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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4802.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine highly pathogenic avian influenza, focusing on the impact on the United States poultry sector and protecting poultry flocks, after receiving testimony from John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and David Swayne, Laboratory Director, Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory, Agricultural Research Services, both of the Department of Agriculture; Jim Dean, United Egg Producers, Sioux Center, Iowa; Ken Klippen, National Association of Egg Farmers, Collegenille, Pennsylvania; Brad Moline, Moline Farms, Manson, Iowa, on behalf of the National Turkey Federation; Rob Knecht, Konos, Inc., Martin, Michigan, on behalf of Michigan Allied Poultry Industries; and Tom Elam, FarmEcon LLC, Carmel, Indiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016”.

COUNTER-ISIL STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine counter-ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) strategy, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

TECHNOLOGIES TRANSFORMING TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine technologies transforming transportation, focusing on whether the government is keeping up, after receiving testimony from Susan Alt, Volvo Group North America, Greensboro, North Carolina; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, and Greg Fox, BNSF Railway Company, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Christensen, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California.

YAKIMA RIVER BASIN WATER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103–434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, after receiving testimony from Tom Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Derek Sandison, Washington State Department of Agriculture Director, Olympia; Urban Eberhart, Kittitas Reclamation District, Ellensburg, Washington; Michael Garrity, American Rivers, Tacoma, Washington; and Phil Rigdon, Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources, Toppenish, Washington.

2014 HUMANITARIAN BORDER CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 2014 humanitarian crisis at our border, focusing on a review of the government’s response to unaccompanied minors one year later, after receiving testimony from Juan P. Osuna, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice; Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families; and Philip T. Miller, Assistant Director for Field Operations, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Joseph E. Langlois, Associate Director, Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate, Citizenship and Immigration Services, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine small business health care challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Harte, Landmark Benefits Inc., Hampstead, New Hampshire, on

behalf of the National Association of Health Underwriters; James G. Scott, Applied Policy, Alexandria, Virginia; Sabrina Corlette, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy Center on Health Insurance Reforms, Washington, D.C.; and J. Kelly Conklin, Foley Waite Associates, Kenilworth, New Jersey, on behalf of the Main Street Alliance.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2947–2961; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59; and H. Res. 59, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6, to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–190, Part 1);

H.R. 2256, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration and the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–191); and

H. Res. 347, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act and improve forest management activities in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–192).

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

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

United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015: H.R. 907, amended, to improve defense co-

operation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;

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Veterans Identification Card Act 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 91, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 391; and

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Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: H.R. 1531, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures.

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Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House considered H.R. 2822, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration began on June 25th.

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Agreed to:

Poe (TX) amendment that redirects funding within the Land Acquisition Account by \$1,000,000;

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Polis amendment that redirects funding within Wildland Fire Management by \$1,000,000;

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Young (AK) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement the revised comprehensive conservation plan for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska;

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Grijalva amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Executive Order regarding Indian Sacred Sites;

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Poliquin amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to enforce the Code of Federal Regulations regarding biomass;

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