

## 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.

## EXAMINING TSA'S MANAGEMENT OF THE SCREENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Examining TSA’s Management of the Screening Partnership Program”. Testimony was heard from William Benner, Director, Screening Partnership Program, Office of Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer A. Grover, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## PROTECTING THE HOMELAND FROM NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL THREATS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Homeland from Nuclear and Radiological Threats”. Testimony was heard from Huban Gowadia, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; and David C. Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

## OVERSIGHT OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing on oversight of U.S. citizenship and immigration services. Testimony was heard from Leon Rodriguez, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 596, the “Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013”; H.R. 1363, the “Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act”; and H.R. 2004, the “Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Eric Fitzer, Senior Energy Programs Manager, Arizona Governor’s Office of Energy Policy; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 445, the “National Heritage Area Act of 2013”; H.R. 1785, the “Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area Act”; H.R. 4119, the “West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act”; H.R. 4901, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act of 2014”;

H.R. 4979, the “Red River Private Property Protection Act”; H.R. 5086, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; S. 311, the “Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act”; 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. 609, the “San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Thornberry, Reichert, Johnson of Georgia, Fortenberry, Clyburn, Mullin, Tonko, and Dent; Steve Ellis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Vanessa P. Hickman, Land Commissioner, Arizona State Land Department, State of Arizona; Mary Abrams, Director, Department of State Lands, State of Oregon; Pat Canan, Captain Game Warden, Wichita Falls, TX; Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3608, the “Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act”; H.R. 4534, the “Native American Children’s Safety Act”; H.R. 5020, the “Indian Tribal Self-Determination in Land Consolidation Act of 2014”; H.R. 5049, the “Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5050, the “May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act”. Testimony was heard from Larry Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Representative Simpson; and public witnesses.

## EXAMINING ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AT THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Examining Allegations of Corruption at the Export-Import Bank”. Testimony was heard from Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and a public witness.

## EXAMINING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO CURB WASTEFUL STATE MEDICAID FINANCING SCHEMES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Examining the

Federal Government's Failure to Curb Wasteful State Medicaid Financing Schemes". Testimony was heard from Katherine M. Iritani, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; John Haag, Director of Medicaid Audits, Department of Health and Human Services; and Cindy Mann, Deputy Administrator and Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

#### **FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY: ELIMINATING WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY ASSETS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "Federal Real Property: Eliminating Waste and Mismanagement of Real Property Assets". Testimony was heard from David Mader, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; Michael Gelber, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; and James M. Sullivan, Director, Office of Enterprise Office Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **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; REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS ACT OF 2013**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a 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; and H.R. 935, the "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013". The committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a closed rule for H. Res. 676. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 935. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration

of the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from August 1, 2014, through September 5, 2014: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution. In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry).

#### **REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled "Review of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program". Testimony was heard from John R. Hayes, Jr., Director, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Pramod P. Khargonekar, Assistant Director, Directorate of Engineering, National Science Foundation; David Applegate, Associate Director for Natural Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey; Roy E. Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Jonathon Monken, Director and Homeland Security Advisor, Illinois Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

#### **WHAT WORKERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY AS THEY PLAN FOR RETIREMENT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on what workers need to know about Social Security as they plan for retirement. Testimony was heard from Charles P. Blahous III, Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees; and public witnesses.

#### **ADVANCING THE U.S. TRADE AGENDA: TRADE WITH AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on advancing the U.S. trade agenda: trade with Africa and the African Growth

and Opportunity Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### INCREASING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine increasing economic opportunity for African Americans, focusing on local initiatives that are making a difference, after receiving testimony from Angela Glover Blackwell, PolicyLink, Oakland, California; Eva Moskowitz, Success Academy Charter Schools, New York, New York; Bill Bynum, Hope Enterprise Corporation/Hope Federal Credit Union, Jackson, Mississippi; and Aparna Mathur, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

### VETERANS' ACCESS TO CARE THROUGH CHOICE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3230, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D860)

H.R. 255, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–129)

H.R. 272, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the “Major General William H. Gourley VA–DOD Outpatient Clinic”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–130)

H.R. 291, to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–131)

H.R. 330, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–132)

H.R. 356, to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–133)

H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–134)

H.R. 697, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–135)

H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church–River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway–Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–136)

H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–137)

H.R. 1216, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–138)

H.R. 1376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–139)

H.R. 1813, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 North-east Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin, Jr., Post Office Building”. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–140)

H.R. 2337, to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–141)

H.R. 3110, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska. Signed on July 25, 2014. (Public Law 113–142)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

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

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community