

Foreign Service; Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi; Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde; Michael W. Kempner, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2015; and Leon Aron, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2016; that there be two minutes for debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that any roll call votes, following the first in the series, be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. (See Next Issue.)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

65 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—322) **Page S6590**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6646.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPROVING CHEMICAL FACILITY SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to examine the implementation of the President's executive order on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security, after receiving testimony from David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution to authorize the limited use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant;

S. Con. Res. 38, expressing the sense of Congress that Warren Weinstein should be returned home to his family, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 595, recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to ensure the right of all children to an education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 597, commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day;

H.R. 4573, to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States;

S. 2922, to reinstate reporting requirements related to United States-Hong Kong relations, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, Leslie Berger Kiernan, of Maryland, as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America, to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and a list in the Foreign Service.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joan Marie Azrack,

to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Copeland Biggs, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Elizabeth K. Dillon, to be United

States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 5848–5886; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 779–781 were introduced. **Pages H9302–04**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9304–05**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2612, to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve the functioning and management of the Public Buildings Service (H. Rept. 113–656);

H.R. 5233, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–657);

H.R. 5402, to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as Attorney General exercises such authority (H. Rept. 113–658);

Second Annual Report of the Activities of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives During the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress (H. Rept. 113–659);

H.R. 2751, to amend the Small Business Act to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements (H. Rept. 113–660);

H.R. 2452, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the procurement program for women-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–661);

H.R. 2882, to amend the Small Business Act and title 38, United States Code to provide for a consolidated definition of a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–662, Part 1);

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Alcee L. Hastings (H. Rept. 113–663);

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Phil Gingrey (H. Rept. 113–664);

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Judy Chu (H. Rept. 113–665); and

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Tom Petri (H. Rept. 113–666).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kingston to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9047**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Page H9048**

Filing Authority: Agreed by unanimous consent that all committees have until 5 p.m. on December 30, 2014, to file reports to accompany measures.

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

Soledad Canyon Settlement Act: H.R. 5742, to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA–20139 and CA–22901; **Pages H9050–53**

Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2014: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4007, to recodify and reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program; **Pages H9053–60**

Critical Infrastructure Research and Development Advancement Act of 2014: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2952, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the advancement of security technologies for critical infrastructure protection; and **Pages H9060–62**

National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center Act of 2014: S. 2519, to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity. **Pages H9062–65**

Suspension—Proceedings Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, December 10th:

Supporting America's Charities Act: H.R. 5806, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to