

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2019.

Eduardo Castell, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2019.

Steven H. Cohen, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2019.

Vicki Miles-LaGrange, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2015.

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Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

H. Dean Pittman, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6765.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FDA EFFORTS TO ENSURE FOOD SUPPLY SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to ensure the safety of the food supply and protect American consumers, after receiving testimony from Stephen Ostroff, Commissioner, Michael Taylor, Deputy Commissioner for Foods and Veterinary Medicine, and Bill Tootle, Director, Office of Budget, all of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS TO COUNTER ISIL

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States military operations to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, after receiving testimony from Christine E. Wormuth, Under Secretary for Policy, and General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, Commander, Central Command, both of the Department of Defense.

GOLD KING MINE SPILL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the cause, response, and impacts of EPA's Gold King Mine spill, after receiving testimony from Senators Gardner, Bennet, Udall, and Heinrich; and Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S. ROLE AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Syria, Iraq, and the fight against ISIS, after receiving testimony from Kimberly Kagan, Institute for the Study of War, Brian Katulis, Center for American Progress, and Michael Bowers, Mercy Corps, all of Washington, D.C.

REGULATORY REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine

regulatory reform proposals, including S. 708, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, S. 1607, to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, S. 1818, to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies, and S. 1820, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, after receiving testimony from Susan E. Dudley, George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center, Washington, D.C.; and Sidney A. Shapiro, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Reform.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine achieving the promise of health information technology, focusing on improving care through patient access to their records, after receiving testimony from Raj M. Ratwani, MedStar Health National Center for Human Factors in Healthcare, Washington, D.C.; Kathy Giusti, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, Norwalk, Connecticut; and Eric Dishman, Intel Corporation, Hillsboro, Oregon.

GOLD KING MINE DISASTER IMPACTS ON INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine EPA's Gold King Mine disaster, focusing on the harmful impacts to Indian country, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Russell Begaye, Window Rock, Arizona, and Gilbert Harrison, Sr., Gadii'ahi Chapter, New Mexico, both of the Navajo Nation; James M. Olguin, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.; and David C. Weindorf, Texas Tech University Department of Plant and Soil Science, Lubbock.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, including S. 356, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, after receiving testimony from Elana Tyrangiel, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Andrew Ceresney, Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission; Daniel Salsburg,

Chief Counsel, Office of Technology, Research and Investigation, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Richard Littlehale, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Nashville; Richard Salgado, Google Inc., Mountain View, California; and Chris Calabrese, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Victoria Espinel, BSA | *The Software Alliance*, both of Washington, D.C.

VETERANS HEALTH AND BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 563, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times, S. 564, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1450, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1451, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, S. 1460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, S. 1693, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment, S. 1856, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, S. 1938, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Thomas Lynch, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs

for Health Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration; Joseph W. Wescott II, National Association of State Approving Agencies, Raleigh, North Carolina; Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion,

and Aleks Morosky, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; and Donald F. Kettl, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Annapolis.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 8, 3511–3530; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 77 and H. Res. 422–423 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 420, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 348) to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 758) to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–261); and

H. Res. 421, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3134) to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3504) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (H. Rept. 114–262).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m.

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

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 23, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program;

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Gerardo Hernandez Airport Security Act of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 720, to improve intergovernmental planning for and

communication during security incidents at domestic airports;

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Allowing the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands: H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands;

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Medgar Evers House Study Act: H.R. 959, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi;

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National Forest Small Tracts Act Amendments Act of 2015: H.R. 1214, amended, to amend the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, and to resolve minor encroachments, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 495;

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John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act: H.R. 1289, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California;

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Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015: H.R. 1554, to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado;

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National Liberty Memorial Clarification Act of 2015: H.R. 1949, amended, to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 496;

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Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act: H.R. 2791, to require that certain Federal lands be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of certain Indian tribes in Oregon;

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