

heard from Sarah Sewall, Undersecretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Department of State; and Amanda J. Dory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs.

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN CENTRAL ASIA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “The Development of Energy Resources in Central Asia”. Testimony was heard from Dennis C. Shea, Chairman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and a public witness.

#### **HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SYRIA: VIEWS FROM THE GROUND**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Humanitarian Crisis in Syria: Views from the Ground”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ASSESSING PERSISTENT AND EMERGING CYBER THREATS TO THE U.S. HOMELAND**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Assessing Persistent and Emerging Cyber Threats to the U.S. Homeland”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Demarest, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Glenn Lemons, Senior Intelligence Officer, Cyber Intelligence Analysis Division, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4402, the “Guam Military Training and Readiness Act of 2014”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4670, the “Secure Delivery for America Act of 2014”; H.R. 4671, the “Public Interest Declassification Board Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 2750, the “Design-Build Efficiency and Jobs Act of 2013”; H.R. 43, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the “Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the “Richard K.

Salick Post Office”; H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 Country Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”; H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”; H.R. 1701, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the “James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 1865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”; H.R. 2112, to designate the facility of the United States Post Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the “National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 2223, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building”; H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”; H.R. 2678, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building”; H.R. 2802, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 418 Liberty Street in Covington, Indiana, as the “Fountain County Veterans Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 3027, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Barry M. Goldwater Post Office”; H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 3534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Michigan Avenue in Jackson, Michigan, as the “Officer James Bonneau Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 4355, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 B Street in Perryville, Arkansas, as the “Harold George Bennett Post Office”; and H.R. 4416, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 43; H.R. 451; H.R. 606; H.R. 1671; H.R. 1707; H.R. 1865; H.R. 2112; H.R. 2223; H.R. 2291; H.R. 2678; H.R. 2802; H.R. 3027; H.R. 3085; H.R. 3534; H.R.

4355; and H.R. 4416. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4670; H.R. 2750; and H.R. 4671.

#### ASTROBIOLOGY AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Astrobiology and the Search for Life in the Universe”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on S. 1254, the “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013”; and H.R. 4186, the “FIRST Act of 2014”. The bill S. 1254 was ordered reported, as amended. The Committee did not complete action on H.R. 4186, and will meet again on a date to be determined.

#### OVERSIGHT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### EXAMINING THE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing “Examining the Federal Protective Service: Are Federal Facilities Secure?”. Testimony was heard from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; L. Eric Patterson, Director, Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### USING NEW OCEAN TECHNOLOGIES: PROMOTING EFFICIENT MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AND IMPROVING MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Using New Ocean Technologies: Promoting Efficient Maritime Transportation and Improving Maritime Domain Awareness and Response Capability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### WOMEN’S RETIREMENT SECURITY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine women’s retirement security, after receiving testimony from Debra B. Whitman, AARP, M. Cindy Hounsell, Women’s Institute for a Secure Retirement, and Rachel Greszler, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, all of Washington, DC; and Brigitte Madrian, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D533)

H.R. 3627, to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers. Signed on May 20, 2014. (Public Law 113–104)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to adopt the fiscal year 2015 302(b) allocations, and markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* closed business meeting to continue to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine bringing our transit infrastructure to a state of good repair, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine access and supports for servicemembers and veterans in higher education, 10 a.m., SD–430.

#### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing on legislation regarding federal and state enforcement of fraudulent patent demand letters, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, continued markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4200, the “SBIC Advisers Relief Act”; H.R. 4554, the “Restricted Securities Relief Act”; H.R. 4568, the “Small Business Freedom to Grow Act”; H.R. 4571, to direct the SEC to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefits plans; H.R. 4569, the “Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act”; H.R. 4570, the