

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment;

S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park;

S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1592, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest;

S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103–434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1941 and H.R. 2223, bills to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado;

S. 1942 and H.R. 1554, bills to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado;

S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska;

S. 2069, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, with amendments;

S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project;

H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions;

H.R. 1324, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado; and

The nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary, John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, all of the Department of Energy.

DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine democratic transitions in Southeast Asia, after receiving testimony from Scott Busby, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asia and the Pacific, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and James Carouso, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Maritime and Mainland Southeast Asian Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, both of the Department of State; Mark Green, International Republican Institute, and Murray Hiebert, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kelley Currie, Project 2049 Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine human trafficking, after receiving testimony from Washington Deputy Attorney General Darwin P. Roberts, Olympia; and Yiota G. Souras, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia.

IMPACT OF ISIS AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of ISIS on the homeland and refugee resettlement, after receiving testimony from Anne C. Richard, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of

Population, Refugees, and Migration; Leon Rodriguez, Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Peter Bergen, New America, and Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, both of Washington, D.C.; Brian Michael Jenkins, RAND Corporation, and Lavinia Limon, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, both of Arlington, Vir-

ginia; and Eric P. Schwartz, University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minneapolis.

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: 47 public bills, H.R. 4079–4126; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74; H. Con. Res. 95–99; and H. Res. 534–438, were introduced. **Pages H8409–12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8414–15**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3842, to improve homeland security, including domestic preparedness and response to terrorism, by reforming Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to provide training to first responders, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–343, Part 1);

H.R. 2899, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Office for Countering Violent Extremism, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–344);

H.R. 3490, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–345, Part 1);

S. 611, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–346);

H.R. 8, to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–347, Part 1);

H.J. Res. 71, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units" (H. Rept. 114–348); and

H.J. Res. 72, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Pro-

tection Agency relating to Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units" (H. Rept. 114–349). **Page H8409**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8365**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H8365, H8400**

FORM Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 3189, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, and to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 641. Consideration began yesterday, November 18th. **Pages H8378–81**

Rejected the Matsui motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 640. **Pages H8378–80**

H. Res. 529, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1210) and (H.R. 3189) was agreed to yesterday, November 18th.

American SAFE Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 4038, to require that supplemental certifications and background investigations be completed prior to the admission of certain aliens as refugees, by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 137 noes, Roll No. 643. **Pages H8381–H8400**

Rejected the Thompson (MS) 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 180 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 642.

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