

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, John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, and

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, 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, and 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, all of the Department of State.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, and David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, who were both introduced by Senator Paul, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported "The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015".

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 5229–5254; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 121 were introduced. **Pages H7039–40**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7041–42**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4299, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing (H. Rept. 113–565, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 694, providing for consideration of the resolution (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; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.

935) to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2014, through September 5, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–566). **Pages H7038–39**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6979**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6986**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jeff Parish, First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, Largo, Florida. **Page H6986**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H6986, H7024**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Amending the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to provide a definition of recreational vessel for purposes of such Act:* H.R. 3896, amended, to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to provide a definition of recreational vessel for purposes of such Act;

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*SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act:* H.R. 4626, to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators;

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*Examination and Supervisory Privilege Parity Act of 2014:* H.R. 5062, amended, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege is maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes."

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*Reauthorizing the Defense Production Act:* H.R. 4809, amended, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act and to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 464; and

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*Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2014:* H.R. 4709, amended, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse.

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**21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act:** The House passed H.R. 4315, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 463.

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Rejected the Kirkpatrick motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 462.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–55 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the

nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–563) that amends Section 2 of the bill to clarify extent of disclosure policy as it relates to State law and to Department of Defense classified information and

**Pages H7016–17**

Duffy amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–563) that requires disclosure of any Federal funding used by a person or a governmental or non-governmental entity in bringing a claim in a covered suit.

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Rejected: DeFazio amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–563) that sought to exclude scientific information published solely in internal Interior Department publications from the definition of "best available science" (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 460) and

**Pages H7017–18, H7020–21**

Holt amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–563) that sought to strike a provision which automatically defines all data submitted by State, County or Tribal governments as the "best available science", regardless of its merit (by a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 215 noes, Roll No. 461).

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H. Res. 693, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 459, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 458.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of M. Caldwell Butler, former Member of Congress.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–142).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6994–95, H6995, H7020–21, H7021–22, H7023, H7023–24, H7024. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COORDINATING FUTURE INVESTMENTS IN BROADBAND

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit held a hearing on coordinating future investments in broadband. Testimony was heard from John Padalino, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### SECURITY SITUATION IN IRAQ AND SYRIA: U.S. POLICY OPTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Security Situation in Iraq and Syria: U.S. Policy Options and Implications for the Region”. Testimony was heard from Duncan Hunter, Former Chairman, House Armed Services Committee; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 644, condemning and disapproving of the Obama administration’s failure to comply with the lawful statutory requirement to notify Congress before releasing individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and expressing national security concerns over the release of five Taliban leaders and the repercussions of negotiating with terrorists. The resolution was ordered reported, as amended.

### FERC PERSPECTIVES: QUESTIONS CONCERNING EPA’S PROPOSED CLEAN POWER PLAN AND OTHER GRID RELIABILITY CHALLENGES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “FERC Perspectives: Questions Concerning EPA’s Proposed Clean Power Plan and other Grid Reliability Challenges”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman; Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner; John R. Norris, Commissioner; Tony Clark, Commissioner; and Norman C. Bay, Commissioner.

### NANOTECHNOLOGY: UNDERSTANDING HOW SMALL SOLUTIONS DRIVE BIG INNOVATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Nanotechnology: Understanding How Small Solutions Drive Big Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a 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; H.R. 5214, 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”.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 5018, the “Federal Reserve Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014”; H.R. 4329, the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 3240, the “Regulation D Study Act”; H.R. 3913, to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to require agencies to make considerations relating to the promotion of efficiency, competition, and capital formation before issuing or modifying certain regulations; H.R. 4042, the “Community Bank Mortgage Service Asset Capital Requirements Study Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5148, the “Access to Affordable Mortgages Act of 2014”. H.R. 3240 was ordered reported, without amendment.

### THE SHOOTDOWN OF MALAYSIAN FLIGHT 17 AND THE ESCALATING CRISIS IN UKRAINE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The Shootdown of Malaysian Flight 17 and the Escalating Crisis in Ukraine”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS: FROM EXTENSION TO FINAL AGREEMENT?

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Iran Nuclear Negotiations: From Extension to Final Agreement?”. Testimony was heard from Wendy R. Sherman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State; and David S. Cohen, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.