

Designating the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the “M.D. Anderson Plaza”: H.R. 1264, amended, to designate the property between the United States Federal Courthouse and the Ed Jones Building located at 109 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the “M.D. Anderson Plaza” and to authorize the placement of a historical/identification marker on the grounds recognizing the achievements and philanthropy of M.D. Anderson, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 930 and **Pages H8940–41**

Brian A. Terry Memorial Act: H.R. 2668, to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 2136 South Naco Highway in Bisbee, Arizona, as the “Brian A. Terry Border Patrol Station”. **Page H8952**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1540: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 92, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1540. **Page H8942**

Providing for a correction to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2845: H. Con. Res. 93, to provide for a correction to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2845. **Pages H8942–48**

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

Providing for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska: H.R. 443, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; **Pages H8948–49**

Rattlesnake Mountain Public Access Act of 2011: H.R. 2719, to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; and **Pages H8949–50**

Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2011: S. 278, amended, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado. **Pages H8950–52**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 11:39 p.m. **Page H8965**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8910 .

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8921–22, H8922, H8938, H8938–39, H8939–40, H8940–41, H8941 and H8941–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ICANN’S TOP-LEVEL DOMAIN NAME PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “ICANN’s Top-Level Domain Name Program.” Testimony was heard from Fiona Alexander, Associate Administrator, Office of International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a markup of the following: the “Private Mortgage Market Investment Act”; and H.R. 2483, the “Whistleblower Improvement Act of 2011.” Both bills were forwarded, as amended.

CONFRONTING DAMASCUS: U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled “Confronting Damascus: U.S. Policy Toward the Evolving Situation in Syria.” Testimony was heard from Frederic C. Hof, Special Coordinator for Regional Affairs, Office of the U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace, Department of State.

JUDICIAL RELIANCE ON FOREIGN LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “Judicial Reliance on Foreign Law.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Leadership of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Regulatory Commission, Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman; George E. Apostolakis, Commissioner; C. Ostendorff, Commissioner; Kristine L. Svinicki, Commissioner; William D. Magwood IV, Commissioner; and the following officials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Bill Borchardt, Executive

Director for Operations; and Stephen Burns, General Counsel.

HHS AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “HHS and the Catholic Church: Examining the Politicization of Grants (minority day of hearing).” Testimony was heard from Susie Baldwin, M.D., Chief, Health Assessment Unit, Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; and public witnesses.

WATER QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Integrated Planning and Permitting: An Opportunity for EPA to Provide Communities With Flexibility To Make Smart Investments in Water Quality.” Testimony was heard from Jim Suttle, Mayor, Omaha, Nebraska; Joe Reardon, Mayor, Kansas City, Kansas; Todd Portune, Commissioner, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners; Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, Utah Department of Environmental Quality; Carter H. Strickland, Jr., Commissioner, New York City Environmental Protection; Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

VA’S COMPENSATED WORK THERAPY PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Is It Working: Reviewing VA’s Compensated Work Therapy Program.” Testimony was heard from Anthony Campinell, Director, Therapeutic and Supported Employment Programs, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Testimony was heard from Demetrios Marantis, Ambassador, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1339)

H.R. 2192, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days. Signed on December 13, 2011. (Public Law 112–64)

S. 1541, to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership. Signed on December 13, 2011. (Public Law 112–65)

S. 1639, to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion. Signed on December 13, 2011. (Public Law 112–66)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, and Chester John Culver, of Iowa, and Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine environmental risks of genetically engineered fish, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Business meeting to consider S. 1108, to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more efficient, S. 1142, to promote the mapping and development of the United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, S. 1149, to expand geothermal production, S. 1160, to improve the administration of the Department of Energy, and the nomination of Arunava Majumdar, of California, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: With the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold