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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3635–S3729

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1487–1501, and S. Res. 190–191. **Pages S3678–79**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. **Page S3728**

Responding to Anti-Semitism in Europe: Senate agreed to S. Res. 87, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism. **Page S3728**

Relative to the Death of Joseph Robinette Biden, III: Senate agreed to S. Res. 191, relative to the death of Joseph Robinette Biden, III. **Pages S3728–29**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3642–67**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3642–57**

McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels. **Page S3657**

Reed Amendment No. 1521 (to Amendment No. 1463), to limit the availability of amounts authorized to be appropriated for overseas contingency operations pending relief from the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011. **Page S3657**

Portman Amendment No. 1522 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide additional amounts for procurement and for research, development, test, and evaluation for Stryker Lethality Upgrades, and to provide an offset. **Pages S3657–59**

Reed (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1540 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to brief and submit a report to Congress on the administration and oversight by the Department of Veterans Affairs of contracts for the design and construction of major medical facility projects. **Pages S3661–66**

Cornyn Amendment No. 1486 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require reporting on energy security issues involving Europe and the Russian Federation, and to express the sense of Congress regarding ways the United States could help vulnerable allies and partners with energy security. **Pages S3659–61**

Reed (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1494 (to Amendment No. 1463), to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse. **Page S3667**

Tillis Amendment No. 1506 (to Amendment No. 1463), to provide for the stationing of C–130 H aircraft avionics previously modified by the Avionics Modernization Program (AMP) in support of daily training and contingency requirements for Airborne and Special Operations Forces. **Pages S3666–67**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 4, 2015, that there be 30 minutes equally divided in the usual form on the following amendments, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed: Portman Amendment No. 1522 (to Amendment No. 1463) (listed above), and Reed (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1540 (to Amendment No. 1463) (listed above); and that there be no second-degree amendments in order to any of these amendments prior to the votes. **Pages S3666, S3729**

Messages from the House: **Page S3675**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3729.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EPA'S PROPOSED NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD FOR GROUND-LEVEL OZONE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges and implications of EPA's proposed national ambient air quality standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 638, to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, S. 751, to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and S. 640, to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone, after receiving testimony from Senators Thune and Flake; Representative Olson; Kanathur Srikanth, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; Michael McKee, Uintah County Commission Chairman, Vernal, Utah; Gary Moore, Boone County Judge/Executive, Burlington, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils; Larry Greene, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Sacramento, California; and Gregory B. Diette, American Thoracic Society, Baltimore, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Audit and Appeal Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare Act of 2015".

IMPLICATIONS OF THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implications of the Iran nuclear agreement for United States policy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Martin Indyk, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATOR POSITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine top government investigator positions left unfilled for years, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, and Daniel Z. Epstein, Cause of Action, both of Washington, D.C.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on ensuring college affordability, after receiving testimony from Judith Scott-Clayton, Columbia University Teachers College, New York, New York; Elizabeth Akers, Brookings Institution, and Michael Mitchell, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; F. King Alexander, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; and James Kennedy, Indiana University, Bloomington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1292, to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas;

S. 1470, to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Douglas J. Kramer, of Kansas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

PENDING HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 297, to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 425, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration

programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, S. 471, to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 684, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and other pending calendar business, after receiving testimony from Thomas Lynch, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration; Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, and Thomas J. Snee, Fleet Reserve Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Fred Benjamin, Medicalodges, Inc., Coffeyville, Kansas; and Victor Medina, El Paso, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2623–2644; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 292–297 were introduced. **Pages H3877–79**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3879–80**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Graves (LA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3763**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3770**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend William Rice, Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, Florida. **Page H3770**

Commodity End-User Relief Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2289) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, and to help keep consumer costs low, by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 274. **Pages H3773–81**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House passed H.R. 2578, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 297. Consideration began yesterday, June 2. **Pages H3781–H3817**

Rejected the Brownley (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 296. **Pages H3815–16**

Agreed to:

Bonamici amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2015) that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Justice to prevent a State from implementing its own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined in section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (by a recorded vote of 282 ayes to 146 noes, Roll No. 280); **Pages H3784–85**

Rohrabacher amendment that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits the use of funds by various states to prevent any of them from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possessions, or cultivation of medical marijuana (by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 283); **Pages H3786–87**

Grayson amendment that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits the use of funds to compel a person to testify about information or sources that the person states in a motion to quash the subpoena that he has obtained as a journalist or reporter and that he regards as confidential (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 284); **Pages H3787–88**

Perry amendment that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits the use of funds to take any action to prevent a State from implementing any law that makes it lawful to possess, distribute, or use cannabidiol oil (by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 130 noes, Roll No. 286); **Pages H3788–89**

Garrett amendment that was debated on June 2nd that prohibits the use of funds to enforce the Fair Housing Act in a manner that relies upon an allegation of liability under section 100.500 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 287); **Pages H3789–90**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds to carry out the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosive Special Advisory entitled ''Test, Examination and Classification of 7N6 5.45x39 Ammunition'', dated April 7, 2014; **Page H3794**

Issa amendment that prohibits the use of funds to operate or disseminate a cell-site simulator or IMSI catcher in the United States except pursuant to a court order that identifies an individual, account, address, or personal device; **Pages H3795–96**

Duncan (SC) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to prosecute or hold liable any person or corporation for a violation of section 2(a) of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; **Pages H3797–98**

King (IA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to negotiate or finalize a trade agreement that includes provisions relating to visas issued under the Immigration and Nationality Act; also provides that the limitation described in the amendment shall not apply in the case of the administration of a tax or tariff (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand adopted in accordance with the previous voice vote thereon); **Pages H3803–04**

Luetkemeyer amendment that prohibits the use of funds to carry out the program known as Operation Choke Point; **Pages H3805–07**

Massie amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of section 7606 (Legitimacy of Industrial Hemp Research) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 by the Department of Justice or the Drug Enforcement Administration (by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 132 noes, Roll No. 288); **Pages H3790–91, H3809–10**

Massie amendment that prohibits the use of funds to treat ammunition as armor piercing for purposes of chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, except for ammunition designed and intended for use in a handgun (by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 289); **Pages H3791–93, H3810**

Massie amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the National Institute of Standards and Technology to consult with the National Security Agency or the CIA to alter cryptographic or computer standards, except to improve information security (by a recorded vote of 383 ayes to 43 noes, Roll No. 290); **Pages H3793–94, H3811**

Flores amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement Executive Order 13547, relating to the stewardship of oceans, coasts, and the Great Lakes, including the National Ocean Policy developed under such Executive Order (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 291); **Pages H3796–97, H3811–12**

King (IA) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2015) that prohibits funds from being used with respect to the case State of Texas v. United States of America (No. B–14–254 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas and No. 15–40238 in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit) (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 293); **Pages H3801–02, H3813**

King (IA) amendment that prohibits the use of State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance in contravention of the Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 294); and **Pages H3804–05, H3813–14**

Denham amendment that prohibits the use of funds for NOAA to implement in the California Central Valley Recovery Domain any existing recovery plan for salmon and steelhead populations listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1978 as threatened species or endangered species if that recovery plan does not address predation by non-native species (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 295). **Pages H3807–08, H3814–15**

Rejected:

Pittenger amendment that was debated on June 2nd that sought to increase funding, by offset, for salaries and expenses of the FBI by $25,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 275); **Pages H3781–82**

Nadler amendment that was debated on June 2nd that sought to strike section 527 of the bill, which prohibits use of funds to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release to or within the U.S., its territories, or possessions Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee who is not a U.S. citizen or a member of the Armed Forces of the U.S. and is or was held on or after June 24, 2009, at the U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by the Department of Defense (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 276); **Page H3782**

Farr amendment that was debated on June 2nd that sought to strike section 540 from the bill, which prohibits use of funds to facilitate, permit, license, or promote exports to the Cuban military or intelligence service or to any officer of the Cuban military or intelligence service, or an immediate family member thereof (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 277); **Pages H3782–83**

Blackburn amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2015) that was debated on June 2nd that sought to reduce amounts made available by 1 percent, except those amounts made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and certain accounts of the Department of Justice (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 278); **Pages H3783–84**

Foster amendment that was debated on June 2nd that sought to prohibit the use of funds to fund any Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 279); **Page H3784**

Ellison amendment that was debated on June 2nd that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Justice in violation of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; or to repeal the guidance provided in the memorandum issued by the Attorney General on March 31, 2015 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 281); **Pages H3785–86**

Grayson amendment that was debated on June 2nd that sought to prohibit the use of funds to negotiate or enter into a trade agreement whose negotiating texts are confidential (by a recorded vote of 27 ayes to 399 noes with one answering ''present'', Roll No. 282); **Page H3786**

McClintock amendment that was debated on June 2nd that sought to prohibit the use of funds by various states to prevent any of them from implementing their own laws that authorize the use, distribution, possessions, or cultivation of marijuana on non-Federal lands within their respective jurisdictions (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 222 noes, Roll. No. 285); and **Page H3788**

Sanford amendment that sought to reduce funding in the bill by 2.48 percent across-the-board (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 292). **Pages H3799–H3801, H3812**

Withdrawn:

Flores amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds for further implementation of the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy developed under Executive Order 13547; and **Pages H3796–99**

Jeffries amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds for the monitoring or review of electronic communications between and inmate and attorney or attorney's agents who are traditionally covered by attorney client privilege except in specified instances. **Pages H3808–09**

Point of Order sustained against:

Lamborn amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to collect information about individuals attending gun shows, by means of an automatic license plate reader, or to retain any information so collected. **Page H3798**

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2577) and (H.R. 2578) was agreed to yesterday, June 2nd.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House began consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 4. **Pages H3817–77**

Agreed to:

Dent amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Capital and Debt Service Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for the purpose of installing inward facing cameras in locomotives, by $9,000,000; **Pages H3830–32**

Bustos amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, by $500,000; **Page H3832**

Meehan amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Federal Railroad Administration Safety and Operations, by $3,500,000; **Page H3832**

Burgess amendment that increases funding, by offset, for National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Operations and Research by $4,000,000; **Pages H3832–33**

LoBiondo amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Facilities and Equipment, Airport and Airway Trust Fund, by $3,000,000; **Page H3838**

Bridenstine amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Federal Aviation Administration Operations Airport and Airway Trust Fund for commercial space transportation activities, by $250,000; **Pages H3841–44**

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation Office of Inspector General Salaries and Expenses, by $500,000; **Pages H3846–47**

Titus amendment that redirects $1,000,000 in funding within the Operating Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation; **Page H3848**

Langevin amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Technical Assistance and Training, by $2,000,000; **Page H3852**

Capps amendment that adds a new proviso that not less than $1,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading shall be for the finalization and implementation of rules required under section 60102(n) of title 49, United States Code, and section 8(b)(3) of the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainity, and Job Creation Act of 2011; **Page H3856**

Nadler amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Community Planning and Development, Housing Opportunities for persons with AIDS, by $3,000,000; **Pages H3865–66**

Grayson amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Housing for the Elderly, by $2,500,000; **Pages H3868–69**

Stivers amendment that redirects $28,375,000 in funding within the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity account; **Pages H3869–70**

Grayson amendment that increases funding for the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity by $150,000; **Pages H3870–75**

Grayson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into contracts with entities who have been convicted of fraud; **Page H3876**

Fitzpatrick amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of section 121.584 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations; and **Page H3876**

Grayson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to make incentive payments pursuant to 48 CFR 16.4 to contractors for contracts that are behind schedule under the terms of the contract as prescribed by 48 CFR 52.211 or over the contract amount indicated in Standard Form 33, box 20. **Pages H3876–77**

Rejected:

Dold amendment that sought to remove language in the bill which allows the Secretary to increase the Federal share of costs above 80 percent for projects in rural areas; **Pages H3835–36**

Dold amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Capital and Debt Service Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, by $290,000,000; **Pages H3839–40**

Dold amendment that sought to increases funding, by offset, for Capital Investment Grants, by $200,000,000; **Pages H3840–41**

Grothman amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Capital Investment Grants by $230,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; and **Pages H3852–53**

Grothman amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Public and Indian Housing Programs by $614,000,000 and to apply the savings to the spending reduction account. **Pages H3863–65**

Withdrawn:

Lynch amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Federal Railroad Administration Safety and Operations, by $25,000,000; **Page H3840**

Mica amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 2, 2015) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck the proviso that the Secretary, in order to ensure safety throughout the rail system, may waive the requirements of section 601(e)(1) of title VI of Public Law 110–432; and **Pages H3853–54**

Al Green (TX) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Renewals of Expiring Section 8 tenant-based annual contributions contracts under Public and Indian Housing Programs by $75,000,000. **Page H3860**

Point of Order sustained against:

Waters amendment that sought to increase funding for National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER Grants) by $1,150,000,000; **Pages H3833–34**

Waters amendment that sought to increase funding for National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER Grants) by $400,000,000; **Pages H3834–35**

Corrine Brown (FL) amendment that sought to increase funding for Capital and Debt Service Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation by $861,500,000; **Pages H3850–51**

Connolly amendment that sought to increase funding for the Grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority by $50,000,000; **Pages H3854–56**

Norton amendment that sought to increase the funding for the Public and Indian Housing Programs Tenant-Based Rental Assistance by $512,000,000; **Pages H3860–61**

Nadler amendment that sought to make various increases in the Public and Indian Housing Programs Tenant-Based Rental Assistance; and **Pages H3861–63**

Al Green (TX) amendment that sought to increase funding for the Community Planning and Development-HOME Investment Partnerships by $293,000,000 and strike the last two provisos in the Community Planning and Development-HOME Investment Partnerships Program. **Pages H3866–68**

Proceedings Postponed:

McClintock amendment that seeks to zero out the funding for Payments to Air Carriers and apply the savings of $155,000,000 to the spending reduction account; **Pages H3836–37**

Walberg amendment that seeks to strike section 102 from the bill which allows the Secretary or his designee to engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to the reduction of motorcycle fatalities; **Pages H3837–38**

Esty amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Federal Railroad Administration, by $3,000,000; **Pages H3838–39**

Cartwright amendment that seeks to strike section 134 of the bill, which prohibits the use of funds to develop, issue, or implement any regulation that increase level of minimum financial responsibility for transporting passengers or property as in effect on January 1, 2014; **Pages H3844–46**

Garrett amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Federal Railroad Administration by $16,930,000; **Pages H3847–48**

Brooks (AL) amendment that seeks to strike the paragraph providing funding for Operating Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation; **Pages H3848–50**

Brooks (AL) amendment that seeks to strike the paragraph providing funding for Capital and Debt Service Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation; **Pages H3851–52**

Capps amendment that seeks to increase funding in the Pipeline Safety Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund by $27,604,000; and **Pages H3856–60**

Stivers amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for the Private Enforcement Initiative of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program under section 561(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987. **Pages H3875–76**

H. Res. 287, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2577) and (H.R. 2578) was agreed to yesterday, June 2nd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 4. **Page H3877**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and twenty-one recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3780–81, H3781, H3782, H3782–83, H3783–84, H3784, H3784–85, H3785–86, H3786, H3786–87, H3787–88, H3788, H3788–89, H3789–90, H3809–10, H3810, H3811, H3811–12, H3812, H3813, H3813–14, H3814, H3816 and H3816–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:27 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Review of Agricultural Subsidies in Foreign Countries''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a markup on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2016. The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE: OVERSIGHT HEARING

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Congressional Budget Office: Oversight Hearing''. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

COMPULSORY UNIONIZATION THROUGH GRIEVANCE FEES: THE NLRB'S ASSAULT ON RIGHT-TO-WORK

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Compulsory Unionization through Grievance Fees: The NLRB's Assault on Right-to-Work''. Testimony was heard from Pete Ricketts, Governor, State of Nebraska; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 2576, the ''TSCA Modernization Act of 2015''; and H.R. 2583, the ''Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2015''. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2576 and H.R. 2583.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a hearing entitled ''Discussion Draft on Accountability and Department of Energy Perspectives on Title IV: Energy Efficiency''. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy; J. Arnold Quinn, Director, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Larry R. Parkinson, Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

EXAMINING THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK'S REAUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN EXPORT FINANCING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Export-Import Bank's Reauthorization Request and the Government's Role in Export Financing''. Testimony was heard from Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Michael T. McCarthy, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS ISIL AFTER TERROR GROUP SEIZES RAMADI AND PALMYRA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled ''U.S. Policy Towards ISIL After Terror Group Seizes Ramadi and Palmyra''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF U.S.-ZIMBABWE RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled ''The Future of U.S.-Zimbabwe Relations''. Testimony was heard from Shannon Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM GONE VIRAL: THE ATTACK IN GARLAND, TEXAS AND BEYOND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Terrorism Gone Viral: The Attack in Garland, Texas and Beyond''. Testimony was heard from John J. Mulligan, Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center; Francis X. Taylor, Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and Michael B. Steinbach, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

HOUSE OFFICER PRIORITIES FOR 2016 AND BEYOND

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''House Officer Priorities for 2016 and Beyond''. Testimony was heard from Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House; Paul D. Irving, House Sergeant at Arms; and Ed Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer.

RETURNING RESILIENCE TO OUR OVERGROWN, FIRE-PRONE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT OF 2015

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on a discussion draft entitled the ''Returning Resilience to our Overgrown, Fire-prone National Forests Act of 2015''. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service; and public witnesses.

ENSURING AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Ensuring Agency Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)''. Testimony was heard from Joyce A. Barr, Chief FOIA Officer, Department of State; Mary Howard, Director, Privacy, Governmental Liaison, and Disclosure, Internal Revenue Service; Melanie Anne Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice; Karen Neuman, Chief FOIA Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Brodi Fontenot, Chief FOIA Officer, Department of Treasury.

THE ROAD AHEAD: SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE NEED FOR A LONG-TERM SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Road Ahead: Small Businesses and the Need for a Long-Term Surface Transportation Reauthorization''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING VA'S ABILITY TO PROMPTLY PAY NON-VA PROVIDERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled ''Assessing VA's Ability to Promptly Pay Non-VA Providers''. Testimony was heard from Gene Migliaccio, Deputy Chief Business Officer for Purchased Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING THE SAFETY NET FROM WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled ''Protecting the Safety Net from Waste, Fraud, and Abuse''. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sam Johnson of Texas; Brady of Texas; Reichert; Becerra; Reed; Renacci; and DeLauro; Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Dan Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Curt Eysink, Executive Director, Louisiana Workforce Commission; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT EFFECTS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment effects of the Affordable Care Act, after receiving testimony from Casey B. Mulligan, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Joseph P. Sergio, The Sergio Corporation, South Bend, Indiana; Barbara L. Carroll, North Carolina State University, Raleigh; and Paul N. Van de Water, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Michael

Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nomination of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine security assistance in Africa, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine practical solutions to improve the federal regulatory process, 1:15 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1137, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and the nominations of Dale A. Drozd, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, and Ann Donnelly, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, John W. Huber, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years, Eileen Maura Decker, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years, and Eric Steven Miller, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine the process that led to the Affordable Care Act subsidy rule, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Examining H.R. 2017, the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled ''Discussion Draft on Accountability and Department of Energy Perspectives on Title IV: Energy Efficiency'' (continued), 10:15, 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''EPA Regulatory Overreach: Impacts on American Competitiveness'', 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled ''Sizing Up Small Business: SBA's Failure to Implement Congressional Direction'', 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on Intelligence Authorization Act, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This markup will be closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act, and vote on or in relation to Portman Amendment No. 1522 (to Amendment No. 1463), and Reed (for Bennet) Amendment No. 1540 (to Amendment No. 1463) at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, June 4

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Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2577—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Subject to a Rule).

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