill to modify the treatment of income received under student work-learning-service programs;

An original bill for a waste-heat-to-power investment tax credit;

An original bill to allow enrolled agents who meet certain requirements to use specified designations;

An original bill relating to real estate investment trusts (REITs), regulated investment companies (RICs) and the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA);

An original bill to exclude from gross income certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents;

An original bill to convert the tax on liquefied natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas to an energy equivalent basis;

An original bill to require the Internal Revenue Service to notify exempt organizations before revoking exempt status for failing to file information returns;

An original bill to exclude from gross income certain clean coal power grants; and

An original bill to create a military spouse job continuity credit.

ENDING MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ending modern day slavery, focusing on the role of United States leadership, after receiving testimony from Sarah Sewall, Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights.

GAO 2015 LIST OF HIGH-RISK GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) 2015 list of high-risk government programs, including solutions to high-risk problems which offer the potential to save billions of dollars, improve service to the public, and strengthen government performance and accountability, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Cynthia Bascetta, Managing Director, and Deborah Draper, Director, both of Health Care, Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Dave Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, J. Chris Mihm, Managing Director, and James White, Director, both of Strategic Issues, Dave Powner, Director, and Gregory Wilshusen, Director, both of Information Technology, all of the Government Accountability Office.

NLRB NEW ELECTION RULE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) new election rule, focusing on employers and employees, after receiving testimony from Charles I. Cohen, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius LLP, and Elizabeth Milito, NFIB Small Business Legal Center, both of Washington, DC; Mark A. Carter, Dinsmore and Shohl LLP,

Charleston, West Virginia, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Caren P. Sencer,

Weinberg, Roger and Rosenfeld, Alameda, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 860–906; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 31; and H. Res. 104–107, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 156 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 73.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March: H.R. 431, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 76.

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Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: The House passed S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, by a ye-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 75.

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Rejected the Capps motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 241 noes, Roll No. 74.

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H. Res. 100, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (S. 1), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 248 yeas to 177 noes, Roll No. 72, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 71.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he authorized the use of military force with respect to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–9).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H945, H945–46, H946–47, H959–60, H960, and H960–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the state of the rural economy. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Indian Health Service budget. Testimony was heard from Yvette Roubideaux, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for American Indians and Alaska Natives; and Robert McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission budget. Testimony was heard from Timothy Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CIVIL WORKS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Army Corps of Engineers, Civil Works budget. Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary,