

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3947.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Homeland Security for fiscal year 2015.

APPROPRIATIONS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2015.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Miranda A. Ballentine, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Energy, Laura Junor, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, and Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, and 1,815 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

STUDENT DEBT

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine less student debt from the start, focusing on what role the tax system should play, after receiving testimony from Mark J. Mazur, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Jayne Caflin Fonash, Loudoun Academy of Science, Sterling, Virginia; Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, and Dean A. Zerbe, alliantgroup, both of Washington, DC; and Amber Lee, Eugene, Oregon.

COMBATING VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine combating violence and discrimination against women, focusing on a global call to action, after receiving testimony from Senators Warren, Hirono, Heitkamp, Baldwin, Stabenow, Klobuchar, and Murray; Catherine M. Russell, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Department of State; Susan Markham, Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, U.S. Agency for International Development; Gary Barker, Promundo-US, and Jacqueline O'Neill, The Institute for Inclusive Security, both of Washington, DC; and Hauwa Ibrahim, Harvard University Radcliffe Institute, Abuja, Nigeria.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment;

S. 1933, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, with an amendment;

S. 1104, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, with an amendment;

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, with amendments;

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, with an amendment; 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, Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Theodore G. Osius III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 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.

OLMSTEAD AT 15

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine moving toward greater community inclusion, focusing on Olmstead at 15, after receiving testimony from Emmanuel Smith, Disability Rights Iowa, Des Moines; Norma Robertson-Dabrowski, Liberty Resources, Inc. (LRI), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Gail Godwin, Shared Support Maryland, Baltimore; Troy R. Justesen, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, Orangeville; and Ricardo Thornton, and Donna Thornton, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Pamela Har-

ris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, who was introduced by Senators Baldwin and Johnson (WI), Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AT&T AND DIRECTV MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the AT&T and DIRECTV merger, focusing on the impact on competition and consumers in the video market and beyond, after receiving testimony from Randall Stephenson, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Michael White, DIRECTV, El Segundo, California; Christopher Keyser, Writers Guild of America, West Inc., Los Angeles, California; and Matthew F. Wood, Free Press, Larry Downes, Georgetown University Center for Business and Public Policy, and Ross J. Lieberman, American Cable Association, all of Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4944–4956; were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 641, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4899) to lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production, to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4923) making appropriations for energy and water

development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–493).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Customer Protection and End User Relief Act: The House passed 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