

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1590–1603, and S. Res. 203. **Pages S4249–50**

Measures Reported:

S. 697, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4249**

Measures Passed:

American Eagle Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 203, designating June 20, 2015, as “American Eagle Day” and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. **Page S4254**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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:

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Adopted:

McCain (for Hatch/Inhofe) Further Modified Amendment No. 1911 (to Amendment No. 1456), to study the impact of commissary privatization prior to initiating a pilot program and to require a report on the Department of Defense definition of and policy regarding software sustainment.

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McCain Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1463), to require additional information supporting long-range plans for construction of naval vessels. **Pages S4222, S4247**

McCain Amendment No. 1463, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4222, S4247**

Chair sustained a point of order that the following amendments were not germane post-cloture, and the amendments thus fell: **Page S4247**

Reed (for Blumenthal) Modified Amendment No. 1564 (to Amendment No. 1463), to enhance protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses.

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Fischer/Booker Amendment No. 1825 (to Amendment No. 1463), to authorize appropriations for national security aspects of the Merchant Marine for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. **Pages S4222, S4247**

Reed (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1463), to prohibit the award of Department of Defense contracts to inverted domestic corporations. **Pages S4222, S4247**

McCain (for Paul) Modified Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1463), to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government. **Pages S4222, S4247**

Markey Amendment No. 1645 (to Amendment No. 1463), to express the sense of Congress that exports of crude oil to United States allies and partners should not be determined to be consistent with the national interest if those exports would increase energy prices in the United States for American consumers or businesses or increase the reliance of the United States on imported oil. **Pages S4222, S4247**

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 S4222, S4247**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 214), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S4247**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, the time count as if cloture was invoked at 10 p.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. **Page S4242**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all time during morning business and the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on the bill. **Page S4254**

PORTS Act Referral—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that S. 1519, to amend the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to address slowdowns, strikes, and lock-outs occurring at ports in the United States, be discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and be referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—214)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4254.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL CHALLENGES

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office's analysis of the Federal government's deepening fiscal challenges, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after receiving testimony from Elliot F. Kaye, Chairman, and Robert S. Adler, Ann Marie Buerkle, Joseph P. Mohorovic, and Marietta S. Robinson, each a Commissioner, all of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine

the Environmental Protection Agency's final rule to regulate disposal of coal combustion residuals from electric utilities, after receiving testimony from Danny Gray, Charah, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Michael Kezar, South Texas Electric Cooperative, Nursery, on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Environmental Council of the States, Washington, D.C.; Nancy Cave, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Georgetown; and Frank Holleman, Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

GOVERNING THROUGH GOAL SETTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine governing through goal setting, focusing on enhancing the economic and national security of America, including S. Res. 199, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joe Lieberman, former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, Mclean, Virginia, Andrew Tisch, Loews Corporation, New York, New York, and Andrea Hogan, Merchants Metals LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, all on behalf of No Labels.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carol Fortine Ochoa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the General Services Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on evaluating accreditation's role in ensuring quality, after receiving testimony from Peter T. Ewell, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, Boulder, Colorado; George Pruitt, Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, New Jersey; and Albert C. Gray, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, and Anne D. Neal, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, both of Washington, D.C.

ACCESSING CAPITAL IN INDIAN COUNTRY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine accessing capital in Indian Country, after receiving testimony from Alejandra Y. Castillo, National Director, Minority

Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce; Derrick Watchman, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Mesa, Arizona; Ross Alan Hill, Bank2, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Dante Desiderio, NAFOA, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 2798–2817; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 322–325, were introduced. **Pages H4490–91**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4492–93**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1626, to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–162);

H.R. 1633, to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–163);

H.R. 2200, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–164);

H.R. 2206, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–165);

H.R. 1640, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–166); and H. Res. 321, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, fire-

fighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–167).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Reception in the House Chamber of Former Members of Congress: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the former Members program held earlier in the day be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

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Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 160, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 18th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–157, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 319, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 160) and (H.R. 1190) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 372, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 371.

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Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014: The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 55, directing the

President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014, other than Armed Forces required to protect United States diplomatic facilities and personnel, from Iraq and Syria, by a yea-and-nay vote of 139 yeas to 288 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 370. **Pages H4455–71**

H. Con. Res. 55 was considered pursuant to the order of the House of June 16, 2015.

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

VBID for Better Care Act of 2015: H.R. 2570, amended, to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures; **Pages H4479–81**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4481**

Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015: H.R. 2507, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish an annual rule-making schedule for payment rates under Medicare Advantage; **Pages H4481–83**

Medicare Advantage Coverage Transparency Act of 2015: H.R. 2505, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans; and **Pages H4483–85**

Securing Seniors’ Health Care Act of 2015: H.R. 2582, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program, and to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings. **Pages H4485–87**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage con-

tracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, to make improvements to the Medicare Adjustment risk adjustment system, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4487**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 18. **Page H4489**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4470, H4471, and H4471–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2620, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act. H.R. 2647 and H.R. 2620 were both ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2016. The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

U.S. POLICY AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy and Strategy in the Middle East”. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

CAPACITY OF U.S. NAVY TO PROJECT POWER WITH LARGE SURFACE COMBATANTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Capacity of U.S. Navy to Project Power with Large Surface Combatants”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Victorino G. “Vic” Mercado, USN, Director, Assessment Division (N81); and Rear Admiral Peter Fanta, USN, Director, Surface Warfare (N96).

WHY CONGRESS MUST BALANCE THE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Why Congress Must Balance the Budget”. Testimony was heard from Ryan Silvey, Senator, Missouri State Senate; and public witnesses.

RESTRICTING ACCESS TO FINANCIAL ADVICE: EVALUATING THE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND RETIREES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Restricting Access to Financial Advice: Evaluating the Costs and Consequences for Working Families and Retirees”. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy And Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 805, the “Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015”. H.R. 805 was ordered reported, as amended.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

THE IMPACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND: ECONOMIC STABILITY OR MORAL HAZARD?

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the International Monetary Fund: Economic Stability or Moral Hazard?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSAD’S ABHORRENT CHEMICAL WEAPONS ATTACKS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assad’s Abhorrent Chemical Weapons Attacks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA’S RISE: THE STRATEGIC IMPACT OF ITS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY GROWTH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “China’s Rise: The Strategic Impact of its Economic and Military Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IRAN, NORTH KOREA, AND SYRIA NONPROLIFERATION ACT: STATE DEPARTMENT’S NON-COMPLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act: State Department’s Non-Compliance”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Human Rights Abuses by Vietnamese Authorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE STATE OF THE SMITHSONIAN

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of the Smithsonian”. Testimony was heard from Albert G. Horvath, Acting Secretary of the Smithsonian.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2315, the “Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2015”; H.R. 1643, the “Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2584, the “Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2315 and H.R. 2584. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1643.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1157, the “Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2015”; H.R. 2386, the “Unrecognized Southeast

Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act”; and H.R. 2538, the “Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Mona Miyasato, Executive Officer, County of Santa Barbara, on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors; Steve Lavagnino, County Supervisor, Fifth District, Santa Barbara County; and public witnesses.

DRONES: THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMMERCE?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Drones: The Next Generation of Commerce?”. Testimony was heard from Michael Whitaker, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; John Cavolowsky, Director of the Airspace Systems Program Office, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Executive Actions on Immigration”. Testimony was heard from Sarah R. Saldaña, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; León Rodríguez, Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services; and John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE DEFENDING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2146, the “Defending Public Safety Employees’ Retirement Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a rule that provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the motion is not subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVERSIGHT: ENERGY INNOVATION HUBS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Department of Energy Oversight: Energy Innovation Hubs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CRUDE INTENTIONS: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE BAN, THE OIL INDUSTRY, AND AMERICA’S SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Crude Intentions: The Untold Story of the Ban, the Oil Industry, and America’s Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LONG-TERM FINANCING OF THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Long-Term Financing of the Highway Trust Fund”. Testimony was heard from Chad Shirley, Deputy Assistant Director, Microeconomic Studies Team, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FEDERAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic exposure of Federal credit programs, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Jason Delisle, New America Federal Education Budget Project, Douglas J. Elliott, Brookings Institution, and Paul Van de Water, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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S. 1568, to extend the authorization to carry out the replacement of the existing medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, Colorado, to authorize transfers of amounts to carry out the replacement of such medical center. Signed on June 15, 2015. (Public Law 114–25)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016”, and an original bill entitled “Interior,

Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 593, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, S. 982, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and to require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to develop water planning instruments consistent with State law, S. 1305, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, S. 1365, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, S. 1291, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska, S. 1552, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and S. 1533, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine challenges to the future of highway funding, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the EPA’s management of the renewable fuel standard program, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “A National Framework for the Review and Labeling of Biotechnology in Food”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “The Future of Property Rights in Cuba”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 320, the “Rapid DNA Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, June 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture.

Following disposition of H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2685, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 160—Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015. Consideration of H.R. 1190—Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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