

Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona, after receiving testimony from Senators Walsh and Flake; Michael S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Llevando Fisher, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, Montana; Aletha Tom, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Moapa, Nevada; Arlan Melendez, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, Nevada; Sherry Counts, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona; and Mike Canfield, Indian Pueblos Marketing, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

STRENGTHENING MEDICARE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving audits, focusing on strengthening the Medicare program for future generations, after receiving testimony from Kathleen King, Director, Healthcare, Government Accountability Office; Andrea Buck, Fellow, Special Committee on Aging; Mindy Hatton, American Hospital Association, Washington, DC.; Chad Janak, Connolly Healthcare, Wilton, Connecticut; Margaret Hambleton, Dignity Health, San Francisco, California; Diana Haramboure, First Coast Service Options, Jacksonville, Florida; Jessica Meeske, American Dental Association, Hastings, Nebraska; Walter J. Gorski, The Gorski Healthcare Group, LLC, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the Medical Equipment Suppliers Association; Steve Stang, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Arlington, Virginia; and Alan Weil, *Health Affairs*, Bethesda, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5032–5051; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 117; and H. Res. 660, 662, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 661, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5016) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4718) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation (H. Rept. 113–517).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. George Dillard, Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 660, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H5887**

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

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 803, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 378.

Pages H5887–H5971, H6009–10

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 4923, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 10th.

Pages H5971–85, H5985–H6010, H6010–32

Agreed to:

Walorski amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction by \$500,000;

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Murphy (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction by \$1,000,000; **Pages H5984–85**

Cassidy amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 3, 2014) that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction by \$5,000,000; **Page H5985**

Cassidy amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance by \$1,000,000; **Page H5991**

Lankford amendment that provides such sums as are necessary to carry out the study authorized in section 6002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014; **Page H5991**

Ruiz amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within the Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources for the purpose of addressing environmental restoration, specifically the Salton Sea; **Pages H5994–95**

Gardner amendment that redirects \$3,000,000 in funding within the Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources for the Arkansas Valley Conduit; **Page H5995**

Noem amendment that increases funding for the Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources by \$10,000,000 and reduces funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$7,000,000 and for Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$6,000,000; **Pages H5995–96**

Hahn amendment that increases funding for Army Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance by \$57,600,000 and reduces funding for Department of Energy, Nuclear Energy by \$73,309,100 (by a recorded vote of 281 ayes to 137 noes, Roll No. 372); **Pages H5988–91, H6005–06**

Kaptur amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$500,000; **Pages H6015–16**

Reed amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup by \$4,000,000; **Pages H6016–17**

Foster amendment that redirects \$300,000 in funding within Department of Energy, Science for the National Undergraduate Fellowship Program; and **Pages H6018–19**

Kaptur amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within Department of Energy, Departmental Administration for environmental justice programs. **Pages H6021–23**

Rejected:

Castor (FL) amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

by \$112,686,000 and reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$165,000,000; **Pages H5997–98**

McAllister amendment that sought to increase funding for the Army Corps of Engineers flood damage reduction projects in the Mississippi River Valley below Cape Girardeau, Missouri by \$47,000,000 and to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$127,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 371); **Pages H5987–88, H6004–05**

Gosar amendment that sought to reduce funding for Army Corps of Engineers, Expenses by \$4,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 373); **Pages H5992–93, H6006**

Wenstrup amendment that sought to increase funding for the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund by \$15,000,000 and reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$10,421,000 and Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$8,540,000 (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 374); **Pages H5998–99, H6006–07**

Swalwell amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$111,641,000 and reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$161,879,450 (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 375); **Pages H5999–H6000, H6007**

Byrne amendment that sought to eliminate all funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, including the \$150,000,000 made available for program direction, and transfer the \$1,789,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 376); **Pages H6000–02, H6007–08**

McClintock amendment that sought to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$1,789,000,000; Nuclear Energy by \$717,000,000; and Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$593,000,000 and to apply the \$3,099,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 321 noes, Roll No. 377); and **Pages H6003–04, H6008–09**

McNerney amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability by \$20,000,000. **Page H6013**

Withdrawn:

Ben Ray Luján amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction by \$15,000,000; **Pages H5985–86**

Cicilline amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have allocated \$44

million in funding specifically for environmental infrastructure projects for financially distressed municipalities; **Pages H5986–87**

Crawford amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$18,800,000 in funding within the Mississippi River and Tributaries account; **Page H5988**

Bilirakis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have eliminated all funding for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and applied the \$2,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H5993**

Cohen amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$10,340,000 and reduced funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$15,000,000; **Pages H6002–03**

Perry amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$20,100,000; **Pages H6011–12**

Foster amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Department of Energy, Science by \$40,155,000; **Pages H6017–18**

Fortenberry amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$25,000,000 in funding within Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation; and **Pages H6024–25**

Fattah amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$1 in funding within the Northern Border Regional Commission. **Page H6030**

Point of Order sustained against:

Lankford amendment that sought to insert new language into the General Provisions, Department of Energy portion of the bill relating to grant awards. **Page H6027**

Proceedings Postponed:

McClintock amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs by \$22,000,000; Nuclear Energy by \$9,810,000; Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$30,935,000; Department of Energy, Departmental Administration by \$9,551,000; Nuclear Regulatory Commission by \$49,062,000 and to apply the \$121,358,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6010–11**

Bonamici amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$9,000,000; **Pages H6012–13**

Speier amendment that seeks to reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$30,935,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6014–15**

Titus amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that seeks to eliminate funding for Nuclear Waste Disposal and apply the \$150,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6019–20**

Schiff amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy by \$20,000,000; **Pages H6020–21**

Quigley amendment that seeks to reduce funding for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities by \$7,600,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H6023–24**

Chabot amendment that seeks to eliminate funding for the Denali Commission and apply the \$10,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; and **Pages H6028–30**

Titus amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2014) that seeks to strike section 506, relating to the Yucca Mountain geologic repository license application. **Pages H6031–32**

H. Res. 641, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4899) and (H.R. 4923), was agreed to on June 25th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2014 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Foreign Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security, Natural Resources, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–129). **Pages H6032–33**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5971.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6004–05, H6005, H6006, H6006–07, H6007, H6008, H6008–09, and H6009. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SOCIETAL BENEFITS OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to consider the societal benefits of biotechnology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a markup on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY, 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment, to the Full Committee.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WAR ON POVERTY: WORKING WITH FAMILIES IN NEED

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Progress Report on the War on Poverty: Working with Families In Need”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY CURES: MODERNIZING CLINICAL TRIALS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “21st Century Cures: Modernizing Clinical Trials”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade began a markup on legislation regarding Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters Act of 2014; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4013, the “Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2014”.

SPOTLIGHTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Spotlighting Human Rights in Southeast Asia”. Testimony was heard from Janet Nguyen, Supervisor, Orange County Board of Supervisors; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on H.R. 3994, the “Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act”; and H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memo-

rial, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Kilmer; Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council, Department of Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and a public witness.

EXAMINING SOLUTIONS TO CLOSE THE \$106 BILLION IMPROPER PAYMENTS GAP

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining Solutions to Close the \$106 Billion Improper Payments Gap”. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; Beth Cobert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Services and General Government Management and Assurance; Government Accountability Office; Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and Mark Easton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense.

TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO MODIFY AND MAKE PERMANENT BONUS DEPRECIATION; AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; and H.R. 5016, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015”. The Committee granted by record vote of 8–3 a modified-open rule for H.R. 5016. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI except for section 627. The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. During consideration of the bill for amendment: (1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and (2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that under the