

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8100, H8101–02, and H8102–03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Religious Accommodations in the Armed Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING MEDICAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT IN THE WAKE OF THE EBOLA EPIDEMIC

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic”. Testimony was heard from Robin Robinson, Director, BARDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response; Luciana Borio, Assistant Commissioner, Counterterrorism Policy, Food and Drug Administration; Rear Admiral Steve Redd, Senior Advisor for Ebola Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.

CYANOTOXINS IN DRINKING WATER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water”. Testimony was heard from Craig W. Butler, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR A PRIVATE AND COMPETITIVE SUSTAINABLE FLOOD INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Opportunities for a Private and Competitive Sustainable Flood Insurance Market”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a markup on H.R. 5648, to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of

Jordan. H.R. 5648 was forwarded to the Full Committee, without amendment.

NEXT STEPS FOR U.S. FOREIGN POLICY ON SYRIA AND IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Next Steps for U.S. Foreign Policy on Syria and Iraq”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Secret Service”. Testimony was heard from Joseph P. Clancy, Acting Director, Secret Service. A portion of this hearing was closed.

COPYRIGHT ISSUES IN EDUCATION AND FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Copyright Issues in Education and for the Visually Impaired”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislative measures: H.R. 1561, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes; H.R. 1785, the “Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area Act”; H.R. 4220, the “School District 318 Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 4668, the “Point Spencer Coast Guard and Public-Private Sector Infrastructure Development Facilitation and Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 4924, the “Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement 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; H.R. 5176, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5699, the “John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act”. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1561, H.R. 4220, H.R. 4668, H.R. 5086, and H.R. 5176. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1785, H.R. 4924, H.R. 4979, and H.R. 5699.

VOLCANO HAZARDS: EXPLORING THE NATIONAL PREPARATION AND RESPONSE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Volcano Hazards: Exploring the National Preparation and Response”. Testimony was heard from Charles Mandeville, Volcano Hazards Program Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey; Tom Drean, Director and State Geologist, Wyoming State Geological Survey; Gordon Ito, Insurance Commissioner, State of Hawaii; Darryl Oliveira (via video conference), Director, Hawaii County Civil Defense; and a public witness.

EXAMINING DATA SECURITY AT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census held a hearing entitled “Examining Data Security at the United States Postal Service”. Testimony was heard from the following United States Postal Service officials: Randy Miskanic, Vice President of Secure Digital Solutions; Guy Cottrell, Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Service Inspection Service; and Tammy Whitcomb, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; Charles Hamby, Narcotic Enforcement Division, Prince George’s County Police Department; and a public witness.

THE ROLE OF THE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER IN THE HEALTHCARE.GOV WEBSITE DEBACLE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Role of the White House Chief Technology Officer in the HealthCare.gov Website Debacle”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

THE ROLE OF THE STATE APPROVING AGENCIES IN ENSURING QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Role of the State Approving Agencies in Ensuring Quality Education Programs for Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following legislative measures: H.R. 4720, the “Medal of Honor Priority Care Act”; H.R. 4887, the “Expanding Care for Veterans Act”; H.R. 4977, the “COVER Act”; H.R.

5059, the “Clay Hunt SAV Act”; H.R. 5475, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children; H.R. 5484, the “Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5686, the “Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Walberg, Bilirakis, Walz, Collins of Georgia, and Culberson; Rajiv Jain, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SECURITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine combating corruption in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe region, focusing on the link between security and good governance, including a need to build effective institutions and the important role played by civil society in combating corruption, after receiving testimony from Halil Yurdakul Yigitguden, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Coordinator for Economic and Environmental Affairs, Vienna, Austria; and Shaazka Beyerle, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Center for Transatlantic Relations, and Anders Aslund, Peterson Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Takata airbag recalls and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) recall process, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the pricing of generic drugs, 1 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power