

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.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1732, to authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, 4:45 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristen Marie Kulinowski, of New York, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years, and Gregory Guy Nadeau, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Haiti prior to the elections; to be immediately followed by a full committee hearing to examine the nominations of Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, and Peter F. Mulrean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding threats and strategies for the maritime border, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine juvenile justice in Indian Country, focusing on challenges and promising strategies, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine diabetes research, focusing on improving lives on the path to a cure, 2:15 p.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing on recognizing the continuing contributions of the 1890s Land-Grant Universities on the 125th Anniversary of the passage of the Second Morrill Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Developing and Using Evidence-Based Solutions", 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "U.S. Economic and Military Alliances in Asia", 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Rise of Radicalization: Is the U.S. Government Failing to Counter International and Domestic Terrorism?"; markup on H.R. 2899, the "Countering Violent Extremism Act of 2015", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1656, the "Secret Service Improvements Act of 2015", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs", 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "The Future of Hydraulic Fracturing on Federally Managed Lands", 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1028, the "Return of Certain Lands At Fort Wingate to The Original Inhabitants Act"; H.R. 2684, the "Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act"; and H.R. 2733, the "Nevada Native Nations Lands Act", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Criminal Justice Reform, Part II", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on the Interior, joint hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: The Department of the Interior", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Investigating Contract Misconduct at the National Weather Service", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Taking Flight: Small Business Utilization of Unmanned Aircraft", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1994, the "VA Accountability Act of 2015"; hearing entitled "Exploring VA's Administration of Individual Unemployability Benefits", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on welfare reform proposals, specifically involving the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine what lower labor force participation rates tell us about work opportunities and incentives, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.