

## Committee Meetings

### IRS OBSTRUCTION: LOIS LERNER'S MISSING E-MAILS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “IRS Obstruction: Lois Lerner’s Missing E-Mails”. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

### DOMESTIC PROSPERITY AND GLOBAL FREEDOM ACT; AND NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6, the “Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act”; and H.R. 3301, the “North American Energy Infrastructure Act”. The Committee granted by voice vote a structured rule for H.R. 6. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–48 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report 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 amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 3301. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–49 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the re-

port 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 amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield, Gardner, Eshoo, Gene Green (TX), Turner, Garamendi, and Cárdenas.

### EVALUATING THE CAPACITY OF THE VA TO CARE FOR VETERAN PATIENTS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Capacity of the VA to Care for Veteran Patients”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Lynch, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Financial Services and General Government, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S–115, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine less student debt from the start, focusing on what role the tax system should play, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine combating violence and discrimination against women, focusing on a global call to action, 9:45 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 3212, to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, S.

2508, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, S. 1933, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, S. Res. 447, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, S. Res. 462, recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States, and the nominations of Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine moving toward greater community inclusion, focusing on Olmstead at 15, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Pamela Harris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the AT&T and DIRECTV merger, focusing on the impact on competition and consumers in the video market and beyond, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* June 24, Full Committee markup on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Pro-

grams Appropriations Bill FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Case Studies in DOD Acquisition: Finding What Works", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund: Examining the Department of Defense and Interagency Process for Verifying Eligibility", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, meeting to assign recently elected Members to subcommittees; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "What Should Workers and Employers Expect Next From the National Labor Relations Board?", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "Thailand: A Democracy in Peril", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Dangerous Passage: The Growing Problem of Unaccompanied Children Crossing the Border", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "Utilizing Canine Teams to Detect Explosives and Mitigate Threats", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "The Proposed Merger of AT&T and DIRECTV", 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled "Hearing on Trade Secrets: Promoting and Protecting American Innovation, Competitiveness and Market Access in Foreign Markets", 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Education", 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on "New Federal Schemes to Soak Up Water Authority: Impacts on States, Water Users, Recreation, and Jobs", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled "Child Protection and the Justice System on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, oversight hearing entitled "The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Plan to Implement a Ban on the Commercial Trade in Elephant Ivory", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "IRS Obstruction: Lois Lerner's Missing E-mails, Part II", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4899, the "Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act of 2014"; and H.R. 4923, Energy and

Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2015, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4012, the “Secret Science Reform Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine the economic impact of increased natural gas production, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, meeting of conferees on H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SVC-212-10.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 24 through June 27, 2014

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 11 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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

### Senate Committees

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*Committee on Appropriations*: June 24, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-138.

June 24, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for Financial Services and General Government, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services*: June 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on United States nuclear deterrence policy, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: June 25, business meeting to consider the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency; to be immediately followed

by a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 25, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine young workers and recent graduates in the United States economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget*: June 24, business meeting to consider the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S-115, Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: June 25, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine NextGen, focusing on a review of progress, challenges, and opportunities for improving aviation safety and efficiency, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

June 26, Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States travel and tourism industry, focusing on Federal efforts to attract 100 million visitors annually, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: June 25, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1971, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance*: June 24, to hold hearings to examine less student debt from the start, focusing on what role the tax system should play, 10 a.m., SD-215.

June 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of D. Nathan Sheets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, and Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

June 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine trade enforcement, focusing on using trade rules to level the playing field for United States companies and workers, 2 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: June 24, Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine combating violence and discrimination against women, focusing on a global call to action, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

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