

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

Development, to hold hearings to examine flood insurance claims process in communities after Sandy, focusing on lessons learned and potential improvements, 9:45 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine wireless phone bills, focusing on a review of consumer protection practices and gaps, 2:45 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* 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:* 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, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance:* 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.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* 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:* 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 wildfire, 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. Gorniewicz 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: 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*: 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.

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.

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

## House

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

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*, 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; 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”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, 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. 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”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3398, the “Girls Count Act of 2014”; 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; the “Emergency Iron Dome Replenishment Act”; 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, 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*, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on dynamic analysis of the Tax Reform Act of 2014, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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