

Republic of China: Representatives Walz, Kaptur, Honda, and Lieu (CA). **Page H2949**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representatives Hastings (FL), Slaughter, Cohen, and Grayson. **Page H2949**

United States Capitol Preservation Commission—Minority Leader Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the Honorable Marcy Kaptur of Ohio to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission. **Page H2949**

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Minority Leader Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the Honorable James P. McGovern of Massachusetts as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. **Page H2949**

National Council on the Arts—Minority Leader Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the Honorable Betty McCollum of Minnesota to the National Council on the Arts. **Page H2949**

Recess: The House recessed at 8 p.m. and reconvened at 11 p.m. **Page H2955**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012 is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–36). **Page H2923**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2892.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2901, H2937–38, H2938–39, and H2939. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL COORDINATION AND RESPONSE REGARDING POLLINATOR HEALTH

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing to review the federal coordination and response regarding pollinator health. Testimony was heard

from Robert Johansson, Acting Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; and Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator, Office of Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016. The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016 was approved.

DISCUSSION DRAFTS ADDRESSING HYDROPOWER REGULATORY MODERNIZATION AND FERC PROCESS COORDINATION UNDER THE NATURAL GAS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Discussion Drafts Addressing Hydropower Regulatory Modernization and FERC Process Coordination under the Natural Gas Act”. Testimony was heard from Paul R. LePage, Governor of Maine; Ann F. Miles, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON THE IANA TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on the IANA Transition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE DODD-FRANK ACT AND REGULATORY OVERREACH

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Dodd-Frank Act and Regulatory Overreach”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE CAPITAL FORMATION AND REDUCE REGULATORY BURDENS, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation and Reduce Regulatory Burdens, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANCIENT COMMUNITIES UNDER ATTACK: ISIS'S WAR ON RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ancient Communities Under Attack: ISIS's War on Religious Minorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a markup on H.R. 1615, the “DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015”; H.R. 1626, the “DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015”; H.R. 1633, the “DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1640, the “Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1646, the “Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”. The following bills were ordered reported to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 1615, H.R. 1626, H.R. 1633, H.R. 1640, and H.R. 1646.

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON ICANN: THE .SUCKS DOMAIN AND ESSENTIAL STEPS TO GUARANTEE TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE INTERNET'S OPERATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on ICANN: The .Sucks Domain and Essential Steps to Guarantee Trust and Accountability in the Internet's Operation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S CEQ RECENTLY REVISED DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR GHG EMISSIONS AND THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration's CEQ Recently Revised Draft Guidance for GHG Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director, Council on Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; TRANSPORTATION SECURITY: ARE OUR AIRPORTS SAFE?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on a bill to clarify the effective date of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014; and a hearing entitled “Transportation Security: Are Our Airports Safe?”. The bill to clarify the effective date of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014 was ordered reported, without amendment. Testimony was heard from John Roth,

Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer Grover, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

THE EMP THREAT: THE STATE OF PREPAREDNESS AGAINST THE THREAT OF AN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE (EMP) EVENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on the Interior, held a joint hearing entitled “The EMP Threat: The State of Preparedness Against the Threat of an Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Event”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016” (Amendment Consideration). The committee granted, by a record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for further consideration of H.R. 1735. The rule provides no further general debate. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–14 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. Each such amendment printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. In section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The

rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Chabot and Representatives Coffman, Cooper, Brooks of Alabama, Johnson of Georgia, Fleming, Walz, Nugent, Takai, Bridenstine, Russell, McGovern, Polis, Hastings, Young of Alaska, Maxine Waters of California, Rohrabacher, Jackson Lee, Lee, Fitzpatrick, Pascrell, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Langevin, Dold, Schiff, Perry, Cicilline, Rothfus, Hahn, Brat, Adams of North Carolina, Clawson of Florida, Dingell, Sanford, Hardy, and Walker.

NUCLEAR ENERGY INNOVATION AND THE NATIONAL LABS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Energy Innovation and the National Labs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2262, the “Spurring Private Aerospace Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship Act of 2015”; H.R. 1508, the “Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2261, the “Commercial Remote Sensing Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2263, the “Office of Space Commerce Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2262, H.R. 1508, and H.R. 2261. H.R. 2263 was ordered reported, without amendment.

BRIDGING THE SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL GAP: PEER-TO-PEER LENDING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Bridging the Small Business Capital Gap: Peer-to-Peer Lending”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAGGERS RAIL ACT: RAILROAD DEREGULATION PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “The 35th Anniversary of the Staggers Rail Act: Railroad Deregulation Past, Present, and Future”. Testimony was heard from Debra Miller, Acting Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE PROMISE AND PROGRESS OF THE CHOICE PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Promise and Progress of the Choice Program”. Testimony was heard from

Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine regulatory issues impacting end-users and market liquidity, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 411, to authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land, S. 485, to prohibit the use of eminent domain in carrying out certain projects, S. 1017, to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the siting of interstate electric transmission facilities, S. 1037, to expand the provisions for termination of mandatory purchase requirements under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, S. 1196, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant rights-of-ways on Federal land, S. 1201, to advance the integration of clean distributed energy into electric grids, S. 1202, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to assist States in adopting updated interconnection procedures and tariff schedules and standards for supplemental, backup, and standby power fees for projects for combined heat and power technology and waste heat to power technology, S. 1207, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program under which the Secretary shall make grants to eligible partnerships to provide for the transformation of the electric grid by the year 2030, S. 1210, to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to oil and gas production and distribution, S. 1213, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and the Federal Power Act to facilitate the free market for distributed energy resources, S. 1217, to establish an Interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission, to establish an Office of Transmission Ombudsperson, S. 1219, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the safe and reliable interconnection of distributed resources and to provide for the examination of the effects of net metering, S. 1220, to improve the distribution of