

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)