

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Proceedings that occurred on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, may be found in Congressional Record of Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, focusing on the state of the terrorism risk insurance market, after receiving testimony from Peter J. Beshar, Marsh and McLennan Companies, and Robert P. Hartwig, Insurance Information Institute, both of New York, New York; and Erwann O. Michel-Kerjan, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School Center for Risk Management and Decision Processes, Philadelphia.

FINANCIAL SERVICES IN INDIA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine assessing the investment climate and improving market access in financial services in India, after receiving testimony from Arvind Subramanian, Peterson Institute for International Economics and Center for Global Development, Chennai, India; and Richard M. Rossow, McLarty Associates, Alexandria, Virginia.

PRESERVE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need to invest in America's infrastructure and preserve Federal transportation funding, after receiving testimony from Sean T. Connaughton, Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Richmond; T. Peter Ruane, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, Michael P. Lewis, Rhode Island Department of Transportation Director, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and

Transportation Officials, Janet F. Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Gregory M. Cohen, American Highway Users Alliance, Raymond J. Poupore, National Construction Alliance II, Kathy Ruffalo, Ruffalo and Associates, LLC, and Jack Schenendorf, Covington and Burling LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; Gregory DiLoreto, American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, Virginia; and Peter J. Basso, Peter J. Basso and Associates, LLC, Rockville, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, and Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Pamela L. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Vince Girdhari Chhabria, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Boxer, and James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be United States

District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senators Pryor and Boozman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN SENIOR

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the American senior, focusing on the changing retirement landscape for baby boomers, after receiving testimony from Olivia S. Mitchell, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Paula A. Calimafde, Small Business Council of America, Bethesda, Maryland; Richard W. Johnson, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC.; and Joanne Jacobsen, Venice, Florida.

DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine dan-

gerous synthetic drugs, focusing on unregulated forms of ecstasy, PCP and LSD, including S. 1323, to address the continued threat posed by dangerous synthetic drugs by amending the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues, and S. 1322, to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, Klobuchar, and Grassley; Michael Botticelli, Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Timothy Heaphy, United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia; and Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3172–3183; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64–65 ; and H. Res. 354–359 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3095, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–225);

H.R. 2848, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–226);

H.R. 1804, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress semiannual reports on the cost of foreign travel made by employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 113–227);

H.R. 2374, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–228, Pt. 1);

H.R. 992, to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities (H. Rept. 113–229, Pt. 1); and H.R.

992, to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities (H. Rept. 113–229, Pt. 2). **Page H5832**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentivolio to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5807**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5808**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H5810**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending 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. 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 484 and **Pages H5810–15, H5823–24**

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 527, with an amendment: H. Res. 354, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 527, with an amendment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 367 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 485. **Pages H5816–21, H5824–25**