

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STRENGTHENING TRADE ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening trade enforcement to protect American enterprise and grow American jobs, after receiving testimony from John Wagner, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, and Richard DiNucci, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, both of Customs and Border Protection, and Lev Kubiak, Assistant Director of International Affairs, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Rick Blume, Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Edward T. Hayes, Leake & Andersson, LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana; Joe Sanroma, American Honey Producers Association, Bunkie, Louisiana; and John C. Steinberger, Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg, L.L.P., Washington, DC.

BANKS SYSTEMIC IMPORTANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine what makes a bank systemically important, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Herring, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Bryn Mawr; James B. Thomson, University of Akron College of Business Administration, Akron, Ohio; Robert DeYoung, University of Kansas School of Business, Baldwin City; and Paul H. Kupiec, American Enterprise Institute, Fairfax, Virginia.

DOMESTIC SPACE ACCESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces to examine options for assuring domestic space access, including how acquisition best practices can benefit future efforts, after receiving testimony from Alan Estevez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and General William L. Shelton, Commander, Air Force Space Command, both of the Department of Defense; Robert Lightfoot, Associate Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Major General Howard J. Mitchell, USAF (Ret.), The Aerospace Corporation, and Yool Kim, RAND Corporation, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Daniel L.

Dumbacher, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

THE FUTURE OF THE VIDEO MARKETPLACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer choice, consolidation and the future video marketplace, after receiving testimony from David L. Cohen, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Justin Hurwitz, University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln; John T. Stankey, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Jeffrey H. Blum, DISH Network L.L.C., and Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, DC; and Shawn Ryan, Writers Guild of America, West, Inc., Sherman Oaks, California.

WATER AND WILDLIFE BILLS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 571, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, S. 1153, to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm, S. 1175, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 1202, to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities, S. 1232, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, S. 1381, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, S. 1650, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing non-edible migratory bird parts, S. 2225, to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program,

S. 2530, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and S. 2560, to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, after receiving testimony from Senators Kirk, Blumenthal, and Heller; Michael H. Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Steve Guertin, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Tony Wasley, Nevada Department of Wildlife Director, Reno; and Bruce A. Stein, National Wildlife Federation, and Chad W. Lord, National Parks Conservation Association, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

The Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of 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);

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);

H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom;

S. 2577, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014;

S. Res. 498, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization;

S. Res. 500, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic

of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity; and

The nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, and Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Department of State.

REENERGING U.S.-INDIA TIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine reenergizing United States-India ties, after receiving testimony from Nisha D. Biswal, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs; Amy Searight, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; and Frank G. Wisner, Squire Patton Boggs, Richard M. Rossow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Vikram J. Singh, Center for American Progress, and Lisa Curtis, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, DC.

CHALLENGES AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges at the border, focusing on examining and addressing the root of the causes behind the rise in apprehensions at the Southern Border, after receiving testimony from Michael Shifter, Inter-American Dialogue, Eric L. Olson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Latin American Program, Eric Farnsworth, Council of the Americas, and Richard Jones, Catholic Relief Services, all of Washington, D.C.; and Bryan Roberts, Econometrica, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's land buy-back program, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Carole Lankford, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Pablo, Montana; Susan Waukon, Ho Chunk Nation Legislature, Black River Falls, Wisconsin; Jennifer M. Keough, The Garden City Group, Inc., Seattle, Washington; Helo Hancock, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Plummer, Idaho; and George Waters, George Waters Consulting Services, Washington, DC.

STATE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the state of Veterans' Affairs health care, after receiving testimony from Sloan D. Gibson, Acting Secretary, and Philip Matkowsky, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

PHONE SCAMS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine phone scams, focusing on progress and potential solutions, after receiving testimony from Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Joseph S. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Kevin Rupy, United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C.; and a public witness, Cincinnati, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5119–5128; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 107; and H. Res. 671–672 were introduced. **Pages H6351–52**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6352–53**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 4871, to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–523). **Page H6351**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6299**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6302**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H6311**

Reception in the House Chamber of Former Members of Congress: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the former Members program held earlier in the day be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks. **Pages H6302–11**

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015: The House passed H.R. 5016, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 427. Consideration of the measure began on July 14th. **Pages H6316–33**

Rejected the Nolan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instruc-

tions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 426. **Pages H6331–33**

Agreed to:

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H6316–17**

Garrett amendment that prohibits funds from being used to designate any nonbank financial company as “too big to fail”, as a “systemically important financial institution”, or make a determination that material financial distress at a nonbank financial company could pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States; **Pages H6317–18**

Lankford amendment that prohibits funds from being used to study, promulgate, draft, review, implement, or enforce any rule pursuant to section 913 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or amendments made by such section; **Pages H6322–23**

Meehan amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used to modify or rebuild any portion of the White House bowling alley, including using phenolic synthetic material (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand disposed of by the earlier voice vote thereon); **Page H6323**

Gosar amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used to pay a performance award under section 5384 of title 5, United States Code, to any employee of the Internal Revenue Service (by a recorded vote of 282 yeas to