

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3979, Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act, as amended. (The legislative vehicle entitled, “The Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act”.)

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2169–S2202

Measures Introduced: Four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2214–2217, and S. Res. 412–416. **Page S2194**

Measures Passed:

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act: By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 101), Senate passed 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, as amended.

Pages S2175–78, S2181–88

Representatives to the United Nations: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2195, to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Cruz Amendment No. 2960, to make a technical amendment. **Page S2180**

Cruz Amendment No. 2961, to amend the title. **Page S2181**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to 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. **Page S2202**

National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 414,

designating April 2014 as “National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month”. **Page S2202**

National Public Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 415, supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week. **Page S2202**

Authorizing the Taking of a Photograph in the Senate Chamber: Senate agreed to S. Res. 416, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Page S2202**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration to S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Pages S2179–80**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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 9, 2014.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010 with respect to Somalia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–39) **Page S2193**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S2178, S2202**

L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S2178–79, S2202**

Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania. **Pages S2179, S2202**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Steven H. Cohen, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2019.

Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Thomas P. Kelly III, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years. **Page S2202**

Messages from the House: **Pages S2193–94**

Measures Referred: **Page S2194**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S2194, S2202**

Executive Communications: **Page S2194**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2195–96**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2196–S2201**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2192–93**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S2201**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Page S2201**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—101) **Page S2176**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2202.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4411–4418; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 545 were introduced. **Pages H2990–91**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2991**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–404) and

H. Res. 544, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 96) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024, and providing for proceedings during the period from April 11, 2014, through April 25, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–405). **Page H2990**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2963**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2964**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. **Page H2965**

Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 1872, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 166. **Pages H2965–73, H2983–86**

Rejected the DeLauro motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 165. **Page H2985**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2965**

H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1874), (H.R. 1871), and (H.R. 1872), was agreed to on Friday, April 4th.

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

Naval Vessel Transfer and Arms Export Control Amendments Act: H.R. 3470, amended, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries; **Pages H2973–77**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To affirm the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.”

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Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act: S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; and

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Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2014: H.R. 4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004. **Pages H2980–83**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. **Page H2983**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 90, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page H2986**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010 with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–103). **Page H2965**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m. **Page H2987**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2965.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2965 and H2965–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVES PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Internal Revenue Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 4299, the “Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act”; H.R. 4069, the “Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2013”; and H.R. 4250, the “Sunscreen Innovation Act”. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control Drug Enforcement; and public witnesses.

ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND SETTING FORTH APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2024

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 96, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a structured rule for H. Con. Res. 96. The rule provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady of Texas and Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in 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, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chair of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from April 11, 2014 through April 25, 2014: (a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and (b) 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 3, 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 2 of the resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan (WI), and Representatives Van Hollen, Polis, Ellison, Scott (VA), Jackson Lee, and Mulvaney.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D359)

H.R. 2019, to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to

provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health. Signed on April 3, 2014. (Public Law 113–94)

H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine. Signed on April 3, 2014. (Public Law 113–95)

S. 2183, entitled “United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions”. Signed on April 3, 2014. (Public Law 113–96)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and the nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:45 a.m., SR–328A.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine advanced biofuels, focusing on creating jobs and lower prices at the pump, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10:15 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine Army Active and Reserve force mix in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Defense science and technology enterprise for innovation and affordability in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:15 p.m., SR–222.

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, 3:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine supporting broad-based economic growth and fiscal responsibility through a fairer tax code, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, to be Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and Elliot F. Kaye, of New York, to be Chairman, and Joseph P. Mohorovic, of Illinois, both to be a Commissioner, both of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Janet Garvin McCabe, of the District of Columbia, and Ann Elizabeth Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine protecting taxpayers from incompetent and unethical return preparers, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed international affairs budget request for fiscal year 2015 for national security and foreign policy priorities, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

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 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witness hearing, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on NASA Request and Oversight of NASA Security, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Field Agencies FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Africa Command FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy, Environmental Management FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witness hearing, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on United States Agency for

International Development FY 2015 Budget, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Special Forces Command FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol. This is a closed hearing and for Members only.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on General Service Administration FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Russian Military Developments and Strategic Implications", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "The FY15 Budget Request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Chemical Biological Defense Program: Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing Global Environment", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2015 Atomic Energy Defense and Nuclear Forces", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4366, the "Strengthening Education through Research Act"; and H.R. 10, the "Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Trolling for a Solution: Ending Abusive Patent Demand Letters", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the Implementation of the Tobacco Control Act", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup on H.R. 6, the "Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act", 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Hearing entitled 'Who's in Your Wallet: Examining How Washington Red Tape Impairs Economic Freedom'", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Lebanon's Security Challenges and U.S. Interests", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "Is al-Qaeda Winning? Grading the Administration's Counterterrorism Policy", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "Authorizing Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement", 10 a.m., 311 Canon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 4315, the "21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act"; H.R. 4316, the "Endangered Species Recovery Transparency Act";

H.R. 4317, the “State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; and H.R. 4318, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Women and Minorities”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 187, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06, Topsail, North Carolina; H.R. 277, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 1810, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida; H.R. 1811, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System areas included in Florida System Unit P-16, and for other purposes; H.R. 2057, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System the areas comprising Bay County Unit P-31P in Florida; H.R. 3226, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3227, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina; and H.R. 4222, to correct the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Gulf County Florida, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Postal Service”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reducing Waste in Government: Addressing GAO’s 2014 Report on Duplicative Federal Programs”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Panel on Public-Private Partnerships, hearing entitled “The International Experience with Public-Private Partnerships”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on the Benefits of Permanent Tax Policy for America’s Job Creators, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Treasury Department’s Final Employer Mandate and Employer Reporting Requirements Regulations”, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 8 through April 11, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m.

On *Wednesday*, unless an agreement is reached, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2199, Paycheck Fairness 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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 8, business meeting to consider S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, and the nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

April 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine advanced biofuels, focusing on creating jobs and lower prices at the pump, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: April 8, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10:15 a.m., SD-138.

April 8, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 9, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:15 a.m., SD-124.

April 9, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an assessment on how to keep our railways safe for passengers and communities, 9:45 a.m., SD-138.

April 9, 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 Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 9, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense health programs, 10 a.m., SD-106.

April 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 9, 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 the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 8, to hold hearings to examine Army Active and Reserve force mix in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

April 8, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Defense science and technology enterprise for innovation and affordability in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:15 p.m., SR-222.

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April 9, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:15 a.m., SR-232A.

April 9, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

April 9, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine National Nuclear Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories and the status of the Nuclear Security Enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 10, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 10, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 8, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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April 9, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine from here to Mars, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 429, to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products, S. 1014, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, S. 1406, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, S. 1275, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program, S. 1379, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, S. 1468, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation, S. 1793, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, S. 1925, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, S. 2022, to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, S. 2028, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, S. 2030, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, S. 2076, to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, S. 2086, to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future, S. 2140, to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles, H.R. 2052, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, the nomination of David J. Arroyo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 10, to hold an oversight hearing to examine United States electric grid reliability and security, focusing on if enough is being done, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Janet Garvin McCabe, of the District of Columbia, and Ann Elizabeth

Dunkin, of California, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Manuel H. Ehrlich, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 8, to hold hearings to examine protecting taxpayers from incompetent and unethical return preparers, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 8, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed international affairs budget request for fiscal year 2015 for national security and foreign policy priorities, 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for international development priorities, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine transatlantic security challenges, focusing on Central and Eastern Europe, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 9, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine addressing primary care access and workforce challenges, focusing on voices from the field, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine expanding access to quality early learning, focusing on the "Strong Start for America's Children Act", 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 10, Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine small agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 9, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on Indian students in public schools, and cultivating the next generation, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 8, business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger and the impact on consumers, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: April 9, to hold hearings to examine election administration, focusing on making voter rolls more complete and more accurate, 10 a.m., SR-301.

April 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1728, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, S. 1937, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to develop contingency plans to address unexpected emergencies or natural disasters that may threaten to disrupt the administration of an election for Federal office, S. 1947, to rename the Government Printing Office the

Government Publishing Office, S. 2197, to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts, and the nominations of Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, and Myrna Perez, of Texas, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 9, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Small Business Administration, 11 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 8, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 9, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4413, the "Customer Protection and End User Relief Act", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Commerce, FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 9, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Office of Management and Budget FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 9, Full Committee, markup on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2015; and Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2015, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, public and outside witness hearing, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled Bureau of Prison FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Intelligence Community Overview, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol. This hearing is a closed hearing and is for Members only.

April 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, public and outside witness hearing, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, April 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled "National Defense Priorities from Members for the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Beneficiary and Advocacy Overview of the FY15 President's Budget", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Readiness Posture", 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 9, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4321, the "Employee Privacy Protection Act"; and H.R. 4320, the "Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup on H.R. 6, the “Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 4342, the “Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2014”, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, continued markup on H.R. 4342, the “Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2014”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 9, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation for Small and Emerging Growth Companies”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Foreign Assistance in FY 2015: What Are the Priorities, How Effective?”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere: The FY 2015 Foreign Affairs Budget”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards Morocco”, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Boston Marathon Bombings, One Year On: A Look Back to Look Forward”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 10, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “Should the Department of Commerce Relinquish Direct Oversight Over ICANN?”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 9, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 503, the “National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act”; H.R. 836, the “Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum Act of 2013”; H.R. 2208, the “North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act of 2013”; H.R. 2430, the “Hinchliffe Stadium Heritage Act of 2013”; H.R. 3802, to extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes; H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 4017, to designate a peak located in Nevada as “Mount Reagan”; H.R. 4120, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date; H.R. 4253, the “Bureau of Land Management Withdrawn Military Lands Efficiency and Savings Act”; and H.R. 4309, to amend the Sikes Act to make certain improvements to the administration of cooperative agreements for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tribal Forest Management: A Model for Promoting Healthy Forests and Rural Jobs”, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 9, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “Examining Ways the Social Security Administration Can Improve the Disability Review Process”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, April 9, Subcommittee on Space, markup on H.R. 4412, the “National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2014”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 9, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Prizes to Spur Innovation and Technology Breakthroughs”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, April 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Continued Assessment of Delays in VA Medical Care and Preventable Veteran Deaths”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 9, Full Committee, markup on referral to Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois G. Lerner for possible criminal prosecution for violations of one or more criminal statutes based on evidence the Committee has uncovered in the course of the investigation of IRS abuses, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 9, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Trade Implications of U.S. Energy Policy and the Export of Liquefied Natural Gas”, 1:15 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 10, Full Committee, business meeting, member access requests; and hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., 304–HVC. A portion of the business meeting may close. The hearing is closed.

Joint Meetings

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: April 9, to hold hearings to examine Ukraine, focusing on confronting internal challenges and external threats, including Russia’s seizure of Crimea, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m.

(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

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 8

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 1871—Baseline Reform Act (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 96—Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024

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