

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1531–S1596

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2111–2124, and S. Res. 382. **Page S1584**

Measures Reported:

S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine. **Page S1584**

Measures Passed:

Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act: Senate passed S. 611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1595**

Demonstrators in Venezuela: Senate agreed to S. Res. 365, deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy. **Page S1595**

Measures Considered:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 72), Enzi Amendment No. 2812, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the Secretary of Education, to conduct a review of Federal early learning and care programs and make recommendations for streamlining the various programs. **Pages S1553–55, S1556**

By 93 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 73), Harkin (for Franken) Amendment No. 2822, to reserve not less than 2 percent of the amount appropriated under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of

1990 in each fiscal year for payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. **Pages S1556, S1557**

Burr (for Lee) Modified Amendment No. 2821, to prohibit States from providing the Secretary with reports containing personally identifiable information. **Page S1568**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 74), Harkin (for Landrieu/Mikulski) Amendment No. 2818, to require a statewide child care disaster plan. **Pages S1555–56, S1568–69**

Mikulski (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2813, to allow children in foster care to receive services under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 while their families (including foster families) are taking necessary action to comply with immunization and other health and safety requirements. **Pages S1559–62, S1569**

Mikulski (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2814, to require the State plan to describe how the State will coordinate the services supported to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 with State agencies and programs serving children in foster care and the foster families of such children. **Pages S1559–62, S1569**

Harkin (for Bennet) Amendment No. 2824, to require States that elect to combine funding for early childhood education and care to describe the manner in which they use the combined funding. **Pages S1562–66, S1569**

Scott/Landrieu Amendment No. 2837, to clarify parental rights to use child care certificates. **Pages S1566–68, S1569**

Harkin (for Boxer/Burr) Amendment No. 2809, to amend the Crime Control Act of 1990 to improve the quality of background checks for Federal agencies hiring, or contracting to hire, individuals to provide child care services. **Pages S1562–66, S1569**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 2811, to include rural and remote areas as underserved areas identified in the State plan. **Pages S1545–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014. **Page S1596**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 on March 15, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-35) **Page S1581**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 67), Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 68), Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 69), Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 70), Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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By 60 yeas 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 71), Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

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Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2017.

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France A. Cordova, of New Mexico, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

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James H. Shelton III, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

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Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—74) **Pages S1537-38, S1556-57, S1569**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1596.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space Policy, John A. Zangardi, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Information Operations, and Space, General William L. Shelton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and Lieutenant General David L. Mann, USA, Commander, Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and

Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine Superstorm Sandy recovery, focusing on ensuring strong coordination among Federal, state, and local stakeholders, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Mayor Matthew J. Doherty, Belmar, New Jersey; Adam Gordon, Fair Share Housing Center, Haddon Township, New Jersey; and Janice Fine, Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations, Princeton, New Jersey.

U.S. RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the state of United States retirement security, focusing on the middle class, after receiving testimony from Ted Wheeler, Oregon State Treasurer, Portland; Monique Morrissey, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Robert Hiltonsmith, Demos, New York, New York; and Kristi Mitchem, State Street Global Advisors, Woodside, California.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request and revenue proposals for fiscal year 2015, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Support for the Sovereignty, Integrity, Democracy, and Economic Stability of Ukraine Act of 2014".

CREATING A 21ST CENTURY GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine management, focusing on creating a 21st century government, and views on the progress and plans for addressing government-wide management challenges, after receiving testimony from Beth Cobert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Daniel M. Tangherlini, Administrator, General Services Administration; and Gene L. Dodaro,

Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

MINIMUM WAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how a fair minimum wage will help working families succeed, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor; Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Heather Boushey, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, and Simone Campbell, NETWORK, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alicia McCrary, Northwood, Iowa.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, who was introduced by Senators Reid and Heller, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine election administration, focusing on innovation, administrative improvements and cost savings, including S. 2017, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote, and S. 85, to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Coons; Linda H. Lamone, Maryland State Administrator of Elections, Annapolis; Tammy Patrick, Maricopa County Elections Department Federal Compliance Officer, Phoenix, Arizona; and Cameron P. Quinn, Fairfax County General Registrar, Fairfax, Virginia.

VETERANS' PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for Veterans' Programs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health,

Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Stephen W. Warren, Executive in Charge for Information and Technology, and Helen Tierny, Executive in Charge for the Office of Management, and Acting Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4208–4223; 1 private bill, H.R. 4224; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 514 and 516, were introduced. **Pages H2360–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2361–62**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 515, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3189) to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4015) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from March 17, 2014, through March 21, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–379). **Page H2360**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2305**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2308**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jason Parks, Refuge Church, Huntsville, Alabama. **Page H2308**

ENFORCE the Law Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 4138, to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 124. **Pages H2319–40**

Rejected the Ruiz 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 recorded vote of 187 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 123. **Pages H2338–39**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–43 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2329**

Agreed to:

Cicilline amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–378) that provides for transparent accounting of the costs of litigation, by requiring the Comptroller General of the United States to issue quarterly reports to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on the costs of civil actions, including any attorney fees, brought pursuant to this Act. **Pages H2334–35**

Rejected:

Conyers amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–378) that sought to exclude from the bill's scope any executive actions taken to combat discrimination or to protect civil rights (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 120); **Pages H2330–31, H2335–36**

Nadler amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–378) that sought to clarify that nothing in the act limits or otherwise affects the constitutional authority of the executive branch to exercise prosecutorial discretion (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 121); and **Pages H2331–32, H2336–37**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–378) that sought to protect the ability of the Executive Branch to comply with judicial decisions interpreting the Constitution or Federal laws (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 122). **Pages H2332–34, H2337**

H. Res. 511, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4138) and (H.R. 3973), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 119, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 118. **Pages H2311–19**

Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014: The House began consideration of H.R. 3973, to amend

section 530D of title 28, United States Code. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 13th. **Pages H2340–48**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–42 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2340**

Pending:

Ellison amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–378) that seeks to waive reporting requirements provided in the bill if sufficient funds are not available to generate the increased volume of reports. **Pages H2347–48**

H. Res. 511, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4138) and (H.R. 3973), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 119, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 118. **Pages H2311–19**

Discharge Petition: Representative Schneider presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 490, to provide for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3546) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 8).

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Iran is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–97). **Page H2348**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2319.

Senate Referral: S. J. Res. 32 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H2359**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2318, H2319, H2335–36, H2336–37, H2337, H2338–39, and H2339–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES COAST GUARD FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on United States Coast Guard FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, United States Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Department of State FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from John Kerry, Secretary, Department of State.

APPROPRIATIONS—INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND BRAC BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC Budget and Oversight FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from John Conger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Defense for Installations and Environment; Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Energy Installations and Environment; Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary, Army, Installations, Energy and Environment; and Kathleen I. Ferguson, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, performing duties as Assistant Secretary, Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held a hearing on Department of Transportation FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Anthony Foxx, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from General James F. Amos, USMC; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy.

INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SEAPOWERS AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on Independent Assessments of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER OPERATIONS: MODERNIZATION AND POLICY ISSUES IN A CHANGING NATIONAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Information Technology and Cyber Operations: Modernization and Policy Issues in a Changing National Security Environment”. Testimony was heard from General Keith Alexander, Commander, United States Cyber Command; and Teresa Takai, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense.

RAISING THE BAR: THE ROLE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS IN K–12 EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Raising the Bar: The Role of Charter Schools in K–12 Education”. Testimony was heard from David Linzey, Executive Director, Clayton Valley Charter High School; Alyssa Whitehead-Bust, Chief of Innovation and Reform, Denver Public Schools; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE MISMANAGEMENT OF THE STUDENT LOAN REHABILITATION PROCESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Examining the Mismanagement of the Student Loan Rehabilitation Process”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHEMICALS IN COMMERCE ACT

Committee On Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Chemicals in Commerce Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SATELLITE TELEVISION EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESERVE OVERSIGHT: EXAMINING THE CENTRAL BANK’S ROLE IN CREDIT ALLOCATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Federal Reserve Oversight: Examining the Central Bank’s Role in Credit Allocation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ARIZONA BORDER SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND ITS IMPACT ON BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The Arizona Border Surveillance Technology Plan and its Impact on Border Security”. Testimony was heard from Mark Borkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Technology Innovation and Acquisition, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS ON THE INTERNET SALES TAX ISSUE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Exploring Alternative Solutions on the Internet Sales Tax Issue”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4174, the “Alaska Bypass Modernization Act of 2014”; H.R. 3635, the “Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act of 2013”; H.R. 4193, the “Smart Savings Act”; H.R. 4192, to amend the 1910 Heights of Buildings Act; H.R. 4185, the “District of Columbia Courts, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency Act of 2014”; H.R. 4197, the “All Circuit Review Extension Act”; H.R. 4194, the “Government Reports Elimination Act”; H.R. 4195, the “Federal Register Modernization Act”; H.R. 1036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 Center Street West in Eatonville, Washington, as the “National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office”; H.R. 1228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Packerland Drive in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the “Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building”; H.R. 1376, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Judge Shirley A. Tolentino Post Office Building”; H.R. 1391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Joshua B. McDaniels and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 1451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building”; H.R. 1458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place

in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Joseph D’Augustine Post Office Building”; H.R. 1813, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin Post Office Building”; H.R. 2062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Front Street in Marietta, Ohio, as the “Lance Corporal Joshua C. Taylor Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 2391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5323 Highway N in Cottleville, Missouri as the “Lance Corporal Phillip Vinnedge Post Office”; H.R. 3060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the “Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building”; H.R. 3472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 3609, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3260 Broad Street in Port Henry, New York, as the “Dain Taylor Venne Post Office Building”; H.R. 3765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”; H.R. 4189, to designate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road, Hilliard, Ohio as the as the “Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon and Master Sergeant Jeffery J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3635 and H.R. 1228. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4193; H.R. 4197; H.R. 4195; H.R. 4174; H.R. 4192; H.R. 4185; H.R. 4194; H.R. 1391; H.R. 1451; H.R. 1458; H.R. 1813; H.R. 2062; H.R. 2391; H.R. 3060; H.R. 3472; H.R. 3609; H.R. 3765; H.R. 4189; H.R. 1036; and H.R. 1376.

**WATER RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT; AND
THE SGR REPEAL AND MEDICARE
PROVIDER PAYMENT MODERNIZATION
ACT OF 2014**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3189, the “Water Rights Protection Act”; and H.R. 4015, the “SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 3189. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The

rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides a closed rule for H.R. 4015. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 17, 2014, through March 21, 2014: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings (WA) and Representatives Tipton, Napolitano, Polis, Burgess, and Gene Green (TX).

**SCIENCE OF CAPTURE AND STORAGE:
UNDERSTANDING EPA’S CARBON RULES**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Science of Capture and Storage: Understanding EPA’s Carbon Rules”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RISE OF 3D PRINTING: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTREPRENEUR

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Rise of 3D Printing: Opportunities for Entrepreneur”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION OF MAP–21 AND FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Implementation of MAP–21 and Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Surface Transportation”. Testimony was heard from Peter M. Rogoff, Acting Under Secretary for Policy, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation; Greg Nadeau, Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Therese McMillan, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and David Friedman, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal with Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Senate committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Air Force Sergeants Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Fleet Reserve Association, Gold Star Wives, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Wounded Warrior Project, after receiving testimony from John R. McCauslin, Air Force Sergeants Association, San Antonio, Texas; Charles Susino, Jr., American Ex-Prisoners of War, Metuchen, New Jersey; Virgil P. Courneya, Fleet Reserve Association, Carson City, Nevada; Jamie H. Tomek, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Bowling Green, Missouri; Paul Rieckhoff, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; H. Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Seguin, Texas;

Bill Lawson, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Woodward, Oklahoma; and Anthony K. Odierno, Wounded Warrior Project, Greenwich, Connecticut.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an overview of proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stanley Fischer, of New York, Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Gustavo Velasquez Aguilar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and J. Mark McWatters, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the United States aviation industry and jobs, focusing on keeping American manufacturing competitive, 11 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine innovative ideas to strengthen and expand the middle class, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Keystone XL and the National Interest Determination, 11:15 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration’s initiatives and priorities, focusing on protecting the public health, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, 9:55 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget

request for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on pathways to infrastructure and economic development in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Tanya S. Chutkan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Hannah Lauck, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup to consider Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2015; H.R. 935, the “Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013”; and H. Con. Res. 86, Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension Service, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Department of Defense FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related Agencies, hearing on Department of Health and Human Services FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Recent Developments in Afghanistan”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Special Operations Command and the Posture of U.S. Special Operations Forces, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 3633, the “Protecting Health Care Providers from Increased Administrative Burdens Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Keeping the Promise: Allowing Seniors to Keep Their Medicare Advantage Plans If They Like Them”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Improving Sports Safety: A Multifaceted Approach”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3623, the “Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act”; H.R. 4164, the “Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act”; H.R. 4167, the “Restoring Proven Financing for American Employers Act”; H.R. 2672, the “CFPB Rural Designation Petition and Correction Act”; H.R. 3584, the “Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2013”; and Committee Views and Estimates on the President’s FY 2015 Budget Submission, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests Abroad: The FY 2015 Foreign Affairs Budget”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2015 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing on Section 512 of Title 17, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1192, to redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as “Mount Jessie Benton Frémont”; H.R. 1501, the “Prison Ship Martyrs’ Monument Preservation Act; H.R. 3222, the “Flushing Remonstrance Study Act; H.R. 3366, to provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agriculture Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; and H.R. 4032, the “North Texas Invasive Species Barrier Act of 2014”, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Status of U.S. Foreign Assistance to Afghanistan in Anticipation of the U.S. Troop Withdrawal”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled “At a Crossroads: the Postal Service’s \$100 Billion in Unfunded Liabilities”, 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, markup on H.R. 4186, the “Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science, and Technology Act of 2014”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Made in the U.S.A.: Small Business and a New Domestic Manufacturing Renaissance”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on

Transportation and Infrastructure; H.R. 3678, to redesignate the lock and dam located in Modoc, Illinois, commonly known as the Kaskaskia Lock and Dam, as the “Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam”, and for other purposes; H.R. 3786, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; H.R. 3998, the “Albuquerque, New Mexico, Federal Land Conveyance Act of 2014”; H. Con. Res. 88, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 92, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; and General Services Administra-

tion Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2015”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities; and meeting on Committee views and estimates on the President’s Budget for FY 2015; and member access requests, 10 a.m., 304–HVC. Portions of the hearing may close.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President 2014, 2:30 p.m., 1100, Longworth Building.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1086, Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3973—Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014. Consideration of H.R. 3189—Water Rights Protection Act (Subject to a Rule).

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