

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7563–S7582*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1576–1593, S.J. Res. 26, and S. Res. 275. **Page S7574**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs During the 112th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 113–115)

S. 376, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–114) **Page S7574**

#### Measures Passed:

**Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:** Senate passed S. 893, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2013, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. **Page S7581**

**National Technological Innovation Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 275, designating October 29, 2013, as “National Technological Innovation Day” to recognize that technological innovation is critical to the United States economy and commemorating the contributions of innovation to prosperity in the United States and abroad. **Page S7581**

**Debt Limit Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October, 29, 2013, the Republican Leader, or his designee, be recognized to move to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, relating to the disapproval of the President’s exercise of authority to increase the debt limit; that the time until 12:30 p.m., be for debate on the motion to proceed, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on adoption of the motion to proceed; that if the motion is successful, then the time for debate with respect to the joint resolution be equally divided be-

tween the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the joint resolution be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that all other provisions of the statute governing consideration of the joint resolution remain in effect. **Page S7580**

**Estevez Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S7565**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, October 30, 2013. **Page S7565**

**Archuleta Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management. **Page S7565**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S7565**

**Wheeler Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas Edgar Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S7565**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management. **Page S7565**

**Lew Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; United States Governor of the Inter-

American Development Bank; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. **Pages S7565–66**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Thomas Edgar Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S7566**

**Watt Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. **Page S7566**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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**Millett Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Page S7566**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Melvin L. Watt, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. **Page S7566**

**Griffin Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, scheduled for 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 28, 2013, be scheduled to occur on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S7566**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following disposition of S. J. Res. 26, relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit, Senate resume consideration of the nomination with up to two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S7566**

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

Alfredo J. Balsera, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2014.

Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Ronald J. Binz, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on June 27, 2013. **Page S7582**

**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7581.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN LIBYA AND SOMALIA**

*Committee on Armed Services:* On Thursday, October 17, 2013, Committee received a closed briefing on United States military operations in Libya and Somalia from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and A. Elizabeth Jones, Acting Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs, both of the Department of State; Garry Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict, Brigadier General Scott A. Howell, USAF, Deputy Director for Special Operations/Counterterrorism, Joint Staff, and Rob Park,

Acting Deputy for Legal Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, all of the Department of Defense; Robert J. Holley, Deputy Assistant Director of Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Department of Justice; and Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Principal Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 3343–3360; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99; and H. Res. 392, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H. Res. 391, providing for consideration of the bill (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, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2374) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–253).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable C.W. Bill Young—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment on October 24, 2013 of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable C.W. Bill Young: Representatives Ros-Lehtinen and Boehner; The members of the Florida delegation: Representatives Brown, Hastings, Mica, Crenshaw, Miller, Diaz-Balart, Wasserman Schultz, Bilirakis, Buchanan, Castor, Posey, Rooney, Deutch, Nugent, Ross, Southerland, Webster, Wilson, Grayson, DeSantis, Frankel, Garcia, Murphy, Radel, and Yoho; and Representatives Cantor, Pelosi, Hoyer, McCarthy (CA), Young (AK), Sensenbrenner, Rogers (KY), Wolf, Visclosky, Bishop (GA), Calvert, McKeon, Frelinghuysen, Jackson Lee, Latham, Price (NC), Aderholt, Granger, Sessions, Carter, Cole, King (IA), Gohmert, Roe (TN), Nunnelee, and Womack.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

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

*Authorizing and requesting the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict:* H.R. 3304, to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor;

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*Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2013:* H.R. 1742, to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance;

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*Establishing a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs:* H.R. 2189, amended, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 561;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To improve the processing of disability claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."

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*Veterans Economic Opportunity Act of 2013:* H.R. 2481, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify and improve the election requirements for the receipt of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to benefits, and for other purposes."

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*Amending title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued*

*for the denial of a benefit sought:* H.R. 1405, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought; and **Pages H6800–04**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include a notice of disagreement form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.” **Page H6804**

*Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013:* H.R. 2011, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a two-year extension of the Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 562. **Pages H6804–06, H6806–07**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6806**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Major Owens, former Member of Congress.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6806 and H6807. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SWAPS REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT; AND RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 992, the “Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act; and H.R. 2374, the “Retail Investor Protection Act”.

The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 992. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 2, the rule granted a structured rule for H.R. 2374. The rule grants one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. 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 113–23 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 the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 20 minutes 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 amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that a motion to proceed with regard to a joint resolution of disapproval specified in section 1002 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014, may be offered even if the joint resolution has not been reported or discharged, shall be in order only on the legislative day of October 29, 2013 or the legislative day of October 30, 2013, and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. In section 4, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from October 31, 2013, through November 11, 2013: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Finally, in section 5, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4 of the resolution. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hensarling, Waters, and Conaway.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D997)

H.R. 2775, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. Signed on October 17, 2013. (Public Law 113–46)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on the essentials of a functioning housing finance system for consumers, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine broadband adoption, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine “Stand Your Ground” laws, focusing on civil rights and public safety implications of the expanded use of deadly force, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*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 “Twenty-five years of Acquisition Reform: Where do we go from here?”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled “Report from SIGAR: Challenges to Securing Afghan Women’s Gains in a Post-2014 Environment”, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Nuclear Weapons Modernization Programs: Military, Technical, and Political Requirements for the B61 Life Extension Program and Future Stockpile Strategy”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Strengthening the Multiemployer Pension System: How Will Proposed Reforms Affect Employers, Workers, and Retirees?”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 3301, the “North American Energy Infrastructure Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “EPA’s Regulatory Threat to Affordable, Reliable Energy: The Perspective of Coal Communities”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Federal Housing Administration: Implications of a \$1.7 billion Taxpayer Bailout”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining Legislative Proposals to Reform the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Next Steps on Egypt Policy”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “After the Withdrawal: The Way Forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan (Part II)”, 2:15 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Guo Feixiong and Freedom of Expression in China”, 2:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1095 to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Sec-

retary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes; H.R. 1204, the “Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2013”; H.R. 1791, the “Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act”; H.R. 2719, “Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act”; H.R. 2952, the “Critical Infrastructure Research and Development Advancement Act of 2013”; H.R. 3107, the “Homeland Security Cybersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3309, the “Improving the Patent System to Promote American Innovation and Competitiveness Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Are More Judges Always the Answer?”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing entitled “Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled “A Roadmap for Increasing our Water and Hydropower Supplies: The Need for New and Expanded Multi-Purpose Surface Storage Facilities”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: The Stop Unworthy Spending Act of 2013; H.R. 3316, the “Grant Reform and New Transparency Act of 2013”; H.R. 2860, the “OPM IG Act of 2013”; H.R. 3343, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “EPA Power Plant Regulations: Is the Technology Ready?”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Authorization Issues”, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3300, the “FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2013”; H.R. 311, the “Farmers Undertake Environmental Land Stewardship Act”; H.R. 935, the “Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2026, the “Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act of 2013”; 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Status of the Affordable Care Act Implementation”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “NSA Programs”, 1:30 p.m., HVC–210.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 29 through November 1, 2013

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* October 29, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on the essentials of a functioning housing finance system for consumers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 30, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the "JOBS Act" at a year and a half, focusing on assessing progress and unmet opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on a government guarantee for mortgage-backed securities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* October 29, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine broadband adoption, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* October 30, to hold hearings to examine the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, 11 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* October 31, business meeting to consider S. Res. 268, condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and the nominations of Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic

of Cameroon, Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, 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, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, James Walter Brewster, Jr., of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Syria, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* October 30, business meeting to consider S. 1562, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements), S. 1302, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans, H.R. 2747, to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department

of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title, and the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Education, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and any pending nominations, 9:15 a.m., SD-430.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine attaining a quality degree, focusing on innovations to improve student success, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* October 31, to hold hearings to examine government clearances and background checks, focusing on the Navy Yard tragedy, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* October 30, business meeting to consider S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Tribe-Easter Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 1132, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* October 29, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine "Stand Your Ground" laws, focusing on civil rights and public safety implications of the expanded use of deadly force, 10 a.m., SH-216.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Matthew Frederick Leitman, Judith Ellen Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda Vivienne Parker, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, S. 822, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the inno-

cent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and the nominations of Robert Leon Wilkins, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, Beth Labson Freeman, and Vince Girdhari Chhabria, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, 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, and James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* October 30, to hold hearings to examine pending health care and benefits legislation, 2 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* October 29, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* October 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled "PPACA Implementation Failures: Answers from HHS", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* October 30, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "China's Maritime and other Geographic Threats", 10 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Establishing a Syrian War Crimes Tribunal?", 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* October 30, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "Cyber Incident Response: Bridging the Gap Between Cybersecurity and Emergency Management", 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled "Facility Protection: Implications of the Navy Yard Shooting on Homeland Security", 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* October 30, Over-Criminalization Task Force, meeting entitled "Regulatory Crime: Identifying the Scope of the Problem", 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* October 30, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 298, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 585,

the “Anchorage Land Conveyance Act of 2013”; H.R. 1308, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Preservation Act”; H.R. 1846, the “Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site Amendments Act”; H.R. 2798, to amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; H.R. 2799, to establish the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee to advise the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation, hunting, recreational shooting, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2954, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and conveyance; 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, October 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Culture of Mismanagement and Wasteful Conference Spending at the Department of Veterans’ Affairs”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, October 30, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Providing the Tools for Scientific Discovery and Basic Energy Research:

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*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, October 30, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Focused Issues on Dignified Burials: A National Cemetery Update”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: October 30, meeting of conferees on H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, 1 p.m., 1100–LHOB.

*Conference*: October 30, meeting of conferees on S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, 10 a.m., HC–5, Capitol.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: October 30, to receive a briefing on the U.S. Civil Rights Movement, focusing on how the movement has impacted Europe and the continuing work of the United States in advancing human rights for minorities in Europe, 2 p.m., 2255, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 29

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 29

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will begin consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, Debit Limit Authority. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

Following disposition of S.J. Res. 26, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 2374—Retail Investor Protection Act (Subject to a Rule).

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