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NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Manchin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

FEDERAL LAND RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, after receiving testimony from Peggy O'Dell, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kitty Benzar, Western Slope No-Fee Coalition, Durango, Colorado; and David L. Brown, America Outdoors Association, Knoxville, Tennessee.

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on State Department processes in establishing tier rankings for the 2015 Trafficking in

Persons Report from Anthony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State.

BIOSIMILAR IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine biosimilar implementation, focusing on a progress report from FDA, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity; and

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, and Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

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: 25 public bills, H.R. 3531–3555; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 424–429 were introduced. **Pages H6135–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6138–39**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Allen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6079**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6086**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Brondon Reems, Center of Hope Community Church, Oakland, California.

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Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 758, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 501. **Pages H6090–H6121**

Rejected the DelBene motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H6118–20**

H. Res. 420, amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 348) and (H.R. 758) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 499. **Pages H6111–12**

Agreed to the Collins (GA) amendment by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 498, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 497.

Pages H6109–11

Oath of Office—Eighteenth Congressional District of Illinois: Representative-elect Darin LaHood presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Steven S. Sandvoss, Executive Director, State Board of Elections for the State of Illinois, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held September 10, 2015, the Honorable Darin LaHood was elected Representative to Congress for the Eighteenth Congressional District, State of Illinois. **Page H6134**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Illinois, the whole number of the House is 435. **Page H6110**

Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 and Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 421, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3134) to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. and (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, by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 503, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 502. **Pages H6121–22**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H6090, H6109–10 and H6133.

Senate Referrals: S. 1090 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 1580 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H6133**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6109, H6111, H6111–12, H6119–20, H6120–21, H6121 and H6122. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions. H.R. 702 was ordered reported, as amended.

PROTECTING INFANTS: ENDING TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION PROVIDERS WHO VIOLATE THE LAW

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Protecting Infants: Ending Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Providers Who Violate the Law”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE DODD-FRANK ACT FIVE YEARS LATER: ARE WE MORE FREE?

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Dodd-Frank Act Five Years Later: Are We More Free?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN A TURBULENT GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Strengthening U.S. Leadership in a Turbulent Global Economy”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Sheets, Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; MAJOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE IRAN DEAL: IRGC AND HEZBOLLAH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a markup on H. Res. 277, honoring the Tunisian People for their democratic transition; and H. Res. 293, expressing concern over anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority; and a hearing entitled “Major Beneficiaries of the Iran Deal: IRGC and Hezbollah”. H. Res. 277 and H. Res. 293 were forwarded to the full committee, as amended. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHALLENGES TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Challenges to Religious Freedom in the Americas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a markup on H.R. 3490, the “Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act”; H.R. 3493, the “Securing the Cities Act of 2015”; H.R. 3510, the “Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Strategy Act of 2015”; and Committee Print of the “DHS Science and Technology Reform and Improvements Act of 2015”. H.R. 3510 and H.R. 3493 were reported to