

Transportation; Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and Rob Strassburger, Vehicle Safety and Harmonization, both of Washington, DC; and Kendell Poole, Governors Highway Safety Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine retirement savings 2.0, focusing on updating savings policy for the modern economy, after receiving testimony from John C. Bogle, Bogle Financial Markets Research Center, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Brian Reid, Investment Company Institute, and Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, DC; Scott F. Betts, National Benefits Services, LLC, West Jordan, Utah; and Brigitte Madrian, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program, focusing on protecting America's children and families, after receiving testimony from Bruce Lesley, First Focus, and Doug Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, DC; Cathy Caldwell, Alabama Children's Health Insurance Program Director, Montgomery; and James M. Perrin, American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5475–5499; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 125; and H. Res. 726, 728 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 727, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs; and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from September 22, 2014, through November 11, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–601);

H.R. 24, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–602, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 5169, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–603).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 15th:

Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2014: S. 2154, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 500;

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Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act: H.R. 5405, amended, to make technical corrections to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to enhance the ability of small and emerging growth companies to access capital through public and private markets, and to reduce regulatory burden, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 320 yeas to 102 nays, Roll No. 501;

Pages H7576–77

Clarifying the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: H.R. 5461, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 327 yeas to 97 nays, Roll No. 502; and **Page H7577**

Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act: S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 64 nays, Roll No. 503.

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Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015: The House began consideration of H.J. Res. 124, to make continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 17th.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–600 shall be considered as adopted.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Began consideration of the McKeon amendment (printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–600) that seeks to authorize the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to train and equip appropriately vetted elements of the Syrian opposition and other appropriately vetted Syrian groups or individuals. Additionally, the amendment would strengthen Congressional oversight by requiring detailed reports, including progress reports, on the plan, vetting process, and procedures for monitoring unauthorized end-use of provided training and equipment. It would also require the President to report on how this authority fits within a larger regional strategy. The amendment would allow the Department of Defense (DOD) to submit a reprogramming request to Congress should the President request DOD funds to execute this authority and permit the Secretary of Defense to accept foreign contributions. Lastly, the amendment would state that nothing in this section be construed to constitute a specific statutory authorization for the introduction of United States Armed Forces into hostilities or into situations wherein hostilities are clearly indicated by the circumstances. Consideration of the amendment is expected to resume tomorrow, September 17th.

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H. Res. 722, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 499,

after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 498.

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

Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2014: H.R. 5404, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

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VA Construction Assistance Act: H.R. 3593, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the construction of major medical facilities;

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Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014: H.R. 4276, amended, to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury;

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Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014: S. 2258, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

Pages H7587–88

Senior Executive Service Accountability Act: H.R. 5169, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance accountability within the Senior Executive Service;

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Federal Records Accountability Act of 2014: H.R. 5170, amended, to improve Federal employee compliance with the Federal and Presidential record-keeping requirements;

Pages H7594–98

Prohibiting officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business: H.R. 5418, to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business;

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Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations: H.R. 5419, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations;

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Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations: H.R. 5420, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit

the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations; **Page H7599**

Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act: H.R. 3043, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes; **Pages H7599–H7603**

Preserving Welfare for Needs Not Weed Act: H.R. 4137, to prohibit assistance provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families from being accessed through the use of an electronic benefit transfer card at any store that offers marijuana for sale; and **Pages H7603–05**

Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014: H.R. 4994, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning. **Pages H7605–12**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Federal Reserve Transparency Act: H.R. 24, amended, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States and **Pages H7588–91**

Amending title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers: H.R. 5462, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers. **Pages H7612–13**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7541.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7548–49, H7549, H7549–50, H7576, H7577, H7577–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR LOWER COSTS AND MORE AMERICAN JOBS ACT; JOBS FOR AMERICA ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2, the “American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act”; and H.R. 4, the “Jobs for America Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 2. The

rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 4. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill 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 September 22, 2014, through November 11, 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 shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution. 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). Testimony was heard from the following: Chairman Hastings of Washington, Chairman Camp, and Representatives Polis and Schakowsky.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the impact of rising inequality on the American economy, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 2338, to reauthorize the