

*Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2015:* H.R. 1561, amended, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, and to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data; and **Pages H3367–73**

*Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015:* H.R. 1158, amended, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships. **Pages H3373–77**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–40). **Page H3339**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Deputy Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H3321.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3329, H3329–30, H3357–58, H3358–59, H3359, H3359–60, and H3360–61. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **ADDRESSING WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Addressing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Federal Child Nutrition Programs”. Testimony was heard from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture; Jessica Lucas-Judy, Acting Director, Forensic Audits and Investigating Service, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

### **DISCUSSION DRAFT ADDRESSING ENERGY RELIABILITY AND SECURITY**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Discussion Draft Addressing Energy Reliability and Security”. Testimony was heard from Michael Bardee, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission”. Testimony was heard from Elliot F. Kaye, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Robert S. Adler, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Ann Marie Buerkle, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Joseph Mohorovic, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 6, the “21st Century Cures Act”.

### **THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN AMERICA: OVERSIGHT OF THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Rural Housing Service”. Testimony was heard from Tony Hernandez, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mathew Scire, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

### **PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: HOW THE FINANCIAL SECTOR ADDRESSES CYBER THREATS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Protecting Critical Infrastructure: How the Financial Sector Addresses Cyber Threats”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **TRADE PROMOTION AGENCIES AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Trade Promotion Agencies and U.S. Foreign Policy”. Testimony was heard from Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Elizabeth L. Littlefield,

President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Leocadia I. Zak, Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency; and public witnesses.

#### **THE FUTURE OF U.S.-HUNGARY RELATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “The Future of U.S.-Hungary Relations”. Testimony was heard from Hoyt Brian Yee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING DHS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE’S ENGAGEMENT WITH ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Examining DHS Science and Technology Directorate’s Engagement with Academia and Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **POLICING STRATEGIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Policing Strategies for the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr., Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office; Susan Lee Rahr, Executive Director, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, and Member of President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing; and public witnesses.

#### **ONGOING OVERSIGHT: MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT’S CIVIL, TAX AND ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISIONS AND THE U.S. TRUSTEE PROGRAM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Oversight: Monitoring the Activities of the Justice Department’s Civil, Tax and Environment and Natural Resources Divisions and the U.S. Trustee Program”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Justice officials: Benjamin C. Mizer, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; John C. Cruden, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; Caroline D. Ciralo, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division; Clifford J. White III, Director, U.S. Trustee Program; and public witnesses.

#### **EMPOWERING STATE MANAGEMENT OF GREATER SAGE GROUSE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Empowering State Management of Greater Sage Grouse”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Clarke, Director, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, State of Utah; Dustin Miller, Administrator, Idaho Office of Species Conservation, State of Idaho; John Swartout, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Governor John Hickenlooper, State of Colorado; and a public witness.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2395, the “Inspector General Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1777, the “Presidential Allowance Modernization Act”; H.R. 1831, the “Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2015”; H.R. 451, the “Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act of 2015”; H.R. 1759, the “All Economic Regulations are Transparent (ALERT) Act of 2015”; H.R. 728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the “Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office”; H.R. 891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the “Floresville Veterans Post Office Building”; H.R. 1326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”; H.R. 1350, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the “Herman Badillo Post Office Building”; H.R. 1442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building”; H.R. 1524, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Joseph D’Augustine Post Office Building”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1777, H.R. 1831, and H.R. 451. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2395, H.R. 1759, H.R. 728, H.R. 891, H.R. 1326, H.R. 1350, H.R. 1442, and H.R. 1524.

**AMERICAN RESEARCH AND  
COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2015;  
STRENGTHENING FISHING COMMUNITIES  
AND INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN  
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT; SPACE ACT  
OF 2015**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 880, the “American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2015”; H.R. 1335, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; and H.R. 2262, the “SPACE Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1335. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. 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 114–16 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 Rules Committee report. Each such amendment 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, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, 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. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2262. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. 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 114–17 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 part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment 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 part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 880. 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 recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, modified by the amendment 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. In section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of May 21, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. In section 4, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. In section 5, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 22, 2015, through May 29, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 6, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 5. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah, Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, Chairman Smith of Texas, and Representatives Huffman, Young of Alaska, Graves of Louisiana, Jones, Austin Scott of Georgia, Crowley, and Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas.

**IMPROVING CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAMS  
WITHIN THE SBA**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Improving Capital Access Programs within the SBA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST SEISMIC HAZARDS: PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR THE NEXT DISASTER

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Pacific Northwest Seismic Hazards: Planning and Preparing for the Next Disaster”. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

### IMPROVING COMPETITION IN MEDICARE: REMOVING MORATORIA AND EXPANDING ACCESS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Improving Competition in Medicare: Removing Moratoria and Expanding Access”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D488)

S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer’s official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received. Signed on May 19, 2015. (Public Law 114–12)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on Syria, 11 a.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 1331, to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, S. 1326, to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, S. 1040, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the

Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, S. 806, to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes, S. 1315, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, S. 1334, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 1251, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted by Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007, S. 1336, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and the nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019, and a routine list in the Coast Guard, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine improvements and innovations in fishery management and data collection, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine scientific advisory panels and processes at the Environmental Protection Agency, including S. 543, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. Cuban relations, focusing on the way forward, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the