

WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES' INNOVATION AND UTILITIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine innovation and the utilities of the future, focusing on how local water treatment facilities are leading the way to better manage wastewater and water supplies, after receiving testimony from Jerry N. Johnson, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Laurel, Maryland; Harlan L. Kelly, Jr., San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco, California; Thomas Sigmund, NEW Water, Green Bay, Wisconsin; Andrew Kricun, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, Camden, New Jersey; and Jeffrey Longsworth, Barnes and Thornburg LLP, and John C. Hall, Center for Regulatory Reasonableness, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2963, to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels; and

The nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SUPER POLLUTANTS ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2911, to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, after receiving testimony from Durwood Zaelke, Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, and Stephen

Moore, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, DC; Kevin Fay, The Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, Arlington, Virginia; Drew Shindell, Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment, Durham, North Carolina; and Benny Peiser, The Global Warming Policy Foundation, London, United Kingdom.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, who was introduced by Senator Reid, and Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, both of the Department of State, and Isobel Coleman, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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: 4 public bills, H.R. 5779–5782; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 767–769, were introduced. **Pages H8272–73**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8273**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3240, to instruct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of Regulation D, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–640);

H.R. 4200, to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (H. Rept. 113–641);

H.R. 4569, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–642);

H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5771) to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 647) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–643); and

Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 2014 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 113–644). **Page H8272**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Stewart to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8227**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8228**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. David Gray, Bradley Hill Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Maryland. **Page H8228**

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

Pest Management Records Modernization Act: H.R. 5714, to permit commercial applicators of pesticides to create, retain, submit, and convey pesticide application-related records, reports, data, and other information in electronic form; **Pages H8231–32**

No Social Security for Nazis Act: H.R. 5739, to amend the Social Security Act to provide for the termination of Social Security benefits for individuals who participated in Nazi persecution, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 537; **Pages H8232–37, H8260**

SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2014: H.R. 4200, to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies; **Pages H8239–40**

Amending the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: H.R. 5471, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions; **Pages H8240–44**

Regulation D Study Act: H.R. 3240, to instruct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of Regulation D, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 422 yeas and with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 538; **Pages H8244–46, H8260–61**

Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014: H.R. 4329, amended, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996; **Pages H8246–54**

Housing Assistance Efficiency Act: H.R. 2790, to authorize private nonprofit organizations to administer permanent housing rental assistance provided through the Continuum of Care Program under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; **Pages H8254–55**

World War I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2366, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 418 yeas and 3 nays, Roll No. 539; and **Pages H8255–58, H8261–62**

Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2014: H.R. 4569, amended, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10–K and regulation S–K. **Pages H8258–60**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, December 1st:

Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014: S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 534; **Pages H8237–38**

May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act: H.R. 5050, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 535; and **Pages H8238–39**

Coastal Barrier Resources Act: H.R. 3572, amended, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 410 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 536. **Page H8239**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units.”. **Page H8239**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H8230 and H8272.

Senate Referral: S. 1000 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8237–38, H8238–39, H8239, H8260, H8261, and H8261–62. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE PANEL ASSESSMENT OF THE 2014 QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Defense Panel Assessment of the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review”. Testimony was heard from Eric Edelman, Panelist, National Defense Panel, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Michèle Flournoy, Panelist, National Defense Panel, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

THE ROLE OF MARITIME AND AIR POWER IN DOD’S THIRD OFFSET STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “The Role of Maritime and Air Power in DoD’s Third Offset Strategy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISIS AND THE THREAT FROM FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint hearing entitled “ISIS and the Threat from Foreign Fighters”. Testimony was heard from Robert Bradtke, Senior Advisor for Partner Engagement on Syria Foreign Fighters, Department of State; and Tom Warrick, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism Policy, Department of Homeland Security.

HONG KONG: A BROKEN PROMISE?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Hong Kong: A Broken Promise?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OPEN BORDERS: THE IMPACT OF PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY ON BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Open Borders: The Impact of Presidential Amnesty on Border Security”. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S EXECUTIVE OVERREACH ON IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “President Obama’s Executive Overreach on Immigration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TAX INCREASE PREVENTION ACT OF 2014; ABLE ACT OF 2014

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5771, the “Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014”; and H.R. 647, the “ABLE Act of 2014”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 5771. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 647. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 5771, add the text of H.R. 647, as passed by the House, as a new matter at the end of H.R. 5771 and make conforming modifications in the engrossment. Testimony was heard from Chairman Camp and Representative Levin.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1053)

H.R. 1233, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–187)

H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements. Signed on November 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–188)