

Leahy (for Reed) Amendment No. 1224, to clarify the physical present requirements for merit-based immigrant visa applicants. **Pages S4656–57**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By yeas 93 to nays 4, 1 responding present (Vote No. EX. 158), Michael Froman, of New York, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Pages S4657, S4660, S4661, S4663**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4725.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Joint Strike Fighter, focusing on how restructuring has improved the program, but affordability challenges and other risks remain, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Admiral Jonathan Greenert, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, General John M. Paxton, Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lieutenant General Christopher Bogdan, Program Executive Officer F-35, and J. Michael Gilmore, Di-

rector, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary, all of the Department of Defense; Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and Michael O'Hanlon, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine next steps in improving passenger and freight rail safety, focusing on preliminary observations on federal rail safety oversight and positive train control implementation, after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Susan A. Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; James P. Redeker, Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner, Newington; Michelle Teel, Missouri Department of Transportation Multimodal Operations Director, Jefferson City; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, and Kathryn Waters, American Public Transportation Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and James A. Stem, Jr., SMART—Transportation Division, Cleveland, Ohio.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine airline industry consolidation, focusing on issues raised by the proposed merger of American Airlines and US Airways, after receiving testimony from Susan L. Kurland, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Doug Parker, US Airways, Tempe, Arizona; Gary F. Kennedy, American Airlines, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; and Charles A. Leocha, Consumer Travel Alliance, Springfield, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine reducing senior poverty and hunger, including S. 1028, to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, after receiving testimony from Nancy J. Altman, Pension Rights Center, and Howard Bedlin, National Council on Aging, both of Washington, D.C.; Ellie Hollander, Meals on Wheels Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Paul Downey, National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, San Diego, California.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Todd M.

Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Colin Stirling Bruce, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Sara Lee Ellis, and Andrea R. Wood, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Madeline Hughes Haikala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PAPERLESS SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine paperless Social Security payments, focusing on protecting seniors from fraud and confusion, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Theresa Gruber, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Operations, and Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, both of the Social Security Administration; Rebecca Vallas, Community Legal Services, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Alexandra J. Lane, Winter Haven, Florida.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2428–2445, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend James Rehder, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 275 ayes to 139 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 255.

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Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 1947, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018. Consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, June 20th.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–14, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–117, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 1947 pursuant to H. Res. 271, amendment 55 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–117 may be considered out of sequence.

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Agreed to:

Herrera Beutler amendment (No. 55 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–117) that codifies the EPA's longstanding silviculture rule. It protects federal, state, county, tribal, and private forest roads from costly permit requirements or other point source regulation along with litigation expenses and citizen suit liability;

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Enyart amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–117) that establishes a revenue neutral