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MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H. Con. Res. 103, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H.R. 3044, to approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi; H.R. 5078, the “Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act of 2014”; H.R. 4854, the “Regulatory Certainty Act”; H.R. 5077, the “Coal Jobs Protection Act of 2014”. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved. The following bills and concurrent resolution were ordered reported, without amendment: H. Con. Res. 103, H.R. 3044, H.R. 4854, and H.R. 5078. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5077.

CREATING EFFICIENCY THROUGH COMPARISON: AN EVALUATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR BEST PRACTICES AND THE VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Creating Efficiency through Comparison: An Evaluation of Private Sector Best Practices and the VA Health Care System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING THE U.S. TRADE AGENDA: THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Advancing the U.S. Trade Agenda: The World Trade Organization”. Testimony was heard from Michael Punke, Deputy United States Trade Representative and U.S. Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine accountability and corporate culture in wake of the General Motors (GM) recalls, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal reserve portfolio, focusing on capitalizing on investments in research and development, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the role of trade and technology in 21st century manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Central America in crisis and the exodus of unaccompanied minors, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, all of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the need to improve patient safety and reduce preventable deaths, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider 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, 9:30 a.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 Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Russian Violations of the INF Treaty: After detection—what?”, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s Funding Request for Overseas Contingency Operations”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on Health, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “21st Century Technology for 21st Century Cures”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “A Legislative Proposal Entitled the ‘Bank Account Seizure of Terrorist Assets (BASTA) Act’”, 9:45 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Guilty until Proven Innocent? A Study of the Propriety & Legal Authority for the Justice Department’s Operation Choke Point”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining the Justice Department’s Response to the IRS Targeting Scandal”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Policies to Spur Innovative Medical Breakthroughs from Laboratories to Patients”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.