

RED RIVER PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2130, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2130. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of December 13, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Representatives McClintock, Polis, and Cole.

THE FUTURE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY: SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Future of Biotechnology: Solutions for Energy, Agriculture and Manufacturing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 3262, to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois; H.R. 3484, the “Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015”; H.R. 4056, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to convey to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs all right, title, and interest of the United States to the property known as “The Community Living Center” at the Lake Baldwin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Orlando, Florida; draft of a bill to amend the Veterans’ Benefits Programs Improvement Act of 1991 to authorize VA to sell Pershing Hall; and VA’s legislative proposal regarding fiscal year 2016 construction projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shimkus; Ted Lieu of California; Mica; McNerney; and Coffman; Stella S. Fiotes, Director of the Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and United States policy toward Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law, and the following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Vice Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral, all of the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine moving to a stronger economy with a regulatory budget, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 571, to amend the Pilot’s Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, S. 2276, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, H.R. 2843, to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration’s PreCheck expedited screening program, S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, S. 1935, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake

certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, S. 2058, to require the Secretary of Commerce to maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site within 55 miles of each city in the United States that has a population of more than 700,000 individuals, S. 2319, to amend the Communications Act of 1934, an original bill entitled, “Airport Security Enhancement and Oversight Act”, the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015 (Reappointment), and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United Nations peacekeeping and opportunities for reform, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine the political and security crisis in Burundi, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2171, to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, S. 2127, to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, S. 1915, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, H.R. 1557, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal government, an original bill entitled, “Federal Asset Sale and Transfer Act”, an original bill entitled, “Federal Real Property Management Reform Act of 2015”, and an original bill entitled, “Administrative Leave Act of 2015”, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Paradise Baxter, Robert John Colville, and Marilyn Jean Horan, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and John Milton Younge, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider the nomination of Darryl L. DePriest, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to markup S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 425, to amend title 38,

United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine sudden price spikes in off-patent drugs, focusing on perspectives from the front lines, 2:30 p.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled “Commodity in Focus: Stress in Cotton Country”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing on oversight of USDA’s use of Census of Agriculture authority to acquire farmers’ personal financial information, 2 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Concurrent Receipt of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Game Changing Innovations and the Future of Surface Warfare”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “How the Administration’s Regulatory Onslaught is Affecting Workers and Job Creators”, 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Health Care and Treatment”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2187, the “Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act”; H.R. 2205, the “Data Security Act of 2015”; H.R. 2287, the “National Credit Union Administration Budget Transparency Act”; H.R. 3700, the “Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 3784, the “SEC Small Business Advocate Act of 2015”; H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes; H.R. 4168, the “Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act”; and Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing Resolution of 2016 (continued), time to be determined, 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1654, to authorize the direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes; H.R. 3654, the “Combat Terrorist Use of Social Media Act of 2015”; H.R. 4154, the “Taiwan Naval Support Act”, H. Res. 346, condemning the use of toxic chemicals as weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic; and H. Res. 536, supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Year in Review: U.S. Policy Toward a Changing Western Hemisphere”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Fulfilling the Humanitarian Imperative: Assisting Victims of ISIS Violence”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior’s Role in the EPA’s Animas Spill”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 1838, the “Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act”; and H.R. 3668, the “California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on committee report entitled “United States Secret Service: An Agency in Crisis”; H.R. 4180, to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies’ development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments; S. 1698, the “Treatment of Certain Payments in Eugenics Compensation Act”; H.R. 1132, to designate the facility

of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”; and H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Casino in Every Smartphone—Law Enforcement Implications”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Supporting Success: Empowering Small Business Advocates”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fact Check: An End of Year Review of Accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.