

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, relative to the death of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, of New Jersey.

The House passed H.R. 2216, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1087–1096, S. Res. 159–162, and S. Con. Res. 18. **Pages S3954–55**

Measures Passed:

Providing for the Use of the Catafalque: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 18, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

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Relative to the Memorial Observances of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg: Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, relative to the memorial observances of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

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Relative to the Death of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg: Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, relative to the death of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, Senator from the State of New Jersey.

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National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2013 as “National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month”.

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Measures Considered:

Farm Bill—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3923–26 S3927–49**

Pending:

Stabenow (for Leahy) Amendment No. 998, to establish a pilot program for gigabit Internet projects in rural areas. **Page S3923**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, June 4, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur at 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013. **Page S3949**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013, and that notwithstanding the Senate not being in session, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill be at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013. **Page S3949**

Student Loans—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1003, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

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Student Loan Affordability Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to

limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. **Page S3949**

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Cloture Motions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; that upon the conclusion of that vote, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1003, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans; that upon conclusion of the vote, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund; that upon conclusion of the vote, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate resume consideration of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, post-cloture, if cloture was invoked on the bill; that upon disposition of S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018, if cloture had been invoked on one of the motions to proceed, Senate then resume that motion to proceed, post-cloture; if cloture was invoked on both motions to proceed, Senate consider the motions, post-cloture in the order in which cloture was invoked; and if the motion to proceed to S. 1003, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans, is agreed to, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked on the other motion to proceed to S. 953, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, Senate resume the following motion to pro-

ceed, post-cloture, upon disposition of S. 1003, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans. **Page S3949**

Awarding the Medal of Honor to James Megellas—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 993, to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Megellas, formerly of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and currently of Colleyville, Texas, for acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page S3952**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Cornelia T. L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, in accordance with S. Res. 161, at 7:14 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3963.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and

Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine an overview of the Federal Housing Administration, after receiving testimony from Carol Galante, Assistant Secretary for Housing, and Federal Housing Administration Commissioner, and David A. Montoya, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending legislation regarding sexual assaults in the military, after receiving testimony from General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, Chief of Staff United States Army, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, General James F. Amos, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Lieutenant General Dana K. Chipman, JAGC, USA, Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Nanette M. DeRenzi, JAGC, USN, Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy, Lieutenant General Richard C. Harding, JAGC, USAF, Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force, Major General Vaughn A. Ary, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Brigadier General Richard C. Gross, USA, Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colonel Donna W. Martin, USA, Commander, 202nd Military Police Group, Captain Stephen J. Coughlin, USN, Commodore, Destroyer Squadron TWO, Colonel Tracy W. King, USMC, Commander, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, and Colonel Jeannie M. Leavitt, USAF, Commander, 4th Fighter Wing, all of the Department of Defense; Admiral Robert J. Papp, Commandant, and Rear Admiral Frederick J. Kenney, Jr., Judge Advocate General, both of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Nancy Parrish, Protect Our Defenders, Burlingame, California; Anu Bhagwati, Service Women's Action Network, New York, New York; Major General John D. Altenburg, Jr., USA (Ret.), American Bar Association Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law, Springfield, Virginia; and Colonel Lawrence J. Morris, USA (Ret.), Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

IRAN SANCTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iran sanctions, focusing on ensuring robust enforcement,

and assessing next steps, after receiving testimony from David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Eric L. Hirschhorn, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF AUSTERITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the fiscal and economic effects of austerity, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, and Salim Furth, The Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, both of Washington, D.C.

STATE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the state of wireless communications, after receiving testimony from Steve Largent, CTIA The Wireless Association, Steven K. Berry, Competitive Carriers Association, George S. Ford, Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal and Economic Public Policy Studies, and Delara Derakhshani, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.; Doug Webster, Cisco System, Inc., Austin, Texas; and Thomas F. Nagel, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wildland fire management, after receiving testimony from Thomas Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kim Thorsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Safety, Resource Protection, and Emergency Services; Doug Decker, Oregon Department of Forestry State Forester, Salem, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; Christopher Topik, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; Lynn Jungwirth, The Watershed Center, Hayfork, California; and Diane Vosick, Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute, Flagstaff.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 2231–2257; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 245–248 were introduced. **Pages H3094–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3096–97**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2014 (H. Rept. 113–96). **Page H3094**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Brooks (AL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3019**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3024**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami, Kauai Aadheenam Hindu Monastery, Kauai, Hawaii. **Page H3024**

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

Ruth Moore Act of 2013: H.R. 671, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma. **Pages H3029–32**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on claims for disabilities incurred or aggravated by military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.”. **Page H3032**

Providing for the Use of the Catafalque Situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 18, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey. **Page H3044**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014: The House passed H.R. 2216, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, by a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 193. **Pages H3032–42, H3044–88**

Rejected the Enyart 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 198 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 192. **Pages H3086–88**

Agreed to:

Griffith (VA) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2013) that reduces the amount per unit that may be spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any general or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notification from \$35,000 to \$15,000; **Pages H3061–63**

Blumenauer amendment that redirects \$35,000,000 in funding within the Medical and Prosthetic Research account for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury research; **Pages H3063–64**

Gallego amendment that redirects \$5,000,000 in funding within the General Operating Expenses account of the Veterans Benefits Administration for veterans employment; **Pages H3064–65**

Culberson amendment that requires that none of the funds be obligated or expended for the development of an electronic health record except for a health record as set forth in the Joint Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2013–2015 of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense, Joint Executive Council; **Pages H3067–72**

Kingston amendment that prohibits funds from being used to pay more than 75 percent of the salary of any senior Department of Veterans Affairs official during the period beginning on July 1, 2014, and ending on September 30, 2014, unless as of July 1, 2014, the percentage of disability compensation claims that are more than 125 days old is less than or equal to 40 percent; **Pages H3074–75**

Kuster amendment that prohibits funds from being used for any conference for which the cost to the agency exceeds \$500,000; **Page H3075**

Rothfus amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2013) that prohibits funds from being used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a performance award under section 5384 of title 5, United States Code; **Pages H3075–77**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to

the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; **Page H3077**

Runyan amendment that prohibits funds from being used to propose, plan for, or execute a new or additional Base Realignment and Closure round; **Pages H3077–78**

Murphy (FL) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to award any contract in an amount greater than \$1,000,000 for which the Department of Defense did not receive at least two offers; **Page H3078**

Terry amendment that prohibits funds from being used to increase the funding for any major medical facility project which is under construction as of the date of the enactment of this Act, above the amount specified in the prospectus described in subsection (b) of such section 8104 and the detailed estimate of cost described in paragraph (1) of such subsection; **Page H3078**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H3078–79**

Tipton amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Information Technology Systems by \$10,000,000 to increase disability claims processing; **Page H3079**

Murphy (FL) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to maintain or improve Department of Defense real property with a zero percent utilization rate according to the Department's real property inventory database, except in the case of maintenance of an historic property or maintenance to prevent a negative environmental impact; and **Pages H3079–80**

Amodei amendment that redirects \$44,000,000 in funding within the General Operating Expenses account of the Veterans Benefits Administration for increased staffing in certain regional Veterans Affairs offices (by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 189). **Pages H3065–67, H3084**

Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program and apply the \$199,700,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H3058–61**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the planning, design, and construction of a new headquarters and apply the \$38,513,000 in savings

to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 188); **Pages H3057–58, H3083–84**

Moran amendment that sought to strike section 413, which prohibits funds from being used to construct, renovate, or expand any facility in the United States to house any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for the purposes of detention or imprisonment (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 190); and **Pages H3072–73, H3084–85**

King (IA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the prevailing wage requirements in subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Davis-Bacon Act) (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 191). **Pages H3080–83, H3085–86**

Withdrawn:

Farr amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2013) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to implement Veterans Health Administration directive 2011–004 regarding "Access to clinical programs for veterans participating in State-approved marijuana programs". **Pages H3073–74**

H. Res. 243, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2216) and (H.R. 2217) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 187, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 186. **Pages H3032–42**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H3044.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3041, H3042, H3083–84, H3084, H3085, H3085–86, H3087–88, H3088. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEWING THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Proposal for the U.S."

Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

OUR NATION OF BUILDERS: HOME ECONOMICS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Our Nation of Builders: Home Economics”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTINUING REPRESSION BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Continuing Repression by the Vietnamese Government”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Y. Yun, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Daniel B. Baer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

EMERGENCY MGMT 2.0

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Emergency MGMT 2.0: How #SocialMedia & New Tech are Transforming Preparedness, Response, & Recovery #Disasters #Part1 #Privatesector”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS DISMISSING ELECTION CONTESTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a meeting on Committee Resolution dismissing the election contest in CA-43; Committee Resolution dismissing the election contest in TN-9; markup on H.R. 94, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Prohibit the Use of Public Funds for Political Party Conventions; H.R. 95, to Reduce Federal Spending and the Deficit by Terminating Taxpayer Financing of Presidential Election Campaigns and Party Conventions; and H.R. 1994, the “Election Assistance Commission Termination Act”. The Committee agreed to the resolutions regarding the election contests in CA-43 and TN-9. The following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 94, H.R. 95, and H.R. 1994.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2115, the “Voter Registration Efficiency Act”. Testimony was heard from Ken Bennett, Secretary of State, State of Arizona; Chris

Thomas, Director of Elections, State of Michigan; and a public witness.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE’S HANDLING OF KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TERRORISTS ADMITTED INTO THE FEDERAL WITNESS SECURITY PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Department of Justice’s Handling of Known or Suspected Terrorists Admitted into the Federal Witness Security Program”. Testimony was heard from Michael Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; David Harlow, Assistant Director, U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice; and Paul O’Brien, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a markup on H.R. 1797, the “District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act”; and H.R. 1944, the “Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2013”. H.R. 1797 was forwarded, as amended. H.R. 1944 was forwarded, without amendment.

DEFINING SPECIES CONSERVATION SUCCESS: TRIBAL, STATE AND LOCAL STEWARDSHIP VS. FEDERAL COURTROOM BATTLES AND SUE-AND-SETTLE PRACTICES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Defining Species Conservation Success: Tribal, State and Local Stewardship vs. Federal Courtroom Battles and Sue-and-Settle Practices”. Testimony was heard from Tyler Powell, Deputy Secretary of the Environment, State of Oklahoma; Steve Ferrell, Policy Advisor, Wildlife and Endangered Species, Wyoming Game and Fish Department; and Tom Jankovsky, Garfield County Commissioner, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

STEM EDUCATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “STEM Education: The Administration’s Proposed Re-Organization”. Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Director Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Assistant Director, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation; and Leland D. Melvin, Associate Administrator for Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

VETERANS' PRIVATE INFORMATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "How Secure is Veterans' Private Information?". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Linda A. Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; Michael Bowman, Director, Information Technology and Security Audits Division, Office of Inspector General; Stephen W. Warren, Acting Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology; and a public witness.

ORGANIZATIONS TARGETED BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing with Organizations Targeted by Internal Revenue Service for Their Personal Beliefs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D508)

H.R. 258, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military decorations or medals. Signed on June 3, 2013. (Public Law 113–12)

S. 982, to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam. Signed on June 3, 2013. (Public Law 113–13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, markup on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2014, 9:30 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, markup on Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2014, 11 a.m., H–140, Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Reforming SGR: Prioritizing Quality in a Modernized Physician Payment System", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, markup on "Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013"; the "Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013"; the "Federal Facility Accountability Act of 2013"; and the "Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act of 2013", 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Examining the Market Power and Impact of Proxy Advisory Firms", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "A Crisis Mismanaged: Obama's Failed Syria Policy", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "U.S. Relations with Vietnam", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on H.R. 1493, the "Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1947, the "Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census, hearing entitled "OPM's Revolving Fund: A Cycle of Government Waste?", 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled "Up Against the Blend Wall: Examining EPA's Role in the Renewable Fuel Standard", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research; and Subcommittee on Technology, hearing entitled "Federal Efforts to Reduce the Impacts of Windstorms", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reducing Duplication and Promoting Efficiency at The SBA: The Inspector General's View", 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "A Review of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Chief's Reports", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on How Social Security Protects the Benefits of Those Who Cannot Protect Themselves, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, June 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 954, the Farm bill. At 10 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 954, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1003, Student Loans, and a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 953, Student Loan Affordability Act.

The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to S. 954, the Farm bill is at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill is at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 5

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Begin consideration of H.R. 2217—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014 (Subject to a Rule).

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