

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.

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)

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