

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1085–S1126.

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 555–575, and S. Res. 85–87. **Pages S1117–18**

Measures Passed:

Centennial of the Navy Reserve: Senate agreed to S. Res. 86, recognizing March 3, 2015, as the centennial of the Navy Reserve. **Pages S1123–24**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. **Pages S1085, S1090–99, S1099–S1109**

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

The motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on February 5, 2015, was agreed to. **Page S1104**

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By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 58), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1105**

Subsequently, the third motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was rendered moot. **Page S1105**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2015, and that all time during the adjournment or recess of the Senate count against post-cloture time. **Page S1124**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Member to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senator Rubio. **Page S1124**

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senator Blunt. **Page S1124**

Congressional Award Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Senator Manchin vice The Honorable Max Baucus of Montana. **Page S1124**

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 with respect to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels, as amended; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–7) **Page S1116**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Amias Moore Gerety, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Katherine Simonds Dhanani, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Sheila Gwaltney, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2020.

Cono R. Namorato, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1125–26**

Messages from the House: **Page S1116**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S1115–16**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1123**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—58) **Page S1105**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1124.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine healthcare recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Chair-

man, and Stephen E. Buyer, Michael R. Higgins, General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA (Ret.), Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN (Ret.), each a Commissioner, all of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, Department of Defense; Vice Admiral Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Joyce W. Raezer, National Military Family Association, and Thomas J. Snee, Fleet Reserve Association, all of Alexandria, Virginia; and Major General Gus L. Hargett, Jr., ARNG (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States, Washington, D.C.

REGIONAL NUCLEAR DYNAMICS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine regional nuclear dynamics, after receiving testimony from Andrew F. Krepinevich, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Matthew Kroenig, Georgetown University, and George Perkovich, and Ashley J. Tellis, both of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

AMERICA'S DEBT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's debt, after receiving testimony from Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Heather Pfitzenmaier, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Bruce Bartlett, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, Great Falls, Virginia.

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preserving the multistakeholder model of Internet governance, after receiving testimony from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Fadi Chehade, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, Los Angeles, California; and David A. Gross, Wiley Rein LLP, Washington, D.C.

MAP-21 REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) reauthorization, focusing on perspectives from owners, operators, and users of the system, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation Executive Director, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Steve Heminger, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, San Francisco, California; Thomas J. Rioridan, Neenah Enterprises, Inc., Neenah, Wisconsin,

on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Dave Gardner, Ingredion Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Walt Rowen, Susquehanna Glass Co., Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

FIGHT AGAINST ISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), focusing on building the coalition and ensuring military effectiveness, after receiving testimony from General John R. Allen, (USMC, Ret.), Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

21ST CENTURY REGULATORY SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a 21st century regulatory system, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Michael Mandel, Progressive Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Jerry Ellig, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Sally Katzen, New York University School of Law, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 230, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska;

S. 321, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe; and

S. 501, to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico.

INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for Indian programs, after receiving testimony from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Yvette Roubideaux, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for American Indians and Alaska Natives; and Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Office of Native American Programs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 1055–1092; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 124–127, were introduced. **Pages H1162–64**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1165–66**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 125, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–29). **Page H1162**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hardy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1119**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1121**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Tierian Cash, National Chaplain for the American Legion, Longs, South Carolina. **Page H1121**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Pages H1121, H1142**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans: The House passed H.R. 529, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans, by a recorded vote of 401 ayes to 20 noes, Roll No. 90. **Pages H1135–42**

Rejected the Ted Lieu (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 176 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 89. **Pages H1139–41**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1135**

H. Res. 121, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 529) and (H.R. 5), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 87, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 86.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, February 24th:

STEM Education Act of 2015: H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 88.

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Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the Members on matters of decorum in the House.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 124, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Student Success Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, and inform parents of the performance of their children's schools. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:42 p.m. and reconvened at 9:56 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared on March 1, 1996, with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, as amended and expanded on February 26, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–12).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1133–34, H1134, H1135, H1140–41, and H1141–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF THE SNAP PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the past, present and future of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on quality of life in the military. Testimony was heard from Command Sergeant Major Daniel A. Dailey, United States Army; Master Chief Petty Officer Michael D. Stevens, United States Navy; Sergeant Major Ronald Green, United States Marine Corps; and Chief Master Sergeant James A. Cody, United States Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary; Robert Johansson, Chief Economist; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Internal Revenue Service oversight. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Department of Health and Human Services budget. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Justice, Department of

Commerce, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration oversight. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of the Interior budget. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior; and Mike Connor, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development budget. Testimony was heard from Julian Castro, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, AND UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on House of Representatives, Government Accountability Office, and United States Capitol Police budgets. Testimony was heard from Ed Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer, House of Representatives; Karen L. Haas, Clerk, House of Representatives; Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives; Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and Kim Dine, Chief of Police, United States Capitol.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

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

HOW IS DOD RESPONDING TO EMERGING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE?

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How Is DOD Responding to Emerging Security Challenges in Europe?”. Testimony was heard from General Philip Breedlove, USAF, Commander, Supreme Allied Command Eu-

rope and U.S. European Combatant Command; and Christine Wormuth, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces”. Testimony was heard from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Vice Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources; and Lieutenant General Kenneth Glueck, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development, and Integration, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS AND PROGRAMS: SUPPORTING CURRENT OPERATIONS AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE THREAT ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Information Technology Investments and Programs: Supporting Current Operations and Planning for the Future Threat Environment”. Testimony was heard from Terry Halvorsen, Acting Department of Defense Chief Information Officer; Lieutenant General Robert S. Ferrell, United States Army, Chief Information Officer/G-6; Lt Gen William J. Bender, United States Air Force, Chief, Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer; John Zangardi, Acting Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Information Operations and Space; and Brigadier General Kevin J. Nally, United States Marine Corps, Director, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (C4)/Chief Information Officer of the Marine Corps.

MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Members' Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Nugent, Schweikert, Edwards, Wilson of South Carolina, Larsen of Washington, Gabbard, Foster, Hill, Salmon, Esty, Beatty, Barr, Posey, Kildee, Schakowsky, Jackson Lee, McGovern, Hoyer, Love, Hahn, Takai, Amodei, and Mooney of West Virginia.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 EPA BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, held a joint hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2016 EPA Budget”. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE OF THE INTERNET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Uncertain Future of the Internet”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS IN A TROUBLED WORLD: THE FY 2016 FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests in a Troubled World: The FY 2016 Foreign Affairs Budget”. Testimony was heard from John F. Kerry, Secretary of State, Department of State.

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING PROPOSAL

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the President’s Cybersecurity Information Sharing Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Suzanne Spaulding, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Phyllis Schneck, Deputy Under Secretary, Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and Eric Fischer, Senior Specialist, Science and Technology, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

THE UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF OBAMA’S EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Unconstitutionality of Obama’s Executive Actions on Immigration”. Testimony was heard from Adam Laxalt, Attorney General of Nevada; and public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPREHENSION, DETENTION, AND RELEASE OF NON-CITIZENS UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled “A Review of the Department of Homeland Security’s Policies and Procedures for the Apprehension, Detention, and Release of Non-Citizens Unlawfully Present in the United States”. Testimony was heard from Scott R. Jones, Sheriff, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department; and public witnesses.

PREVENTING ANOTHER MH370: SETTING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR AIRLINE FLIGHT TRACKING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled “Preventing Another MH370: Setting International Standards for Airline Flight Tracking”. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Hart, Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Michael A. Lawson, Ambassador, United States Mission to the International Civil Aviation Organization; and a public witness.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5, the “Student Success Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 5 under a structured rule. The rule provides no additional general debate. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–8, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by its proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The

rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Scott of Virginia, Pocan, Jeffries, DeSaulnier, Garrett, Maxine Waters of California, Dold, Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Sewell of Alabama, Collins of Georgia, Polis, Bridenstine, Jackson Lee, Gibson, Butterfield, Walker, Tonko, Richmond, Titus, Bera, Castro of Texas, and Lawrence.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "An Overview of the Department of Energy's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2016". Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1030, the "Secret Science Reform Act of 2015"; and H.R. 1029, the "EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015". H.R. 1030 and H.R. 1029 were both ordered reported, as amended.

THE SBA BUDGET FOR FY 2016: DOES IT MEET THE NEEDS OF AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES?

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The SBA Budget for FY 2016: Does it Meet the Needs of America's Small Businesses?". Testimony was heard from Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs". Testimony was heard from Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Paul "Chip" N. Jaenichen, Sr., Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; MAINTAINING THE DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST FUND'S SOLVENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held an organizational meeting for the

114th Congress and a hearing on maintaining the Disability Insurance Trust Fund's solvency. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from Charles P. Blahous III, Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees; and public witnesses.

WORLD WIDE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "World Wide Threats". This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Helm, The American Legion, Washington, D.C.

SERBIA'S OSCE LEADERSHIP

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Serbia's leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on priorities and insights regarding the ongoing work of the OSCE, after receiving testimony from First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Ivica Dacic, Belgrade, Serbia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

(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 and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "End Modern Slavery and Trafficking Initiative Act of 2015", 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine medical and public health preparedness and response, focusing on future threats, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, S. 166, to stop exploitation through trafficking, and the nominations of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, and Armando Omar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for Veterans' programs and fiscal year 2017 advance appropriations request, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing to better understand the SNAP population through published research, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy budget, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Navy budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, oversight hearing on the vital responsibility of serving the nation's aging and disabled communities, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Environmental Protection Agency budget, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Transportation budget, 1 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Architect of the Capitol and Library of Congress budgets, 1:30 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Outside Perspectives on the President's Proposed Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Strategic Forces", 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "The Blacklisting Executive Order: Rewriting Federal Labor Policies Through Executive Fiat", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the FY 2016 HHS Budget", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Update: Patent Demand Letter Practices and Solutions", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration—Part II", 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "Across the Other Pond: U.S. Opportunities and Challenges in the Asia Pacific", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "The President's New Cuba Policy and U.S. National Security", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint hearing entitled "The Shame of Iranian Human Rights", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled "Assessing DHS's Performance: Watchdog Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Addressing Remaining Gaps in Federal, State, and Local Information Sharing", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

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