

H. Res. 544, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to yesterday, April 8th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 10th. **Page H3124**

Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Representative Dent. **Page H3124**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3066.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3122, H3122–23, H3123, and H3124. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4413, the "Customer Protection and End User Relief Act". The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Commerce FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Penny Pritzker, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Office of Management and Budget FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Sylvia M. Burwell, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

APPROPRIATIONS—MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2015; and Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2015; and Report on

the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2015. Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2015 was ordered reported, without amendment; Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2015 was ordered reported, as amended; and the Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2015 was agreed to.

NATIONAL DEFENSE PRIORITIES FROM MEMBERS FOR THE FY 2015 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "National Defense Priorities from Members for the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act". Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: O'Rourke; Ellmers; Collins (GA); Posey; Pierluisi; Nunes; DeSantis; Graves; Tonko; Hanna; Broun (GA); Blackburn; Heck (WA); Chu; Meng; Lowenthal; Barr; Ribble; Wagner; Perry; and Crawford.

BENEFICIARY AND ADVOCACY OVERVIEW OF THE FY15 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled "Beneficiary and Advocacy Overview of the FY15 President's Budget". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4320, the "Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act"; and H.R. 4321, the "Employee Privacy Protection Act". The bills were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded a markup on H.R. 6, the "Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act". The bill was forwarded, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology began a markup on H.R. 4342, the "Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2014".

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE CAPITAL FORMATION FOR SMALL AND EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation for Small and Emerging

Growth Companies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2015:
WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES, HOW
EFFECTIVE?**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Foreign Assistance in FY 2015: What Are the Priorities, How Effective?”. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS IN THE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE: THE FY 2015
FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere: The FY 2015 Foreign Affairs Budget”. Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS MOROCCO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards Morocco”. Testimony was heard from William Roebuck, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Egypt and Maghreb Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

**THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS, ONE
YEAR ON: A LOOK BACK TO LOOK
FORWARD**

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Boston Marathon Bombings, One Year On: A Look Back to Look Forward”. Testimony was heard from Edward P. Deveau, Chief of Police, Watertown Police Department; Jeffrey J. Pugliese, Sergeant, Watertown Police Department; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 503, the “National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act”; H.R. 863, the “Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum Act of 2013”; H.R. 2208, the “North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act of 2013”; H.R. 2430, the “Hinchliffe Stadium Heritage Act of 2013”; H.R. 3802, to extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of

former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes; H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 4017, to designate a peak located in Nevada as “Mount Reagan”; H.R. 4120, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date; H.R. 4253, the “Bureau of Land Management Withdrawn Military Lands Efficiency and Savings Act”; and H.R. 4309, to amend the Sikes Act to make certain improvements to the administration of cooperative agreements for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 503; H.R. 863; H.R. 2208; H.R. 2430; H.R. 4309; and H.R. 3802. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4002; H.R. 4017; H.R. 4120; and H.R. 4253.

**EXAMINING WAYS THE SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION CAN IMPROVE THE
DISABILITY REVIEW PROCESS**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Examining Ways the Social Security Administration Can Improve the Disability Review Process”. Testimony was heard from Marianna LaCanfora, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; Patrick P. O’Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a markup on H.R. 4412, the “National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2014”. The bill H.R. 4412 was ordered reported, as amended, to the Full Committee.

**PRIZES TO SPUR INNOVATION AND
TECHNOLOGY BREAKTHROUGHS**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Prizes to Spur Innovation and Technology Breakthroughs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**BIGGEST TAX PROBLEMS FOR SMALL
BUSINESSES**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Biggest Tax Problems for

Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 524, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency does not have the authority to disapprove a permit after it has been issued by the Secretary of the Army under section 404 of such Act; and H.R. 4156, the “Transparent Airfares Act of 2014”. The bills, H.R. 4156 and H.R. 524, were ordered reported, without amendment.

CONTINUED ASSESSMENT OF DELAYS IN VA MEDICAL CARE AND PREVENTABLE VETERAN DEATHS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Continued Assessment of Delays in VA Medical Care and Preventable Veteran Deaths”. Testimony was heard from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; John D. Daigh, Jr. M.D., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Thomas Lynch, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

REFERRAL TO THE HONORABLE ERIC H. HOLDER, JR., ATTORNEY GENERAL, OF FORMER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION DIRECTOR LOIS G. LERNER FOR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL STATUTES BASED ON EVIDENCE THE COMMITTEE HAS UNCOVERED IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF IRS ABUSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on referral to Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois G. Lerner for possible criminal prosecution for violations of one or more criminal statutes based on evidence the Committee has uncovered in the course of the investigation of IRS abuses. Testimony was heard from Mike Epley, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Oversight, Committee on Ways and Means. The motion for the Committee to go into executive session for consideration of referring for criminal prosecution Lois Lerner, the former IRS Director of Exempt Organizations, by the United States Attorney General was agreed to; the motion offered by Mr. Doggett

was agreed to; and the motion for the Committee to submit the referral to the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, of former Internal Revenue Services Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois G. Lerner for possible criminal prosecution for violations of one or more criminal statutes based on evidence the Committee has uncovered in the course of the investigation of IRS abuses to the House of Representatives was agreed to.

TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. ENERGY POLICY AND THE EXPORT OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Trade Implications of U.S. Energy Policy and the Export of Liquefied Natural Gas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Ukraine, focusing on confronting internal challenges and external threats, including Russia’s seizure of Crimea, including H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.