

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, after receiving testimony from Michael Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Lewis Ledford, National Association of State Park Directors, Raleigh, North Carolina; Lynn Scarlett, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; and Reed Watson, Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), Bozeman, Montana.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Vanessa Lorraine Allen Sutherland, of Virginia, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee began consideration of S. 995, to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, an original bill relating to extension of the trade adjustment assistance program, and amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals, an original bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and an original bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities.

**STATE DEPARTMENT REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine State Department reauthorization, focusing on ensuring effective United States diplomacy within a reasonable budget, after receiving

testimony from Heather Higginbotom, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

**SECURING THE BORDER**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding threats and strategies for the northern border, after receiving testimony from Michael Fisher, Chief, Border Patrol, and John Wagner, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, both of Customs and Border Protection, and James C. Spero, Special Agent in Charge, Homeland Security Investigations Buffalo, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Dave Rodriguez, Director, Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, Department of Justice.

**TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on pathways to safer roads in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Delbert A. McOmie, Wyoming Department of Transportation Chief Engineer, Cheyenne; J. Michael Chavarria, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Espanola, New Mexico; Rick Kirn, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; and John Smith, Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation, Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 710, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, with an amendment.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 55 public bills, H.R. 1926–1980; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 219, were introduced. **Pages H2415–17**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2419–20**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2359**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2365**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Tom Tucker, Sisk Memorial Baptist Church, Fort Mill, South Carolina.

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**Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act:** The House passed H.R. 1195, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 167.

**Pages H2378–81**

Rejected the Kuster motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 166.

**Pages H2379–80**

Agreed to:

Kuster amendment (No. 1 printed in part D of H. Rept. 114–74) that was debated on April 21st that requires the CFPB Director to include representatives of minority- and women-owned small business concerns in the membership of the Small Business Advisory Board, and to include financial institutions predominantly serving traditionally underserved communities and populations and their interests in the membership of the Credit Union Advisory Council and Community Bank Advisory Council (by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 165).

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Takai wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 219, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Protecting Cyber Networks Act:** The House passed H.R. 1560, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, by a recorded vote of 307 ayes to 116 noes, Roll No. 170.

**Pages H2381–98**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence printed in the bill shall be considered as read.

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Rejected the Rice (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 169.

**Pages H2396–97**

Agreed to:

Nunes amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–88) that makes technical changes to several sections of the bill and clarifies the authorization for the use of defensive measures. Further clarifies

the liability protections for network monitoring and sharing and receipt of cyber threat indicators and defensive measures.

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Cárdenas amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–88) that instructs the SBA to provide assistance to small businesses and small financial institutions to participate under this section, instructs the SBA to generate a report about such entities participation, and instructs the federal government to engage in out reach to encourage small business and small financial institution participation.

**Pages H2391–92**

Carson (IN) amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–88) that adds the requirement that the Inspector General report on current procedures pertaining to the sharing of information, removal procedures for personal information or information identifying a specific person, and any incidents pertaining to the improper treatment of information.

**Pages H2392–93**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–88) that directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to provide a report to Congress on the actions taken by the Federal Government to remove personal information from data shared through the programs established by this statute.

**Pages H2394–95**

Mulvaney amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–88) that sunsets the provisions of the bill after 7 years (by a recorded vote of 313 ayes to 110 noes, Roll No. 168).

**Pages H2393–94, H2395–96**

H. Res. 212, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1560) and (H.R. 1731), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 164, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 163.

**Pages H2368–78**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 23.

**Pages H2398**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today and appears on page H2378.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 984 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means. S. 971 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2376–77, H2377–78, H2378, H2380, H2380–81, H2395–96, H2397, and H2397–98. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **REAUTHORIZATION OF THE U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review reauthorization of the U.S. Grain Standards Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LIVESTOCK MANDATORY REPORTING ACT**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review reauthorization of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, FY 2016; and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2016; and a Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016. The Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended. The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended. The Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016 passed, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### **EXAMINING THE CHALLENGES FACING NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOLS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Examining the Challenges Facing Native American Schools”. Testimony was heard from Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director of Education, Workforce, and Income

Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on the “Ratepayer Protection Act”. The “Ratepayer Protection Act” was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a markup on the “Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters (TROL) Act”. The “Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters (TROL) Act” was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

### **A SURVEY OF GLOBAL TERRORISM AND TERRORIST FINANCING**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “A Survey of Global Terrorism and Terrorist Financing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN: CAN’T TRUST, CAN WE VERIFY?**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Agreement with Iran: Can’t Trust, Can We Verify?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION: TIER RANKINGS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Accountability and Transformation: Tier Rankings in the Fight Against Human Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **POACHING AND TERRORISM: A NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Poaching and Terrorism: A National Security Challenge”. Testimony was heard from Judith G. Garber, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Robert Dreher, Associate Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and John Cruden, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice.