

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.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D704)*

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)

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#### **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.