

Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113–04), and the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113–05), after receiving testimony from Robert B. Stack, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Tax Affairs; Thomas A. Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Mary Jean Riley, North American Stainless, Ghent, Kentucky; and Catherine Schultz, National Foreign Trade Council, Inc., Washington, D.C.

IRAQ UPDATE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an update on Iraq from Anne Patterson, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Gregory B. Starr, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, both of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Julie E. Carnes, of

Georgia, and Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Andre Birotte, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, John W. deGravelles, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Randolph D. Moss, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Robin L. Rosenberg, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Ronnie L. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Leslie Joyce Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, Mark Howard Cohen, Leigh Martin May, and Eleanor Louise Ross, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, and Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4899–4902; 4904–4921; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 631–632 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6, to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–477);

H.R. 1281, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–478);

H.R. 4092, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy as the lead Federal agency for coordinating Federal, State, and local assistance provided to promote the energy retrofitting of schools, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–479);

H.R. 4263, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–480);

H.R. 4903 making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–481);

H.R. 3301, to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–482, Pt. 1);

H.R. 83, to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of action plans aimed at reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels

and increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–483); and

H.R. 4289, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–484).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Mr. Rajan Zed, Universal Society of Hinduism, Reno, Nevada.

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Customer Protection and End User Relief Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 629, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4413) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, and to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 317, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 4:35 p.m.

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Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 4870, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, June 20th.

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Agreed to:

Walorski amendment that was debated on June 18th that prohibits funds from being used to transfer or release to the Republic of Yemen (or any entity within Yemen) a detainee who is or was held, detained, or otherwise in the custody of DoD on or after June 24, 2009, at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 321);

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Runyan amendment that prohibits funds from being used to retire, divest, or transfer, or to prepare or plan for the retirement, divestment, or transfer of, the entire KC–10 fleet during fiscal year 2015;

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Walberg amendment that prohibits funds from being used to promulgate Directive 293, issued December 16, 2010, by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs;

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DeLauro amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into any contract with an incorporated entity if such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity is incorporated or chartered in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands, and such entity's sealed bid or competitive proposal shows that such entity was previously incorporated in the United States;

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Fleming amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to appoint chaplains for the military departments in contravention of the Department of Defense Instruction 1304.28, dated June 11, 2004, incorporating change 3, dated March 20, 2014, regarding the appointment of chaplains for the military departments;

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Flores amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007;

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Conyers amendment that prohibits funds from being obligated or expended to transfer man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) to any entity in Syria;

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McKinley amendment that prohibits funds from being used to design, implement, administer, or carry out the U.S. Global Climate Research Program National Climate Assessment, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fifth Assessment Report, the United Nations' Agenda 21 sustainable development plan, or the May 2013 Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866;

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Hanabusa amendment that prohibits funds from being used with respect to Iraq in contravention of the War Powers Resolution, including for the introduction of U.S. forces into hostilities in Iraq, into situations in Iraq where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances, or into Iraqi territory, airspace, or waters while equipped for combat, in contravention of the Congressional consultation and reporting requirements of sections 3 and 4 of such Resolution;

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Nugent amendment (No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to plan for or carry out a furlough of a dual status military technician;

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Speier amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement Executive Order 12473 of April 13, 1984, as amended by Executive Order

13669 of June 13, 2014, as those amendments apply to section 405(I) of the Rules for Courts-Martial;

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Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being used to pay for storage for patrol boats procured under the Department of Navy Memorandum #105–E2P–196 dated October 12, 2010;

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Rogers (AL) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement the Treaty on Open Skies, done at Helsinki March 24, 1992, and entered into force January 1, 2002;

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Murphy (FL) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to maintain or improve Department of Defense real property with a zero percent utilization rate according to the Department's real property inventory database, except in the case of maintenance of an historic property as required by the National Historic Preservation Act or maintenance to prevent a negative environmental impact as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969;

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Gosar amendment that prohibits funds from being used to procure any Army Aircrew Combat Uniforms;

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Forbes amendment that prohibits funds from being obligated or expended to implement the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction;

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McClintock amendment that prohibits funds from being used to carry out specified sections of Executive Order 13423 and Executive Order 13514; section 2911 of title 10, U.S.C.; sections 400AA or 400FF of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; section 303 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; and section 203 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005;

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Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to “consult”, as the term is used in reference to the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency, in contravention of the “assurance” provided in section 20(c)(1)(A) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act;

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Wittman amendment that prohibits funds from being used to propose, plan for, or execute an additional Base Realignment and Closure round;

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Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of Article II, section 2 of the Constitution;

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King (IA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to transfer weapons to the Palestinian Authority;

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Barrow (GA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to disestablish, or prepare to disestablish, a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program or close, downgrade from host to extension center, or place on probation a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program;

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Conaway amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract for the planning, design, refurbishing, or construction of a biofuels refinery unless such planning, design, refurbishing, or construction is specifically authorized by law;

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Miller (MI) amendment that was debated on June 18th that prohibits funds from being used to divest, retire, transfer, or place in storage, or prepare to divest, retire, transfer, or place in storage, any A–10 aircraft, or to disestablish any units of the active or reserve component associated with such aircraft (by a recorded vote of 300 ayes to 114 noes, Roll No. 322);

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Cotton amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 17, 2014) that prohibits funds from being used to transfer or release any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the individual's country of origin or to any other foreign country (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 323);

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Massie amendment that prohibits funds from being used by an officer or employee of the United States to query a collection of foreign intelligence information acquired under FISA using a United States person identifier except in specified instances (by a recorded vote of 293 ayes to 123 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 327); and

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Ellison amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in section 2313(c)(1) of title 41, United States Code, in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term “Fair Labor Standards Act” (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 331).

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Rejected:

Gohmert amendment that was debated on June 18th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense by \$35,956,000 for the National Guard counter-drug program (by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 318);

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Blumenauer amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 17, 2014) that was debated on June 18th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Environmental Restoration, Formerly

Used Defense Sites by \$3,400,000 (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 319);

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Nadler amendment that was debated on June 18th that sought to strike section 8132, which prohibits funds from being used to reduce, convert, decommission, or otherwise move to nondeployed status any Minuteman III ballistic missile silo that contains a deployed missile as of the date of the enactment of this Act (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 320);

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Grayson amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to detain, without conviction, any person for more than 15 years at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;

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Moran amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to carry out sections 8107 and 8108 (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 324);

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Lee amendment (No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2014) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the purposes of conducting combat operations in Iraq (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 325);

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Lee amendment (No. 33 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2014) that sought to prohibit funds from being obligated or expended pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 326);

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Fortenberry amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to provide weapons in Syria (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 328);

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Grayson amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to transfer aircraft (including unmanned aerial vehicles), armored vehicles, grenade launchers, silencers, toxicological agents, launch vehicles, guided missiles, ballistic missiles, rockets, torpedoes, bombs, mines, or nuclear weapons through the DoD Excess Personal Property Program established pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (by a recorded vote of 62 ayes to 355 noes, Roll No. 329); and

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Lee amendment (No. 34 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2014) that sought to prohibit funds from being obligated or expended pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force after December 31, 2014 (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 330).

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Proceedings Postponed:

Lee amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2014) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used for the purpose of conducting combat operations in Afghanistan after December 31, 2014.

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H. Res. 628, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4870) and providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3230), was agreed to yesterday, June 18th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared in Executive Order 13617 of June 25, 2012 with respect to the disposition of Russian highly enriched uranium is to continue in effect beyond June 25, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–122).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5504.

Senate Referral: S. 1237 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 14 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5513, H5514–15, H5515, H5516, H5516–17, H5549, H5549–50, H5550, H5550–51, H5551–52, H5552, H5552–53, H5553–54, H5554 and H5554–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERPRETIVE RULE REGARDING THE APPLICABILITY OF CLEAN WATER ACT AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, Forestry held a hearing on a review of the Interpretive Rule regarding the applicability of Clean Water Act agricultural exemptions. Testimony was heard from Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

P5+1 NEGOTIATIONS OVER IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR UNITED STATES DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “P5+1 Negotiations over Iran’s Nuclear Program and Its Implications for United States Defense”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.