

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5717–S5758*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1311–1317, and S. Res. 197. **Page S5755**

**Measures Passed:**

*Charles W. Morgan:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 183, commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles W. Morgan by Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5757–58**

**Measures Considered:**

**Keep Student Loans Affordable Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans. **Pages S5717–18**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16) **Page S5753**

**Perez Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor. **Pages S5737–49**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 177), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5736–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2013, and that all time during adjournment, morning business, legislative session and recess count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S5758**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 82 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 176), Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Pages S5718–36**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 82 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 175), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5718**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5754**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5754**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S5754, S5758**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5754–55**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5755–56**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5756–57**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5757**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5757**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—177) **Pages S5718, S5736–37**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5758.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr., Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., and Walter L. Lukken, Futures Industry Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Adam Cooper, Citadel LLC, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, and Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, all of Chicago, Illinois; Gene Guilford, Commodity Market Oversight Coalition, Cromwell, Connecticut; John Heck, The Scoular Company, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Donald Russak, New York Power Authority, White Plains, New York, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; and Jim Colby, Honeywell International Inc., Morristown, New Jersey.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management:* Senators Donnelly (Chair), Baucus, Heitkamp, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Chambliss, Roberts, Boozman, Hoeven, and Johanns.

*Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation:* Senators Heitkamp (Chair), Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Donnelly, Casey, Johanns, Hoeven, Grassley, Thune, and Boozman.

*Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources:* Senators Bennet (Chair), Harkin, Klobuchar, Leahy, Baucus, Heitkamp, Boozman, McConnell, Chambliss, Thune, and Roberts.

*Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agricultural Research:* Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Bennet, Hoeven, McConnell, Chambliss, Grassley, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Marketing and Agriculture Security:* Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Leahy, Baucus, Klobuchar, Donnelly, Casey, Roberts, McConnell, Boozman, Johanns, and Grassley.

*Senators Stabenow and Cochran are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

### APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral James Syring, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

### MAJOR THREATS FACING NAVY FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats from Vice Admiral Joseph P. Aucoin, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (N9), and Arthur H. Barber III, Deputy Director, Assessment Division (N81B), Joshua J. Corless, Senior Intelligence Advisor, and Jason A. Reynolds, Director, Special Programs (N89), all of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

### NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a closed hearing to examine revisions to the nuclear employment strategy, after receiving testimony from Madelyn R. Creedon, Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### CONSUMER DEBT INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the consumer debt industry, after receiving testimony from Corey Stone, Assistant Director, Office of Deposits, Cash, Collections, and Reporting Markets, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and James Reilly Dolan, Acting Associate Director, Division of Financial Practices, Federal Trade Commission.

### EXPANSION OF INTERNET GAMBLING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine the expansion of internet gambling, focusing on assessing consumer protection concerns, after receiving testimony from Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, and Matt Smith, Catholic Advocate, both of Washington, D.C.; Tom Grissen, Daon, Reston, Virginia; and Jack A. Blum, Annapolis, Maryland.

**E-RATE 2.0**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine E-Rate 2.0, focusing on connecting every child to technology, after receiving testimony from Linda H. Lord, Maine State Librarian, Augusta, on behalf of the American Library Association; Sheryl Abshire, Calcasieu Parish Public Schools, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Patrick Finn, Cisco Systems, Inc., Herndon, Virginia; and James G. Coulter, LEAD Commission, San Francisco, California.

**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health information technology, focusing on quality health care, after receiving testimony from Farzad Mostashari, National Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and Patrick Conway, CMS Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Chambliss and Isakson, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
AT 10 YEARS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on harnessing science and technology to protect national security and enhance government efficiency, including strengthening oversight and coordination of research and development efforts, after receiving testimony from Tara O'Toole, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology; and David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

**VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine working together to restore the protections of the "Voting Rights Act", focusing on Selma and *Shelby County*, after receiving testimony from Representatives Lewis and Sensenbrenner; Luz Urbaz Weinberg, City of Aventura Commissioner, Aventura, Florida; Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, Washington, D.C.; and Justin Levitt, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California.

**SMALL BUSINESS TAX REFORM**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business tax reform, focusing on making the tax code work for entrepreneurs and startups, after receiving testimony from William Randolph, Director, Business and International Taxation, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Michael J. Eckert, Angel Capital Association, New Orleans, Louisiana; J. Michael Keeling, The ESOP Association, Chris Edwards, CATO Institute, Kristie Arslan, National Association for the Self-Employed, Ann Sullivan, Women Impacting Public Policy, and Scott Hodge, Tax Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Annette Nellen, San Jose State University, San Jose, California; Sanford Zinman, National Conference of CPA Practitioners, White Plains, New York; Kenneth B. Canty, Freeland Construction Company, Inc., Charleston, South Carolina; and Greg Nelson, Brown Rental, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the American Rental Association.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 2703–2718; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 304 were introduced. **Pages H4597–98**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4598–99**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 303, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–158). **Page H4597**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Massie to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4525**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4529**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Robert Wagenseil, Calvary Episcopal Church, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. **Page H4529**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H4577**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2:16 p.m. **Page H4543**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:52 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m. **Page H4545**

**Official Photograph of the House in Session:** The official photograph of the House in session was taken pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 270. **Page H4545**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Polis motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 10 ayes to 409 noes, Roll No. 359. **Pages H4545–46**

**Authority for Mandate Delay Act:** The House passed H.R. 2667, to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate, by a ye-and-nay vote of 264 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 361. **Pages H4546–57, H4573–75**

Rejected the Andrews motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 360. **Pages H4573–74**

H. Res. 300, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2668) and (H.R. 2667) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 358, after the previous question was or-

dered by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 357. **Pages H4534–43, H4543–45**

**Fairness for American Families Act:** The House passed H.R. 2668, to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate, by a ye-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 363. **Pages H4557–73, H4575–77**

Rejected the Andrews motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 193 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 362. **Pages H4575–76**

H. Res. 300, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2668) and (H.R. 2667) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 358, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 357. **Pages H4534–43, H4543–45**

Pursuant to section 3 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 2668 the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 2667, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 2668; (2) conform the title of H.R. 2668 to reflect the addition of the text of H.R. 2667, as passed by the House, to the engrossment; (3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (4) conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment. Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 2667 to the engrossment of H.R. 2668, H.R. 2667 shall be laid on the table. **Page H4577**

**World War I Centennial Commission—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she appointed Mr. Robert Dalessandro of Alexandria, VA to the World War I Centennial Commission. **Page H4577**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2013—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–47). **Page H4577**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4544, H4544–45, H4545–46, H4574, H4574–75, H4576, H4576–77. There were no quorum calls.

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

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2014; and Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2014. The Committee ordered reported, without amendment, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2014. The Committee ordered reported, as amended, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2014.

### SECURITY SITUATION IN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC—IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND U.S. POLICY OPTIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Security Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic—Implications for U.S. National Security and U.S. Policy Options”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee concluded markup on H.R. 1582, the “Energy Consumers Relief Act 2013”; H.R. 1900, the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act”; H.R. 83, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop an action plan to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States; H.R. 2094, the “School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act”; H.R. 698, the “HIV Organ Policy Equity Act”; and H.R. 2052, the “Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported as amended: H.R. 1582; H.R. 1900; and H.R. 2052. The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 83; H.R. 2094; and H.R. 698.

### MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON TSA ACQUISITION REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on TSA Acquisition Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EVALUATING PRIVACY, SECURITY, AND FRAUD CONCERNS WITH OBAMACARE’S INFORMATION SHARING APPARATUS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies; and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform’s Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Evaluating Privacy, Security, and Fraud Concerns with ObamaCare’s Information Sharing Apparatus”. Testimony was heard from Alan R. Duncan, Assistant Inspector General for Security and Information Technology Services, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Terence V. Milholland, Chief Technology Officer, Internal Revenue Service; Danny Werfel, Principal Deputy Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; Marilyn B. Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Henry Chao, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Deputy Director of the Office of Information Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and John Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

### COLLECTIONS STEWARDSHIP AT THE SMITHSONIAN

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Collections Stewardship at the Smithsonian”. Testimony was heard from G. Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Scott Miller, Deputy Undersecretary for Collections and Interdisciplinary Support, Smithsonian Institution; and Scott Dahl, Inspector General, Smithsonian Institution.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATION’S USE OF FISA AUTHORITIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Administration’s use of FISA Authorities”. Testimony was heard from James Cole, Department of Justice; John C. Inglis, National Security Agency; Robert S. Litt, Office of Director of National Intelligence, Stephanie Douglas, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Branch; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice held a markup on H.R. 2655, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013”. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OPERATIONS, MANAGEMENT, AND RULEMAKINGS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior Operations, Management, and Rulemakings”. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

## NATIONAL BLUEWAYS ORDER

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled “A Washington, DC-based Bureaucratic Invention with Potential Water Conservation and Property Rights Impacts: The National Blueways Order”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Wodder, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Robert Griffin, Judge, Independence County, Arkansas; and public witnesses.

## WHY SHOULD AMERICANS HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAWS OF FOREIGN NATIONS?

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Why should Americans have to comply with the laws of foreign nations?”. Testimony was heard from Kristina Alexander, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

## BORDER SECURITY OVERSIGHT, PART III: EXAMINING ASYLUM REQUESTS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Border Security Oversight, Part III: Examining Asylum Requests”. Testimony was heard from Joseph E. Langlois, Associate Director, Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations, Citizenship and Immigration Services.

## A PATH FORWARD ON POSTAL REFORM

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Path Forward on Postal Reform”. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith (NE); Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General and CEO, United States Postal Service; and public witnesses.

## STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5, the “Student Success Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule for H.R. 5. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. 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 an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–18 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the 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, may be withdrawn by its proponent at any time before action thereon, 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline (MN), and Representatives George Miller (CA), Salmon, Thompson (PA), Brooks (IN), Polis, Young (AK), Garrett, Scalise, Fitzpatrick, Duncan (SC), Gibson, Mullin, Jackson Lee, Cárdenas, Hanabusa, and Esty.

## INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND SMALL BUSINESSES: ENSURING FAIR TREATMENT

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Internal Revenue Service and Small Businesses: Ensuring Fair Treatment”. Testimony was heard from Daniel I. Werfel, Principal Deputy Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

## CAUSES OF DELAYS TO THE FAA’S NEXTGEN PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Causes of Delays to the FAA’s NextGen Program”. Testimony was heard from Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 813, the “Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013”; H.R. 806, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the requirement for annual reports on Comptroller General reviews of the accuracy of Department of Veterans Affairs medical budget submissions, and for other purposes; and a draft discussion bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct

the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Robert D. Snyder, Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup on H.R. 2086, the "Pay As You Rate Act"; H.R. 2189, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2423, the "Disabled Veterans' Access to Medical Exams Improvement Act". The following bills were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2086; H.R. 2189; and H.R. 2423.

#### DELAY OF THE EMPLOYER MANDATE PENALTIES AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Obama Administration's recent decision to delay the information reporting requirements and penalties associated with the employer mandate in the Affordable Care Act until 2015. Testimony was heard from J. Mark Iwry, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Retirement and Health Policy, Department of the Treasury.

#### WHAT REALLY WORKS: EVALUATING CURRENT EFFORTS TO HELP FAMILIES SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN AND ESCAPE POVERTY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled "What Really Works: Evaluating Current Efforts to Help Families Support their Children and Escape Poverty". Testimony was heard from Kristen Cox, Executive Director, Utah Governor's Office of Management and Budget; and public witnesses.

#### ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities". This was a closed hearing.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### AUTHORITARIANISM IN AZERBAIJAN

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* On Tuesday, July 16, 2013, Commission received a briefing on growing authoritarianism in Azerbaijan,

focusing on current events in Azerbaijan and the prospect for a free and fair election, after receiving testimony from Thomas Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Elin Suleymanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States, and Miriam Lansky, National Endowment for Democracy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Erkin Gadirli, Republican Alternative, Samad Seyidov, National Assembly of Azerbaijan, and Eldar Namavoz, National Council of Democratic Forces of Azerbaijan, all of Baku, Azerbaijan.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies and the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Jason Furman, of New York, to be Member and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Kara Marlene Stein, of Maryland, Michael Sean Piwowar, of Virginia, and Mary Jo White, of New York, all to be Members of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Richard T. Metsger, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the current state of clean energy finance in the United States and opportunities to facilitate greater investment in domestic clean energy technology development and deployment, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine climate change, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of F. Scott Kieff, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider 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, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Madeline Hughes Haikala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Full Committee, markup on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2014, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Reporting Data Breaches: Is Federal Legislation Needed to Protect Consumers?”, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Implementation in the Wake of Administrative Delay”, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Legislative Proposal to Protect American Taxpayers and Homeowners by Creating a Sustainable Housing Finance System”, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Global al-Qaeda: Affiliates, Objectives, and Future Challenges”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Is There an African Resource Curse?”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Oversight of Executive Order 13636 and Development of the Cybersecurity Framework”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act after the Supreme Court’s Decision in Shelby County”, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, markup on H.R. 2122, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2641, the “Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2013”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The IRS’s Systematic Delay and Scrutiny of Tea Party Applications”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Regulatory Burdens: The Impact of Dodd-Frank on Community Banking”, 8:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “Examining the Obama Ad-

ministration’s Social Cost of Carbon Estimates”, 2:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 185, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the “Paul Brown United States Courthouse”; H.R. 579, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”; H.R. 2251, to designate the United States courthouse located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the “Edward J. Devitt United States”; H.R. 1961, to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line; H.R. 2352, to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of vehicles on certain Wisconsin highways, and for other purposes; and other matters cleared for consideration, 11:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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**Program for Thursday:** The Majority Leader will be recognized. At approximately 10:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor, post-cloture.

Following disposition of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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