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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1983, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the substandard quality of Indian health care in the Great Plains, after receiving testimony from former Senator Byron L. Dorgan, The Aspen Institute Center for Native American Youth; Mary Wakefield, Acting Deputy Secretary, Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, and Thomas Hamilton, Director, Survey and Certification Group, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, both of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Robert McSwain, Principal Deputy Direc-

tor, Indian Health Service, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Victoria Kitcheyan, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Winnebago; Sonia Little Hawk-Weston, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; William Bear Shield, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Gregory, South Dakota; and L. Jace Killsback, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health, Lame Deer, Montana.

TRANSPARENCY IN THE ASBESTOS TRUSTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for transparency in the asbestos trusts, including S. 357, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, after receiving testimony from Peggy L. Ableman, McCarter and English LLP, Wilmington, Delaware; former Washington State Attorney General Robert M. McKenna, Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe LLP, Seattle; Mark Behrens, Shook, Hardy and Bacon L.L.P., Washington, D.C.; Elihu Inselbuch, Caplin and Drysdale, Chartered, New York, New York; and Susan Vento, St. Paul, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4441–4459; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 600–601, were introduced. **Pages H566–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H567–68**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H499**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H505**

Encouraging Employee Ownership Act: The House passed H.R. 1675, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 61. **Pages H519–39**

Rejected the Frankel (FL) 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 184 yeas to 241 noes, Roll No. 60. **Pages H537–38**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–43 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H526–28**

Agreed to:

Huizenga (MI) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that clarifies the disqualification from the exemption of any broker or associated person who is subject to suspension or revocation of registration, and the inapplicability of the exemption to any M&A transaction where one party or more is a shell company. **Pages H529–30**

Rejected:

Sherman amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to provide exclusions

for when a mergers and acquisitions broker is not exempt from registration with the SEC;

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DeSaulnier amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to direct the SEC to study and report to Congress the prevalence of employee ownership plans within companies that include a flexible or social benefit component in their articles of incorporation, as allowed under relevant state laws (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 57);

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Issa amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to limit all exemptions granted therein only to companies obligated to begin submitting financial disclosures to the Securities and Exchange Commission after the date of enactment (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 58); and

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Carolyn B. Maloney (NY) amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to repeal the Small Company Disclosure Act (H.R. 1965) in its entirety from the bill thus preserving the SEC requirement that public companies report their information related to corporate financial performance as searchable data (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 59).

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H. Res. 595, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1675) and (H.R. 766) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 56, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 55.

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Establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 28, to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2017.

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Authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 29, to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 109 authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the

Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the foot soldiers who participated in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, February 4.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006 with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–97).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 509.

Senate Referral: S. 2306 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H517–18, H518, H535, H536, H536–37, H538, and H538–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AIMED AT INCREASING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES' PURCHASING POWER FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing to review incentive programs aimed at increasing low-income families' purchasing power for fruits and vegetables. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held an oversight hearing on Assistance to Combat Wildlife Trafficking. Testimony was heard from William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Eric G. Postel, Associate Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.