

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4302, Protecting Access to Medicare Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1839–S1882

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2184–2188, and S. Res. 405–407. **Pages S1870–71**

Measures Reported:

S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–140)

S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D–Day, June 6, 1944. (S. Rept. No. 113–141) **Page S1870**

Measures Passed:

Protecting Access to Medicare Act: By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 93), Senate passed H.R. 4302, to amend the Social Security Act to extend Medicare payments to physicians and other provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, March 27, 2014, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following motion proposed thereto:

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 92), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Reso-

lution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell.

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National Assistant Principals Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 405, expressing support for the designation of the week of March 31 through April 4, 2014, as “National Assistant Principals Week”.

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National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 406, designating April 4, 2014, as “National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day”.

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Honoring Former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 407, honoring former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr.

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Measures Considered:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1859–60**

Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874, of a perfecting nature. **Page S1859**

Reid Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Pages S1859–60**

Reid Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2875), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1860**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a

vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. **Page S1860**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Page S1860**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1860**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2879, to change the enactment date. **Page S1860**

Reid Amendment No. 2880 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2879), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1860**

Reid Amendment No. 2881 (to Amendment No. 2880), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1860**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874. **Page S1860**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. **Page S1881**

Minimum Wage Fairness Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1737, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property. **Pages S1860–66**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 91), John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1856–59, S1880–81**

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1879–80, S1881–82**

Kelly R. Welsh, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S1880–82**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2013.

Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Linda Struyk Millsaps, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2018.

Dean A. Reuter, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring September 14, 2016.

Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2020.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Executive Communications: **Pages S1869–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1871–72**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—93) **Pages S1858–59**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Jeremiah Andrew Denton, Jr., former Senator and Rear Admiral, in accordance with S. Res. 407, at 8:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1881.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CREATING A 21ST CENTURY GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine creating a 21st century government, focusing on outside views, after receiving testimony from Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, and Thomas Lee, Sunlight Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; Shelley H. Metzenbaum, The Volcker Alliance, New York, New York; and Robert Shea, Grant Thornton LLP, Alexandria, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Thursday, March 27, 2014, Commission received a briefing on the highs and lows in United States-Russia relations from Kyle Parker, Policy Advisor, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe; Matthew Rojansky, Wilson Center's Kennan Institute, Washington, D.C.; and James Warhola, University of Maine, Bangor.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D309)

H.R. 3771, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Signed on March 25, 2014. (Public Law 113-92)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:15 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine opportunity, mobility, and inequality in today's economy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the "Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act", 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for

the Avoidance of Double Taxation With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington October 2, 1996, signed September 23, 2009, at Washington, with a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes September 23, 2009, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-1), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Luxembourg May 20, 2009, with a related agreement effected by exchange of notes May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-8), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Budapest February 4, 2010, with a related agreement effected by exchange of notes February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-7), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Washington February 4, 2010, with a Protocol and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes February 4, 2010, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012 (Treaty Doc. 112-8), Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, done at Paris May 27, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-5), and S. Res. 384, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine equal pay with the "Paycheck Fairness Act.", 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Caterpillar's offshore tax strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Beth Bloom, and Darrin P. Gayles, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Paul G. Byron, and Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Securities and Exchange Commission FY 2015 Budget, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The GM Ignition Switch Recall: Why Did It Take So Long?”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Concerns Regarding FDA’s Proposed Changes to Generic Drug Labeling”, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2575, the “Save American Workers Act of 2014”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 4:30 p.m., 304-HVC. This is a closed hearing.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 1 through April 4, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3979, Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 2, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 2, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-106.

April 2, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 2, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence and its administration and enforcement of sanctions, 2 p.m., SD-138.

April 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 2, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, 3 p.m., SD-124.

April 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine pro-

posed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: April 1, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:15 p.m., SR-222.

April 2, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, energy, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

April 2, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 2, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

April 2, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army 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 the Budget: April 1, to hold hearings to examine opportunity, mobility, and inequality in today’s economy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 1, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the “Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act”, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 2, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine the General Motors (GM) recall and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) defect investigation process, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 3, business meeting to consider S. 491, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, S. 1961, to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, S. 224, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay, S. 2080, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the

United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, S. 2042, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, S. 1934, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming, S. 2055, to allow for the collection of certain user fees by non-Federal entities, Corps Study Resolution: Point Judith, Rhode Island, and GSA Resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 3, to hold hearings to examine the President's 2014 Trade Policy Agenda, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 1, business meeting to consider Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington October 2, 1996, signed September 23, 2009, at Washington, with a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes September 23, 2009, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-1), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Luxembourg May 20, 2009, with a related agreement effected by exchange of notes May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-8), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Budapest February 4, 2010, with a related agreement effected by exchange of notes February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-7), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Washington February 4, 2010, with a Protocol and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes February 4, 2010, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012 (Treaty Doc. 112-8), Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, done at Paris May 27, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-5), and S. Res. 384, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

April 3, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine evaluating United States policy on Taiwan on the 35th anniversary of the "Taiwan Relations Act" (TRA), 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 3, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on Russia, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 1, to hold hearings to examine equal pay with the "Pay-check Fairness Act.", 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 1, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Caterpillar's offshore tax strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine data breach on the rise, focusing on protecting personal information from harm, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 2, business meeting to consider H.R. 841, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Easter Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, and S. 1219, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, S. 1570, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, S. 1574, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, S. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and an original bill entitled, "The Native American Children's Safety Act", 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 1, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Beth Bloom, and Darrin P. Gayles, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Paul G. Byron, and Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and the nominations of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, and Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 1, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 3, Full Committee, hearing to Review the State of the Rural Economy, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 2, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on United States Forest Service FY 2015 Budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on DEA and State Research on Drug Abuse in America FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on U.S. Customs and Border Protection FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Department of Labor FY 2015 Budget, 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Program, hearing on the United Nations and International Organizations FY 2015 Budget, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 2, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Defense Health Program FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on oversight of Public Housing, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, markup on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2015, 11 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2015, 1 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

April 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on National Park Service FY 2015 Budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Food Safety FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Missile Defense Agency, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

April 3, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Small Business Administration FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Oversight of Department of Transportation Modes, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on United States Fish and Wildlife Service FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing for Members of Congress, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Justice FY 2015 Budget, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Land Management FY 2015 Budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Agriculture, hearing on USDA Rural Development FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, April 2, Full Committee, hearing on The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from U.S. Forces Korea and U.S. Strategic Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 Ground Force Modernization Programs, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Seapower and Project Forces, hearing on Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities related to the 2015 President's Budget Request, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 3, Full Committee, hearing on the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space Activities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Intelligence Activities, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, April 2, Full Committee, markup on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget For Fiscal Year 2015, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Keeping College within Reach: Meeting the Needs of Contemporary Students”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2015 EPA Budget”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Ensuring the Security, Stability, Resilience, and Freedom of the Global Internet”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2015 Department of Energy Budget”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Concerns Regarding FDA’s Proposed Changes to Generic Drug Labeling”, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Allegations of Discrimination and Retaliation within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 2, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “The Crude Truth: Evaluating U.S. Energy Trade Policy”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Women’s Education: Promoting Development, Countering Radicalism”; and markup on H.R. 3583, the “Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Taking Down the Cartels: Examining United States—Mexico Cooperation”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 3, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4007, the “Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Authorization and Accountability Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 3, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Assessing Terrorism in the Caucasus and the Threat to the Homeland”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

April 4, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Passport Fraud: An International Vulnerability”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, April 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The National Zoo of Today and Tomorrow—An Innovative Center Focused on the Care and Conservation of the World’s Species; and markup on H.R. 863, the “Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum Act of 2013”, 10:30 a.m., 1301 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 2, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4292, the “Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act”; and H.R.

4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “Preservation and Reuse of Copyrighted Works”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on legislation regarding the Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2014, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security; and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, joint hearing entitled “Overturning 30 Years of Precedent: Is the Administration Ignoring the Dangers of Training Libyan Pilots and Nuclear Scientists?”, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of the Interior, Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 3, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 69, the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013”; H.R. 2646, the “REFI Pacific Act”; and legislation regarding the Pirate Fishing Elimination Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 3, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Implementing the Cobell Settlement: Missed Opportunities and Lessons Learned”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 4, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on H.R. 2743, the “Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act”; H.R. 3976, the “Wounded Veterans Recreation Act”; and a bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of Federal recreation fees, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Energy Independence: Domestic Opportunities to Reverse California’s Growing Dependence on Foreign Oil”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Undercover Storefront Operations: Continued Oversight of ATF’s Reckless Investigative Techniques”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Afghanistan: Identifying and Addressing Wasteful U.S. Government Spending”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, joint hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare’s Problem-Filled State Exchanges”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Bitcoin: Examining the Benefits and Risks for Small Business”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 2, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment,

hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget: Administration Priorities for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Examining Issues for Hazardous Materials Reauthorization”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Disaster Mitigation: Reducing Costs and Saving Lives”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, April 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “VA and Human Tissue: Improvements Needed for Veterans Safety”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 3, Full Committee, business meeting offering a resolution to assign Congressman David W. Jolly to HVAC Subcommittees; and hearing entitled “Trials in Transparency II: Is VA Responding to Congressional Requests in a Timely Manner?”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 2, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 3, Full Committee, hearing on President Obama’s Trade Policy Agenda with U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Benghazi Talking Points and Michael J. Morell’s Role in Shaping the Administration’s Narrative”, 10 a.m., 210–HVC.

April 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10 a.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: April 4, to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for March 2014, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3979, Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, April 1

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.



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