

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to H. Con. Res. 96, Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015.

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

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2333–S2399

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2235–2255, and S. Res. 420–422. **Pages S2378–79**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona. (S. Rept. No. 113–148)

H.R. 862, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960. (S. Rept. No. 113–149)

H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho. (S. Rept. No. 113–150)

H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. (S. Rept. No. 113–151)

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.

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Measures Passed:

DATA Act: Senate passed S. 994, to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Warner (for Carper) Amendment No. 2970, in the nature of a substitute.

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Warner (for Carper) Amendment No. 2971 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 2970), to allow the Secretary of Defense to request an extension to report financial and payment information data.

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Authorizing Testimony, Document Production, and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, to authorize written testimony, document production, and representation in *Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Foundation, Inc. v. United States*. **Page S2391**

Measures Considered:

Federal Minimum Wage: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2223, 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.

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Appointments:

National Commission on Hunger: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 113–76, the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the National Commission on Hunger:

Spencer A. Coates of Kentucky, and J. Russell Sykes of New York. **Page S2391**

Friedland Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 106), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2336–37**

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 107), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Pages S2354–55**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 4 p.m., on Friday, April 11, 2014, with the time until 5 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S2391**

Friedland and Weil Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Friday, April 11, 2014, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and that following disposition of the nomination, Senate 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, and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S2390**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert M. Speer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

William D. Adams, of Maine, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

12 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S2354**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—107) **Pages S2354–55**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2391.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine 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, after receiving testimony from Bruce Held, Acting Administrator, Donald L. Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, and Admiral John M. Richardson, Deputy Administrator, Office of Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and James Owendoff, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Vice Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, and Vice Admiral William H. Hilarides, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, all of the Department of Defense.

ELECTRIC GRID RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine how to increase the reliability and security of the nation's electric grid from cyber and physical attacks, after receiving testimony from Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman, and Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner, both of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Gerry Cauley, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Sue Kelly, American Public Power Association, Colette D. Honorable, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Michael J. Kormos, PJM Interconnection L.L.C., Nicholas K. Akins, American Electric Power, Thad Hill, Calpine Corporation, and James L. Hunter, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, all of Washington, DC; and Cheryl L. Roberto, Environmental Defense Fund, Columbus, Ohio.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, after receiving testimony from Kathleen G. Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for international development priorities, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 410, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, with amendments;

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; and

Lists in the Foreign Service.

TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine transatlantic security challenges, focusing on Central and

Eastern Europe, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; and Julianne Smith, Center for a New American Security, Ian J. Brzezinski, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, and Edward C. Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies Energy and National Security Program, all of Washington, DC.

OVERSIGHT OF SMALL AGENCIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine small agencies, including an original bill entitled “Small Agency Inspector General Act”, after receiving testimony from Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration, on behalf of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; Osvaldo Luis Gratacos, Inspector General, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Hubert Sparks, Inspector General, Appalachian Regional Commission; Michael Carroll, Acting Inspector General, United States Agency for International

Development; and Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

STRONG START FOR AMERICA’S CHILDREN ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding access to quality early learning, focusing on the “Strong Start for America’s Children Act”, after receiving testimony from Mayor Angel Taveras, Providence, Rhode Island; John E. Pepper, Jr., Proctor and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of ReadyNation/America’s Edge; Steven Barnett, Rutgers University National Institute for Early Education Research, New Brunswick, New Jersey; and Grover J. Whitehurst, Brookings Institution Brown Center on Education Policy, Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 4445–4485; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 114; H. Con. Res. 97; and H. Res. 550–554 were introduced. **Pages H3195–98**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3198–99**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 863, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–411, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2657, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–412); and

H.R. 4032, to exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–413, Pt. 1). **Page H3195**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3147**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H3147**

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 agreed to 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 177. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, April 8th. **Pages H3149–84**
Rejected:

Woodall amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that sought to balance the budget in four years and cut discretionary spending to FY2008 levels (by a recorded vote of 133 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 175) and

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Van Hollen amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that

sought to pursue investments in job creation and education, tax reform that promotes the growth of American businesses and tax fairness, and policies that support access to health care, retirement security, and a safe and secure nation (by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 176).

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

Denying 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: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass 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.

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

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National Commission on Hunger—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the National Commission on Hunger: Mr. Jeremy Everett of Waco, Texas; Dr. Susan Finn of Columbus, Ohio; and Mr. Robert Doar of Brooklyn, New York.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3164.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 33 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3165–66, H3180–81, and H3183–84. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 1:45 p.m., pursuant to S. Con. Res. 35, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a

hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public and outside witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF PRISONS FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled Bureau of Prisons FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Charles E. Samuels, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Intelligence Community Overview. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled "Readiness Posture". Testimony was heard from General John F. Campbell, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral Mark Ferguson, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; General John M. Paxton Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; and General Larry O. Spencer, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a markup on H.R. 4342, the "Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2014". The bill was forwarded, without amendment, to the Full Committee.

ICANN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Should the Department of Commerce Relinquish Direct Oversight Over ICANN?". Testimony was heard from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

TRIBAL FOREST MANAGEMENT: A MODEL FOR PROMOTING HEALTHY FORESTS AND RURAL JOBS

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Tribal Forest Management: A Model for Promoting Healthy Forests and Rural Jobs”. Testimony was heard from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a business meeting on the resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find Lois G. Lerner, Former Director, Exempt Organizations, Internal Revenue Service, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The Committee agreed on the motion to report.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing on Department of Energy Science and Technology Priorities. Testimony was

heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING; AND ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on member access requests; and hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. The Committee agreed to two motions to grant access requests. The hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities” was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Friday, April 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, April 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture.

At 5 p.m., there will be up to three rollcall votes on confirmation of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 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, and on confirmation of the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

House Chamber

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