

Homes for Heroes Act of 2015: H.R. 251, to transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 435; **Pages H5130–32, H5150**

Housing Assistance Efficiency Act: H.R. 1047, to authorize private nonprofit organizations to administer permanent housing rental assistance provided through the Continuum of Care Program under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; **Pages H5132–34**

Preservation Enhancement and Savings Opportunity Act of 2015: H.R. 2482, to amend the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990; **Pages H5134–35**

Private Investment in Housing Act of 2015: H.R. 2997, to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a demonstration program to enter into budget-neutral, performance-based contracts for energy and water conservation improvements for multifamily residential units, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 28 nays, Roll No. 436; **Pages H5135–37, H5150–51**

Mortgage Servicing Asset Capital Requirements Act of 2015: H.R. 1408, amended, to require certain Federal banking agencies to conduct a study of the appropriate capital requirements for mortgage servicing assets for nonsystemic banking institutions; **Pages H5137–40**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “To require certain Federal banking agencies to conduct a study of the appropriate capital requirements for mortgage servicing assets for banking institutions, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5140**

SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2015: H.R. 432, to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies; **Pages H5140–42**

Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act of 2015: H.R. 1334, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to make the shareholder threshold for registration of savings and loan holding companies the same as for bank holding companies; **Pages H5142–44**

Small Company Simple Registration Act of 2015: H.R. 1723, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S–1 so as to permit smaller reporting companies to use forward incorporation by reference for such form, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 437; **Pages H5144–45, H5151–52**

Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2015: H.R. 1847, amended, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts; and **Pages H5145–47**

Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act: H.R. 2064, amended, to amend certain provisions of the securities laws relating to the treatment of emerging growth companies. **Pages H5147–49**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2722, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer. **Pages H5127–30**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5150, H5150–51 and H5151. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1599, the “Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015”. H.R. 1599 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF PIPELINE SAFETY, REGULATORY CERTAINTY, AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2011 AND RELATED ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 and Related Issues”. Testimony was heard from Stacy Cummings, Interim Executive Director, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; Dianne Black, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, County of Santa Barbara, California; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PART D: MEASURES NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN PROGRAM INTEGRITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Medicare Part D: Measures Needed to Strengthen Program Integrity”. Testimony was heard from Ann Maxwell, Assistant Inspector General, Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

FED OVERSIGHT: LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Fed Oversight: Lack of Transparency and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLICATIONS OF A NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN: PART II

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Implications of a Nuclear Agreement with Iran: Part II”. Testimony was heard from former Senator Lieberman; and public witnesses.

THE EUROPEAN UNION’S FUTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “The European Union’s Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TUNISIA’S FRAGILE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Tunisia’s Fragile Democratic Transition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING THE MARITIME BORDER: THE FUTURE OF CBP AIR AND MARINE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Securing the Maritime Border: The Future of CBP Air and Marine”. Testimony was heard from Randolph D. Alles, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and John Roth, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION: BOLSTERING DHS TO COMBAT PERSISTENT THREATS TO AMERICA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies; and Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, held a joint hearing entitled “Weapons of Mass Destruction: Bolstering DHS to Combat Persistent Threats to America”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Reginald Brothers, Under Secretary for Science and Technology; Kathryn Brinsfield, Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Affairs; and Huban Gowadia, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security.

THE FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF SAFE SEISMIC SURVEYING IN OCS ENERGY EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Fundamental Role of Safe Seismic Surveying in OCS Energy Exploration and Development”. Testimony was heard from Abigail Ross Hopper, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2270, the “Billy Frank Jr. Tell Your Story Act”; and a discussion draft of the “Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Heck of Washington and Amodei; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and a public witness.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, PART I

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Criminal Justice Reform, Part I”. Testimony was heard from Senators Cornyn and Booker; Representatives Sensenbrenner and Scott of Virginia; Robert Bentley, Governor, Alabama; and Jack Markell, Governor, Delaware.

WESTERN WATER AND AMERICAN FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 2015; HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015, PART II

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2898, the “Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3038, the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015, Part II”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2898. 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 114–23 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, 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. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 3038. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster, Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, and Representatives McClintock, Huffman, Costa, and Levin.

ADVANCING COMMERCIAL WEATHER DATA: COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FORECASTS, PART II

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Manson Brown, Deputy Ad-

ministrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 272, the “Medal of Honor Priority Care Act”; H.R. 353, the “Veterans’ Access to Hearing Health Act of 2015”; H.R. 359, the “Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act”; H.R. 421, the “Classified Veterans Access to Care Act”; H.R. 423, the “Newborn Care Improvement Act”; H.R. 1356, the “Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015”; H.R. 1688, to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to designate 20 graduate medical education residency positions specifically for the study of optometry; H.R. 1862, the “Veterans’ Credit Protection Act”; H.R. 2464, the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 2914, the “Build a Better VA Act”; H.R. 2915, the “Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act”; H.R. 3016, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and draft legislation to authorize VA major medical facility construction projects for FY 2015 and to make certain improvements in the administration of VA medical facility construction projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walberg, Duffy, Stivers, Sinema, Collins of Georgia, Coffman, Denham, Boustany, and Wenstrup; Madhulika Agarwal, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Janet P. Murphy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s semi-annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine the governance and integrity of international soccer, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.