

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H. Res. 676, providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "Review of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on what workers need to know about Social Security as they plan for retirement, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on trade with Africa and the African Growth and Opportunity Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine increasing economic opportunity for African Americans, focusing on local initiatives that are making a difference, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 29 through August 1, 2014

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 12 noon, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

At 2:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Robert Alan McDonald, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Upon disposition of the nomination of Joan A. Polaschik, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 5021, Highway and Transportation Funding Act, with votes on or in relation to the bill.

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

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services*: July 30, to receive a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: July 30, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine flood insurance claims process in communities after Sandy, focusing on lessons learned and potential improvements, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine financial products for students, focusing on issues and challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report on expectations of government support for bank holding companies, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget*: July 29, to hold hearings to examine the economic and budgetary consequences of climate change, focusing on the cost of inaction, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: July 29, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine revisiting the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act, focusing on progress and challenges in Gulf restoration post-*Deepwater Horizon*, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 29, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for improving truck safety on our highways, 3 p.m., SR-253.

July 30, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine domestic challenges and global competition in aviation manufacturing, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine wireless phone bills, focusing on a review of consumer protection practices and gaps, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: July 29, to hold hearings to examine breaking the logjam at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), focusing on ways to more efficiently process permits for energy production on Federal lands, and understanding the obstacles in permitting more energy projects on Federal lands, including S. 279, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and S. 2440, to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 30, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 1049 and H.R. 2166, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 1437, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon, S. 1554, to direct the heads of Federal public land management agencies to prepare reports on the availability of public access and egress to Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide funding for recreational public access to Federal land, S. 1605, for the relief of Michael G. Faber, S. 1640, to facilitate planning,

permitting, administration, implementation, and monitoring of pinyon-juniper dominated landscape restoration projects within Lincoln County, Nevada, S. 1888 and H.R. 1241, bills to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, S. 2123, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota, S. 2616, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, H.R. 1684, to convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* July 29, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the threats posed by climate change, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

July 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1463, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, the nominations of Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, and Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers Study Resolution relating to San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Channels, California, and General Services Administration resolutions, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Finance:* July 29, to hold hearings to examine tobacco, focusing on taxes owed, avoided, and evaded, 10 a.m., SD-215.

July 29, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Korea free trade agreement, focusing on lessons learned two years later, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine "The African Growth and Opportunity Act" at 14, focusing on the road ahead; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 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, Maria Cancian, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Family Support, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 2 p.m., SD-215.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* July 29, to hold hearings to examine Iran, focusing on the status of the P-5+1 negotiations with Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. Res. 502, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents, S. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014, S. Res. 513, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 520, condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims, and the nominations of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, 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 of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America 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, Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* July 30, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine paid family leave, focusing on the benefits for businesses and working families, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* July 30, business meeting to consider H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, S. 1618, to enhance the Office of Personnel Management background check system for the granting, denial, or revocation of security clearances or access to classified information of employees and contractors of the Federal Government, S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, S. 1396, to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to award mitigation financial assistance in certain areas affected by wild-fire, S. 2640, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, S. 2547, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, S. 2323, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. 2664, Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Authorization Act of 2014, S. 2651, DHS OIG Mandates Revision Act of 2014, H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, S. 2665, Emergency Information Improvement Act of 2014, S. 1898, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, S. 2247, to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building", H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the "James 'Jim' Kohnen Post Office", H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office", H.R. 3472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the "Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office", H.R. 3765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the "Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building", and the

nominations of Joseph L. Nimmich, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Anne E. Rung, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, and James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* July 30, business meeting to consider S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, S. 2442, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important land into trust for the benefit of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, and H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine responses to natural disasters in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* July 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

July 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the next steps for the "Violence Against Women Act" (VAWA), focusing on protecting women from gun violence, 10 a.m., SD-106.

July 30, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine pricing policies and competition in the contact lens industry, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* July 29, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* July 30, to hold hearings to examine the impact of Medicare observation status on seniors, 2:15 p.m., SR-418.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* July 30, Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the impact of enforcement activities by the Department of Labor on specialty crop growers, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services*, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Risks to Stability in Afghanistan: Politics, Security, and International Commitment”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Logistics and Sealift Force Requirements and Force Structure Assessment”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, July 30, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3522, the “Employee Health Care Protection Act”; H.R. 4701, the “Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases Act of 2014”; H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014; a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for recommendations for the development and use of clinical data registries for the improvement of patient care; H.R. 3670, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2013”; H.R. 5161, the “E-LABEL Act”; and H.R. 1575, the “Kelsey Smith Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “PPACA Implementation: Updates from CMS and GAO”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, July 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation and the CFPB Management Culture”, 3:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, July 30, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3398, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes; H.R. 5041, the “Naftali Fraenkel Rewards for Justice Act of 2014”; H.R. 5206, to allow Foreign Service and other executive agency employees to designate beneficiaries of their death benefits; a bill to authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system; H. Res. 281, expressing concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience, in the People’s Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for their religious beliefs, and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups; and H. Res. 683, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL) as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Building Prosperity in Latin America: Investor Confidence in the Rule of Law”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Twenty-Years of U.S. Policy on North Korea: From Agreed Framework to Strategic Patience”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The IRS Targeting Scandal: The Need for a Special Counsel”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on The Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on oversight of the False Claims Act, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

July 30, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: The America Invents Act and Beyond, Domestic and International Policy Goals”, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, July 30, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.J. Res. 120, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution; H.R. 361, the “Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act”; H.R. 3006, to authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3109, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; H.R. 4119, the “West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act”; H.R. 4182, to provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4867, the “Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 5026, the “Fish Hatchery Protection Act”; H.R. 5069, the “Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014”; H.R. 5203, the “Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission Reform Act”; H.R. 5204, the “Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act of 2014”; H.R. 5205, the “Northern Nevada Land Conservation and Economic Development Act”; S. 311, the “Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act”; S. 354, the “Oregon Caves Revitalization Act of 2013”; S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 1603, the “Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “IRS Abuses: Ensuring that Targeting Never Happens Again”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Planes, Trains and Automobiles: Operating While Stoned”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 31, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “EPA’s Carbon Plan: Failure by Design”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint subcommittee

hearing entitled “Technology Needed to Secure America’s Border”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, July 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Regulatory Overreach: Is EPA Meeting Its Small Business Obligations?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 31, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “Telemedicine: A Prescription for Small Medical Practices?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, July 30, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “GSA Tenant Agencies: Challenges and Opportunities in Reducing Costs of Leased Space”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, July 30, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on dynamic analysis

of the Tax Reform Act of 2014, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

July 30, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on subsidized jobs programs and their effectiveness in helping families escape poverty, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, July 31, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: July 29, to hold hearings to examine increasing economic opportunity for African Americans, focusing on local initiatives that are making a difference, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.