

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6547–6609*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1515–1525, and S. Res. 237–240. **Page S6597**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 237, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. Res. 238, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 239, authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. **Page S6596**

#### Measures Passed:

*National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 164, designating October 30, 2013, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6608**

*National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 240, designating the week beginning September 15, 2013, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”. **Page S6609**

#### Measures Considered:

**Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1392, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6554–88**

#### Pending:

Wyden (for Merkley) Amendment No. 1858, to provide for a study and report on standby usage power standards implemented by States and other industrialized nations. **Page S6555**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 19, 2013. **Page S6609**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information, including a technical annex and security annex (collectively referred to as the “ATOMAL Agreement”); which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–20) **Page S6594**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 23, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–21) **Page S6594**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Richard Stengel, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S6609**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6594**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S6594**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S6547, S6594–95**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2013. (For Senate’s program, see

the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6609.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine recovering from Superstorm Sandy, focusing on assessing the progress, continuing needs, and rebuilding strategy, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Chair, Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force; and Peter Rogoff, Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation.

### BIGGERT-WATERS FLOOD INSURANCE ACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012, focusing on one year after enactment and additional challenges for FEMA to address, after receiving testimony from Senators Vitter and Landrieu; Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; Christine Shirley, National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator for the State of Oregon, Eugene; Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, D.C.; and Birny Birnbaum, The Center for Economic Justice, Austin, Texas.

### ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee and the Government Performance Task Force concluded a hearing to examine enhancing accountability and increasing financial transparency, focusing on the status of transparency efforts under way and the extent to which new initiatives address lessons learned from the Recovery Act, after receiving testimony from Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Thomas Lee, Sunlight Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Gerald J. Kane, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and

Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century's (MAP-21) provisions to accelerate project delivery, after receiving testimony from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, and Joseph W. Come, Assistant Inspector General for Highway and Transit Audits, both of the Department of Transportation; Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Nancy H. Sutley, Council on Environmental Quality.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stevan Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; and

The nominations of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, and Scott S. Dahl, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee from October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015.

### FEDERAL MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reevaluating the effectiveness of

Federal mandatory minimum sentences, after receiving testimony from Senator Paul; Marc Levin, Texas Public Policy Foundation, Austin; Brett Tolman, Ray Quinney and Nebeker, PC, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Scott Burns, National District Attorneys Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

### CLOSING THE WEALTH GAP

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine closing the wealth gap, focusing on empowering America to reach its full economic potential for growth and job creation, after receiving testimony from Darryl Hairston, Associate Administrator for Business Development, Small Business Administration; Zenita Wickham Hurley, State of Maryland Special Secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, Baltimore; Signe-Mary McKernan, The Urban Institute, Rakesh Kochhar, Pew Research Center, Toya Powell, U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., Lisa Hasegawa, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, Kevin Allis, Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, and Shree Whitaker Taylor, Delta Decisions of DC, all of Washington, D.C.; Connie E. Evans, Association for Enterprise

Opportunity, Arlington, Virginia; Barbara Crain Major, Collaborative, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Anisa Balwani, RCI Technologies, Inc., Iselin, New Jersey.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* On Tuesday, September 17, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

### HIV/AIDS IN AMERICA

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine older Americans, focusing on the changing face of HIV/AIDS in America, after receiving testimony from Ronald O. Valdiserri, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Infectious Diseases, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel Tietz, AIDS Community Research Initiative of America, and Rowena Johnston, amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, both of New York, New York; Carolyn L. Massey, Massmer Associates, LLC, Laurel, Maryland; and Kenney Miller, Down East AIDS Network, Ellsworth, Maine.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3119–3132; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 56; and H. Res. 349–350 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H5655–56**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 351, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 687) to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1526) to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3102) to amend the Food and Nutrition

Act 2008; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–215); and

H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 113–216).

**Pages H5653–54**

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

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**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 Dale Ribble, Oak Lake Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, September 17th:

*Providing for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central*

**Asia:** H.R. 301, amended, to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 465. **Pages H5606–09**

**National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013:** The House passed H.R. 761, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 471. **Pages H5600–06, H5609–24**

Rejected the Cicilline motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 470. **Pages H5621–23**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

**Pages H5600, H5604**

Agreed to:

Pearce amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that clarifies the intention of the bill that it will not impact Secretarial Order 3324, as it relates to oil/gas and potash. **Page H5617**

Rejected:

Lowenthal amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that sought to clarify that the definition of “Strategic and Critical Minerals” only includes the minerals identified by the National Research Council (NRC) as strategic and critical minerals (and any additional minerals added by the Secretary that meet the NRC’s criteria). Also would clarify that the definition of “Mineral Exploration or Mine Permit” in this underlying legislation only refers to mineral exploration or mine permit for strategic and critical minerals (by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 241 noes, Roll No. 466); **Pages H5612–14, H5618–19**

Veasey amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that sought to designate the Secretary of Interior to publish no later than 60 days after enactment of the bill a list of “Strategic and Critical Minerals” for the purpose of the bill. The Secretary must update the list every 5 years (by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 467);

**Pages H5614–15, H5619–20**

Connolly amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that sought to require mineral exploration and mining projects to be subjected to an Environmental Impact Statement review prior to approval. Removes the arbitrary limit on the time frame for

such reviews (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 468); and **Pages H5615–16, H5620**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–214) that sought to require that the cost of cleanup be included in financial assurance and that financial insurance instruments shall be in the form of a surety bond, letter of credit or other instrument that would routinely be accepted in commerce (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 469). **Pages H5616–17, H5620–21**

H. Res. 347, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 464, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 463. **Pages H5600–06**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m. **Page H5618**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 349, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5624**

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2013—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–63).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of the Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for Cooperation Regarding Atomic Information, including a technical annex and security annex—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–64). **Page H5641**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5605, H5605–06, H5606, H5619, H5619–20, H5620, H5621, H5622–23, H5623–24. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SEQUESTRATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE MILITARY SERVICES ON THE STRATEGIC CHOICES AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on Planning for Sequestration in Fiscal Year 2014 and Perspectives of the Military Services on the

Strategic Choices and Management Review. Testimony was heard from General James F. Amos, USMC; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN; General Raymond T. Odierno, USA; and General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF.

#### **KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH: IMPROVING ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY THROUGH INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Keeping College Within Reach: Improving Access and Affordability through Innovative Partnerships”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Climate Change Policies and Activities”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

#### **REGULATION OF EXISTING CHEMICALS AND THE ROLE OF PRE-EMPTION UNDER SECTIONS 6 AND 18 OF THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Regulation of Existing Chemicals and the Role of Pre-Emption under Sections 6 and 18 of the Toxic Substances Control Act”. Testimony was heard from Lemuel M. Srolovic, Chief, Environmental Protection Bureau, Office of the Attorney General, New York; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING THE SEC’S MONEY MARKET FUND RULE PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Money Market Fund Rule Proposal”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **BENGHAZI: WHERE IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Benghazi: Where Is the State Department Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, Department of State.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a markup on H.R. 2952, the “Critical Infrastructure Research and Development Advancement Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3107, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish cybersecurity occupation classifications, assess the cybersecurity workforce, develop a strategy to address identified gaps in the cybersecurity workforce, and for other purposes. The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2952 and H.R. 3107.

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE THREAT TO THE HOMELAND FROM AQAP**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Understanding the Threat to the Homeland from AQAP”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing on “Oversight of the Administration’s Use of FISA Authorities”. This was a closed hearing.

#### **THE ROLE OF VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS IN THE U.S. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Role of Voluntary Agreements in the U.S. Intellectual Property System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF OBAMACARE: CONCERNS OF STATE GOVERNMENTS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Federal Implementation of ObamaCare: Concerns of State Governments”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Colyer, Lieutenant Governor, State of Kansas; Brad Hutton, State Senator, South Carolina; Alan Wilson, Attorney General, South Carolina; Katrina Jackson, State Representative, Louisiana; Kathy Kliebert, Secretary of Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana; Eleanor Sobel, State Senator, State of Florida; and Matthew Hudson, State Representative, State of Florida.

**SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EXCHANGE AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 2013; RESTORING HEALTHY FORESTS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACT; NUTRITION REFORM AND WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2013; AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2014**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 687, the “Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013”; H.R. 1526, the “Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act”; H.R. 3102, the “Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013”; and H.J. Res. 59, Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structure rule for H.R. 687. 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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of 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 part A of the report. The report provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Additionally, the rule provides a structure rule for H.R. 1526. 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 provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee print 113–21, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of 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 part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides a closed rule for H.R. 3102. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

The Committee also granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 59. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the joint resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended. 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 from the calendar day of September 26, 2013, through the calendar day of September 29, 2013, 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 or consideration pursuant to this section.

Testimony was heard from the following Chairmen: Hastings (WA); Lucas (OK); and Rogers (KY); and the following Representatives: Grijalva; DeFazio; Lowey; Van Hollen; Norton; and Scalise.

**METHAMPHETAMINE ADDICTION: USING SCIENCE TO EXPLORE SOLUTIONS**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Methamphetamine Addiction: Using Science to Explore Solutions”. Testimony was heard from Niki Crawford, First Sergeant, Meth Suppression Section Commander, Indiana State Police; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2542, the “Regulatory Flexibility

Improvements Act of 2013". The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### FEMA REAUTHORIZATION: RECOVERING QUICKER AND SMARTER

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "FEMA Reauthorization: Recovering Quicker and Smarter". Testimony was heard from Joseph L. Nimmich, Associate Administrator for Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Yolanda Chavez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION POST-TIGTA AUDIT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Internal Revenue Service's Exempt Organizations Division Post-TIGTA Audit". Testimony was heard from Daniel Werfel, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

## Joint Meetings

### DEBT CEILING

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic costs of debt-ceiling brinksmanship, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; David Malpass, Encima Global LLC, New York, New York; and Donald B. Marron, The Urban Institute, and Dan Mitchell, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense, Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jo Emily

Handelsman, of Connecticut, and Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, both to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine wildlife management authority within the State of Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine promoting a system of shared responsibility, focusing on issues for reauthorization of the "Higher Education Act", 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine reforming and renewing the postal service, part I, focusing on maintaining services, reducing costs and increasing revenue through innovation and modernization, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 357, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, and the nominations of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Landya B. McCafferty, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The U.S. Presence in Afghanistan Post-2014: Views of Outside Experts", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Defense Department's posture for September 11, 2013: What are the Lessons of Benghazi?", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension, hearing entitled "Future of Union Organizing", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Two Weeks Until Enrollment: Questions for CCIIO", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Keystone's Red Tape Anniversary: Five Years of Bureaucratic Delay and Economic Benefits Denied", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Examining the Syrian Refugee Crisis”, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “An Unclear Roadmap: Burma’s Fragile Political Reforms and Growing Ethnic Strife”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, markup on H. Res. 284, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to promoting energy security of European allies through opening up the Southern Gas Corridor, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “DHS Acquisition Practices: Improving Outcomes for Taxpayers Using Defense and Private Sector Lessons Learned”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Assessing the Nation’s State of Preparedness: A Federal, State, and Local Perspective”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Consolidation, and the Consequent Impact on Competition in Healthcare”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled “Keeping Hydropower Affordable and Reliable: The Protection of Existing Hydropower Investments and the Promotion of New Development”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Executive Branch standards for land-in-trust decisions for gaming purposes”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reviews of the Benghazi Attack and Unanswered Questions”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Environment, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Dysfunction in Management of Weather and Climate Satellites”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Private Sector Initiatives to Educate Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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