

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
 Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S7599–S7600**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

A routine list in the Air Force. **Page S7600**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7599.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine unmanned aircraft systems and the steps being taken to successfully integrate this technology into our National Airspace System, after receiving testimony from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Marty Rogers, Alliance for System Safety of UAS through Research Excellence, Fairbanks, Alaska, on behalf of the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Unmanned Aircraft Systems program; and Tim Canoll, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.

DOE NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine realizing the potential of the Department of Energy national laboratories, after receiving testimony from TJ Glauthier, and Jared Cohon, both a

Co-Chair, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of The National Energy Laboratories, Department of Energy.

RURAL BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the state of rural banking, focusing on challenges and consequences, including S. 1491, to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, after receiving testimony from Terry Foster, Mifflin County Savings Bank, Lewistown, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers; Roger Porch, First National Bank, Philip, South Dakota; Carrie Wood, Timberland Federal Credit Union, DuBois, Pennsylvania; and Sarah Edelman, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Thune, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

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, after receiving testimony from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and General John R. Allen, USMC (Ret.), Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, both of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Libya, Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, and Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, all of the Department of State, and John Morton, of Massachusetts, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BIODEFENSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of our nation's biodefense, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, New York, New York, and Thomas J. Ridge, former Secretary of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C., both a Co-Chair, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense.

RETIREMENT PLAN OPTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine retirement plan options for small businesses, after receiving testimony from Scott Anderson, Static Peak, LLC, Jackson, Wyoming, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Lance Schoening, The Principal Financial Group, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the American

Benefits Council; John J. Kalamarides, Prudential Retirement, Hartford, Connecticut; and David Certner, AARP, Washington, D.C.

VA MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs mental health, focusing on ensuring access to care and action needed to improve access policies and wait-time data, after receiving testimony from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Harold Kudler, Chief Consultant for Mental Health Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion, and Jacqueline Maffucci, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Nicholas Karnaze, Stubble and 'Stache, Arlington, Virginia; and Dean S. Maiers, Seymour, Connecticut.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3842–3856; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88; and H. Res. 500–502 were introduced. **Pages H7331–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7332–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2643, to direct the Attorney General to provide State officials with access to criminal history information with respect to certain financial service providers required to undergo State criminal background checks, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–316, Part 1); and

H.R. 2510, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–317, Part 1). **Page H7331**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palazzo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7251**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7264**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Mar Awa Royel, Assyrian Church of the East, Salida, California. **Page H7264**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7264, H7312**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2:53 p.m. **Page H7271**

Trade Act of 2015: The House agreed to the Rogers (KY) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, with the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–315, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–315, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 579. **Pages H7268–H7312**

H. Res. 495, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1314) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 392 yeas to 37 noes, Roll No. 578, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 103 nays, Roll No. 577. **Pages H7271–72**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 29. **Page H7313**

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

State Licensing Efficiency Act of 2015: H.R. 2643, to direct the Attorney General to provide