

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1323–S1341.*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 675–681. **Pages S1335–36**

**Measures Passed:**

*Office of Compliance Administrative and Technical Corrections Act:* Senate passed H.R. 1213, to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995. **Page S1328**

**Appointments:**

*Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:* The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the re-appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Deborah Skaggs Speth of Kentucky vice Thomas Mackey of Kentucky. **Page S1339**

*Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 93–642, appointed the following Senator to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Senator McCaskill vice The Honorable Mark Begich of Alaska. **Page S1339**

**Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 625, to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran’s nuclear program, be withdrawn. **Page S1323**

**Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Senate begin consideration of S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, until 12:30 p.m. with the time equally divided. **Page S1329**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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By a unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 69), Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President. **Pages S1329–31, S1341**

Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. **Pages S1329–31, S1341**

Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2018. **Pages S1329–31, S1341**

Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2020. **Pages S1329–31, S1341**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1335**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S1335**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S1335**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1336–37**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1334–35**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1337–39**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—69) **Page S1331**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1339.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### U.S. STATUS AS AN ARCTIC NATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* On Thursday, March 5, 2015, Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities for the United States to build on its status as an Arctic nation for the betterment of the nation and those who live in the Arctic, after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Special Representative for the Arctic, Department of State; Alaska State Senator Lesil

McGuire, Anchorage; Alaska State Representative Bob Herron, Bethel; Mayor Charlotte Brower, North Slope Borough, Alaska; Cecilia M. Bitz, University

of Washington, Seattle; and Patrick R. Arnold, Maine Port Authority, Portland, on behalf of SOLI DG.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D205)

H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Signed on March 4, 2015. (Public Law 114-4)

H.R. 431, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Signed on March 7, 2015. (Public Law 114-5)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Veterans Health Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Congressional Budget Office and the Government Accountability Office, 3 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016

and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on Iran's military and intelligence activities and impact on regional security, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine venture exchanges and small-cap companies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine tax complexity, compliance, and administration, focusing on the merits of simplification in tax reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine United States policy in Ukraine, focusing on countering Russia and driving reform, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, and Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership in medical innovation for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the antitrust decrees that govern the market for music, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 10 through March 13, 2015

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. 178, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act.

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

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 10, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Veterans Health Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

March 10, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Congressional Budget Office and the Government Accountability Office, 3 p.m., SD-138.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Nuclear Safety Administration, 9 a.m., SD-138.

March 11, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-562.

March 11, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 11, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine protecting religious freedom abroad, 2 p.m., SD-124.

March 12, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Capitol Police, 9:45 a.m., SD-124.

March 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Marshals Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217 at approximately 12 p.m., 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 12, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on Iran's military

and intelligence activities and impact on regional security, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

March 11, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 11, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, energy, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 12, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 10, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine venture exchanges and small-cap companies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine benefits of a balanced budget, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine a nationwide public safety wireless broadband network, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 12, Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine state regulators' perspectives on the clean power plan, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine tax complexity, compliance, and administration, focusing on the merits of simplification in tax reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protecting taxpayers from schemes and scams during the 2015 tax filing season, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine United States policy in Ukraine, focusing on countering Russia and driving reform, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of

the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, and Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's request for authorization to use force against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), focusing on military and diplomatic efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership in medical innovation for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine the Visa Waiver Program, focusing on implications for United States national security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Judiciary:* March 10, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the antitrust decrees that govern the market for music, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 10, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 12, to hold hearings to examine how prepared Americans are for retirement, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 10

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, March 10

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 178, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act.

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

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.



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