

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2293–S2331

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2224–2234, and S. Con. Res. 35. **Pages S2326–27**

Measures Passed:

100th Anniversary of the Enactment of the Smith-Lever Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 33, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the nationwide Cooperative Extension System, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2330**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S2330**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 S2293–S2312, S2316–21**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 103), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2299**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill. **Page S2299**

Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the Presi-

dent pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, and as further amended by Public Law 107–228, and 112–75, re-appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Katrina Lantos Swett of New Hampshire. **Page S2330**

Friedland Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S2330**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 75 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 104), Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2017. **Pages S2312–15, S2330**

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 105), Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 2010. **Pages S2315, S2330**

Debra L. Miller, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2017. **Pages S2315–16, S2330**

Steven Joel Anthony, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2018. **Pages S2315–16, S2330**

Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S2315–16, S2330**

45 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Marine Corps. **Pages S2329–31**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S2329**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—105) **Pages S2299, S2315**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2330.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, and Maryann Froehlich, Acting Chief Financial Officer, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

RAILWAY SAFETY FOR PASSENGERS AND COMMUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine an assessment on how to keep our railways safe for passengers and communities, after receiving testimony from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Barb Graff, City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management Director, Seattle, Washington; and Timothy E. Pellerin, Fire/Rescue Department Fire Chief, Rangeley, Maine.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor.

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine defense health programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Surgeon General of the United States Navy, Lieutenant General Thomas W. Travis, Surgeon General of the United States Air Force, and Christopher A. Miller, Program Executive Officer, Healthcare Management Systems, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, and Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Vice Admiral William D. French, Commander, Navy Installations Command, Major General Juan G. Ayala, Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command, Kathleen I. Ferguson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Performing Duties as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, Major General Maryanne Miller, Deputy Chief, Air Force Reserve, and Brigadier General James Witham, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General John F. Campbell, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General James O. Barclay III, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, and Major General (P) Michael E. Williamson, USA, Military Deputy and Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, all of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Howard B. Bromberg, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff (G-1), and Sergeant Major Raymond F. Chandler III, both of the United States Army, Vice Admiral William F. Moran, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (N-1), and Master Chief Petty Officer Michael D. Stevens, both of the United States Navy, Lieutenant General Samuel D. Cox, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services (A-1), and Chief Master Sergeant James A. Cody, both of the United States Air Force, and Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Sergeant Major Micheal P. Barrett, both of the United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Charles F. McMillan, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Paul J. Hommert, Director, Sandia National Laboratories, and William H. Goldstein, Deputy Director for Science and Technology, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy; and Norman R. Au-

gustine, and Admiral Richard W. Mies, USN (Ret.), both Co-chair of the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia.

MARS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine from here to Mars, after receiving testimony from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Susan Eisenhower, The Eisenhower Group, Inc., Washington, DC.; and Leroy Chiao, former NASA Astronaut, and Commander, International Space Station Expedition 10, and Jeffrey Manber, NanoRacks LLC, both of Houston, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1014, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1468, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1793, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1925, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2022, to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2028, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2140, to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2052, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an inter-agency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment; and

The nominations of David J. Arroyo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

PRIMARY CARE ACCESS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine addressing primary care access and workforce challenges, focusing on voices from the field, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Spitzgo, Associate Administrator, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Linda T. Kohn, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Gary Wiltz, Teche Action Clinic, Franklin, Louisiana; Stan Brock, Remote Area Medical, Rockford, Tennessee; Joseph Nichols, MedStar Franklin Square Family Health Center, Baltimore, Maryland; Margaret Flinter, Community Health Center, Inc., Middletown, Connecticut; Deborah Edberg, Erie Family Health Center, Chicago, Illinois; L. Allen Dobson, Jr., Community Care of North Carolina, Raleigh; Jim Hotz, Albany Area Primary Health Care, Albany, Georgia.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on Indian students in public schools, and cultivating the next generation, after receiving testimony from William Mendoza, Executive Director, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education; Mandy Smoker Broaddus,

Montana Office of Public Instruction Director of Indian Education, Helena; Dan Hudson, Wyoming State Impact Aid Chairman, Lander; Alberto Siqueiros, Baboquivari Unified School District, Sells, Arizona; and Brent D. Gish, National Indian Impacted Schools Association, Naytahwaush, Minnesota.

COMCAST–TIME WARNER CABLE MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger and the impact on consumers, after receiving testimony from David L. Cohen, Comcast Corporation, and Christopher S. Yoo, University of Pennsylvania Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition, both of Philadelphia; Arthur T. Minson, Jr., Time Warner Cable Inc., New York, New York; Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, Washington, DC; James Bosworth, Back9Network Inc., Hartford, Connecticut; and Richard J. Sherwin, Spot On Networks, LLC, New Haven, Connecticut.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine election administration, focusing on making voter rolls more complete and more accurate, after receiving testimony from Elaine Manlove, Delaware State Election Commissioner, Dover; Judd Choate, Director of Elections, Colorado Secretary of State's Office, Denver; Christopher M. Thomas, Michigan Director of Elections, Lansing; and John W. Lindback, Electronic Registration Information Center, Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1728, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve ballot accessibility to uniformed services voters and overseas voters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015

for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, and Winslow Sargeant, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, all of the Small Business Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4431–4444 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1378, to designate the United States courthouse located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the “James M. Carter and Judith N. Keep United States Courthouse”, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–406);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–407);

H.R. 3998, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–408)

H.R. 4093, to amend the Small Business Act to raise the prime and subcontract goals, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–409); and

H.R. 4094, to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to develop and implement a plan to improve the quality of data reported on bundled and consolidated contracts, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–410).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Darius Pridgen, True Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014: H.R. 4414, to clarify the treatment under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of health plans in which expatriates are the primary enrollees, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 257 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 174.

Pages H3067–72, H3123–24

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 House resumed consideration of H. Con. Res. 96, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and to set forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, April 8th.

Pages H3072–H3123

Rejected:

Mulvaney amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that sought to insert President Obama's budget proposal (by a recorded vote of 2 yeas to 413 noes, Roll No. 171);

Pages H3097–H3104, H3121–22

Moore amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that sought to make significant investments in education, job training, transportation and infrastructure, and advanced research and development programs. Would include funding for a comprehensive jobs bill and targeted investments to reduce and eradicate poverty in America. Would protect the social safety net without cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, or SNAP and raise new revenue by revising our tax system, saving more than \$1.7 trillion on the deficit over the next decade. Would reduce our annual budget deficit to 2.5% of GDP by FY 2024 (by a recorded vote of 116 yeas to 300 noes, Roll No. 172); and

Pages H3104–13, H3122–23

Grijalva amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that sought to create 8.8 million jobs by 2017 through investments in education, infrastructure and research and to reduce deficits by \$4 trillion by 2024 (by a recorded vote of 89 yeas to 327 noes, Roll No. 173).

Pages H3113–21, H3123

H. Res. 544, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to yesterday, April 8th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 10th. **Page H3124**

Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Representative Dent. **Page H3124**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3066.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3122, H3122–23, H3123, and H3124. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4413, the "Customer Protection and End User Relief Act". The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Commerce FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Penny Pritzker, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Office of Management and Budget FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Sylvia M. Burwell, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

APPROPRIATIONS—MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2015; and Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2015; and Report on

the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2015. Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2015 was ordered reported, without amendment; Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2015 was ordered reported, as amended; and the Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2015 was agreed to.

NATIONAL DEFENSE PRIORITIES FROM MEMBERS FOR THE FY 2015 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "National Defense Priorities from Members for the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act". Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: O'Rourke; Ellmers; Collins (GA); Posey; Pierluisi; Nunes; DeSantis; Graves; Tonko; Hanna; Broun (GA); Blackburn; Heck (WA); Chu; Meng; Lowenthal; Barr; Ribble; Wagner; Perry; and Crawford.

BENEFICIARY AND ADVOCACY OVERVIEW OF THE FY15 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled "Beneficiary and Advocacy Overview of the FY15 President's Budget". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4320, the "Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act"; and H.R. 4321, the "Employee Privacy Protection Act". The bills were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded a markup on H.R. 6, the "Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act". The bill was forwarded, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology began a markup on H.R. 4342, the "Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2014".

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE CAPITAL FORMATION FOR SMALL AND EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation for Small and Emerging

Growth Companies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2015:
WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES, HOW
EFFECTIVE?**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Foreign Assistance in FY 2015: What Are the Priorities, How Effective?”. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS IN THE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE: THE FY 2015
FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere: The FY 2015 Foreign Affairs Budget”. Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS MOROCCO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards Morocco”. Testimony was heard from William Roebuck, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Egypt and Maghreb Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

**THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS, ONE
YEAR ON: A LOOK BACK TO LOOK
FORWARD**

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Boston Marathon Bombings, One Year On: A Look Back to Look Forward”. Testimony was heard from Edward P. Deveau, Chief of Police, Watertown Police Department; Jeffrey J. Pugliese, Sergeant, Watertown Police Department; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 503, the “National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act”; H.R. 863, 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. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 503; H.R. 863; H.R. 2208; H.R. 2430; H.R. 4309; and H.R. 3802. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4002; H.R. 4017; H.R. 4120; and H.R. 4253.

**EXAMINING WAYS THE SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION CAN IMPROVE THE
DISABILITY REVIEW PROCESS**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Examining Ways the Social Security Administration Can Improve the Disability Review Process”. Testimony was heard from Marianna LaCanfora, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; Patrick P. O’Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a markup on H.R. 4412, the “National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2014”. The bill H.R. 4412 was ordered reported, as amended, to the Full Committee.

**PRIZES TO SPUR INNOVATION AND
TECHNOLOGY BREAKTHROUGHS**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Prizes to Spur Innovation and Technology Breakthroughs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**BIGGEST TAX PROBLEMS FOR SMALL
BUSINESSES**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Biggest Tax Problems for

Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 524, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency does not have the authority to disapprove a permit after it has been issued by the Secretary of the Army under section 404 of such Act; and H.R. 4156, the “Transparent Airfares Act of 2014”. The bills, H.R. 4156 and H.R. 524, were ordered reported, without amendment.

CONTINUED ASSESSMENT OF DELAYS IN VA MEDICAL CARE AND PREVENTABLE VETERAN DEATHS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Continued Assessment of Delays in VA Medical Care and Preventable Veteran Deaths”. Testimony was heard from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; John D. Daigh, Jr. M.D., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Thomas Lynch, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

REFERRAL TO THE HONORABLE 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

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a 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. Testimony was heard from Mike Epley, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Oversight, Committee on Ways and Means. The motion for the Committee to go into executive session for consideration of referring for criminal prosecution Lois Lerner, the former IRS Director of Exempt Organizations, by the United States Attorney General was agreed to; the motion offered by Mr. Doggett

was agreed to; and the motion for the Committee to submit the referral to the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, of former Internal Revenue Services 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 to the House of Representatives was agreed to.

TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. ENERGY POLICY AND THE EXPORT OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Trade Implications of U.S. Energy Policy and the Export of Liquefied Natural Gas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Ukraine, focusing on confronting internal challenges and external threats, including Russia’s seizure of Crimea, including H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: 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: 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.

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.

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.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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 Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: 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.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. Res. 410, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, and S. Res. 413, recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

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

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

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

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9 a.m., Thursday, April 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: At 10:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. If cloture is invoked, there will be up to 30 hours of debate prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination, unless an agreement is reached. Upon disposition of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, there will be a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, with eight hours of debate prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete 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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