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IRS CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Internal Revenue Service challenges in implementing the Affordable Care Act, after receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, “Every Child Achieves Act of 2015”, an original bill entitled, “WIOA Technical Amendments Act”, and the nominations of Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

ASSET FORFEITURE REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need to reform asset forfeiture, after receiving testimony from Senator Paul; Darpana M. Sheth, Institute for Justice, Arlington, Virginia; Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.; Jonathan P. Bach, Cooley LLP, New York, New York, on behalf of the New York Council of Defense Lawyers; and Russ Caswell, Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

IRS IMPERSONATION SCAM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the IRS impersonation scam and the government’s response, after receiving testimony from Julie Brill, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Alysa D. Erichs, Special Agent in Charge, Homeland Security Investigations Miami, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Jason Moore, Auburn Maine Police Department; and Al Cadenhead, Charlotte, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 1795–1829; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 201–206, were introduced. **Pages H2268–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2270–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–75, Part 1);

H.R. 404, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska (H. Rept. 114–76);

H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of

that tribe, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–77);

H.R. 984, 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. Rept. 114–78);

H.R. 1168, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–79);

H.R. 1324, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–80);

H.R. 979, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point” (H. Rept. 114–81); and

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; Oversight Plans for all House Committees (H. Rept. 114–82). **Pages H2267–68**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2215**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2218**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Kenny Gooden, Union Grove Baptist Church, Yadkinville, North Carolina. **Page H2218**

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

Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2015: H.R. 1058, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights; **Pages H2230–32**

IRS Email Transparency Act: H.R. 1152, amended, to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business; **Pages H2232–33**

Taxpayer Knowledge of IRS Investigations Act: H.R. 1026, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the release of information regarding the status of certain investigations; **Pages H2233–35**

Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act: H.R. 1314, amended, 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; **Pages H2235–36**

IRS Bureaucracy Reduction and Judicial Review Act: H.R. 1295, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code; **Pages H2236–38**

Prevent Targeting at the IRS Act: H.R. 709, amended, to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes; **Pages H2238–40**

Fair Treatment for All Gifts Act: H.R. 1104, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations; and **Pages H2240–41**

Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2015: H.R. 1562, to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee

certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 156. **Pages H2241–43, H2251–52**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 16. **Page H2249**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 4:29 p.m. **Page H2249**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2015: H.R. 1563, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that individuals having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 157.

Pages H2243–49, H2252

State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act of 2015, Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015, and Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act: The House agreed to H. Res. 200, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 622) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1105) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1195) to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 155, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 154.

Pages H2223–30, H2250–51

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2219.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2250, H2250–51, H2251–52, and H2252. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: THE WORLD OF NUTRITION AND THE ROLE OF THE CHARITABLE SECTOR

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The World of Nutrition and the Role of the Charitable Sector”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBERS’ DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing for Members of Congress. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of Florida and Representatives Lowenthal, Ted Lieu of California, Jolly, McGovern, Heck of Washington, Johnson of Georgia, Cook, Byrne, Carter of Georgia, Rothfus, Lawrence, and Wagner.

APPROPRIATIONS—SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Securities and Exchange Commission budget. Testimony was heard from Mary Jo White, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—EBOLA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Ebola budget. Testimony was heard from Nicole Lurie, MD, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, United States Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas R. Frieden, MD, Director, Centers of Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony S. Fauci, MD, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; and Robin Robinson, Director, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a markup on appropriations bill for fiscal year 2016. The bill was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Immigration and Customs Enforcement budget. Testimony was heard from Sarah R. Saldaña, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a markup on appropriations bill for fiscal year 2016. The bill was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on United Nations and International Organizations budget. Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

THE RISK OF LOSING MILITARY TECHNOLOGY SUPERIORITY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. POLICY, STRATEGY, AND POSTURE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Risk of Losing Military Technology Superiority and Its Implications for U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in the Asia-Pacific”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Samuel J. Locklear, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; and Christine E. Wormuth, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

THE ROLE OF SURFACE FORCES IN PRESENCE, DETERRENCE, AND WARFIGHTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “The Role of Surface Forces in Presence, Deterrence, and Warfighting”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 NUCLEAR FORCES HEARING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2016 Nuclear Forces Hearing”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Vice Admiral Terry J. Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs; Major General Garrett Harencak, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration; Arthur T. Hopkins, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs; and Robert M. Scher, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities.