

**SAFE AND ACCURATE FOOD LABELING
ACT OF 2015; IMPROVING COAL
COMBUSTION RESIDUALS REGULATION
ACT OF 2015**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1599, the “Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1734, the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1599. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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 114–24, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, 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 part B of 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 part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 1734. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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 makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of 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 part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was

heard from Representatives Shimkus, Tonko, Pompeo, Peterson, and Pingree of Maine.

**LACK OF OVERSIGHT OF INTERAGENCY
AGREEMENTS—VA PROCUREMENT
FAILURES CONTINUED**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Lack of Oversight of Interagency Agreements—VA Procurement Failures Continued”. Testimony was heard from C. Ford Heard III, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Procurement Policy, Systems and Oversight, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council designation process, 10:15 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Marie Therese Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul Wayne Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Romania, Kathleen Ann Doherty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, James Desmond Melville, Jr., of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, and Samuel D. Heins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and Thomas O. Melia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring barriers and opportunities within innovation, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine protecting the electric grid

from the potential threats of solar storms and electromagnetic pulse, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1704, to amend the Indian Tribal Justice Act to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and S. 1776, to enhance tribal road safety; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine safeguarding the integrity of Indian gaming, 2:15 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Michael Vazquez, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wilhelmina Marie Wright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Cono R. Namorato, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine Supreme Court activism and possible solutions, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine targeted tax reform, focusing on solutions to relieve the tax compliance burden for America's small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine combating medicare provider enrollment fraud, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Department of Agriculture", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 511, the "Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup on a bill to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Promoting Broadband Infrastructure Investment", 12:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Examining Federal Reserve Reform Proposals", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing, hearing entitled "The Iran Nuclear Deal and Its Impact on Terrorism Financing", 4:15 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Promoting U.S. Commerce in the Middle East and North Africa", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing

entitled "The Unfolding Crisis in Burundi", 12 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on natural resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Analysis of the Obama Administration's Social Cost of Carbon", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1880, the "Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act"; and H.R. 2388, the "Subsistence Access Management Act of 2015", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 598, the "Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act"; H.R. 2320, the "Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act of 2015"; H.R. 3089, the "Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act"; H.R. 1613, the "Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act of 2015"; S. 136, the "Gold Star Fathers Act of 2015"; H.R. 3116, the "Quarterly Financial Report Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office"; H.R. 323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office"; H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office"; H.R. 558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the "Richard 'Dick' Chenault Post Office"; H.R. 1884, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office"; and H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the "James Robert Kalsu Post Office", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3009, the "Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act", 4:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "How Tax Compliance Obligations Hinder Small Business Growth", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "Helping Revitalize American Communities Through the Brownfields Program", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing to receive the Secretary's testimony regarding the pending VA health care budget shortfall and system shutdown, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 272, the "Medal of Honor Priority Care Act"; 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. 1862, the "Veterans' Credit Protection Act"; H.R. 2464, the "Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of

2015”; H.R. 2915, the “Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act”; H.R. 3016, the “VA Provider Equity Act”; and H.R. 3106, to authorize Department major medical facility construction projects for fiscal year 2015, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of Department medical facility construction projects, and for other purposes, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing with MedPAC to discuss hospital payment issues, rural health issues, and beneficiary access to care, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 22 through July 24, 2015

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider H.R. 22, Hire More Heroes Act, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: July 22, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

July 23, Full Committee, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: July 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller, USMC, to be General and Commandant of the Marine Corps, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 22, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council designation process, 10:15 a.m., SD-538.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine measuring the systemic importance of United States bank holding companies, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 22, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Marie Therese Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: July 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul Wayne Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Romania, Kathleen Ann Doherty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, James Desmond Mel-

ville, Jr., of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, and Samuel D. Heins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and Thomas O. Melia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2 p.m., SD-419.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iran nuclear agreement review, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 22, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring barriers and opportunities within innovation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health information technology, focusing on information blocking and potential solutions, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 22, to hold hearings to examine protecting the electric grid from the potential threats of solar storms and electromagnetic pulse, 10 a.m., SD-342.

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July 22, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine Supreme Court activism and possible solutions, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

July 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1169, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 23, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine Dodd-Frank at five years, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: July 22, to hold hearings to examine targeted tax reform, focusing on solutions to relieve the tax compliance burden for America’s small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: July 22, business meeting to markup pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 23, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.