

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1675–S1737.

Measures Introduced: Introduced on Friday, March 20, 2015, during the adjournment:

One resolution, as follows: S. Con. Res. 11

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Introduced on Monday, March 23, 2015:

Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 829–841, and S. Res. 107.

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Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, March 20, during the adjournment:

S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025.

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Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1676–S1703, S1704, S1735**

Pending:

Sanders/Wyden Amendment No. 323, to create millions of middle class jobs by investing in our nation's infrastructure paid for by raising revenue through closing loopholes in the corporate and international tax system. **Pages 1701–03**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate resumes consideration of the concurrent resolution on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, there be 38 hours of debate time remaining.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 24, 2015; and that all time during the recess

count against the time remaining on the concurrent resolution. **Page S1735**

Appointments:

Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Section 301 of Public Law 104–1, as amended by Public Law 108–349, and as further amended by Public Law 114–6, announced the joint re-appointment of the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance:

Alan V. Friedman of California

Susan S. Robfogel of New York

Barbara Childs Wallace of Mississippi. **Page S1735**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's fiscal year (FY) 2015 Budget and Financial Plan, received during adjournment of the Senate on March 20, 2015; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM–11) **Page S1708**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. EX. 77), William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2018. **Pages S1703–04, S1737**

Messages from the House:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—77) **Page S1704**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1735.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 1523–1556; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 28; and H. Res. 162 and 164, were introduced. **Pages H1847–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1850**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on March 20, 2015 as follows:

H. Con. Res. 27, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025 (H. Rept. 114–47).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 216, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–48); and

H. Res. 163, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 27) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025 (H. Rept. 114–49). **Page H1847**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1809**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1811**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Elias Correa-Torres, O.S.B., Belmont Abbey, Belmont, North Carolina. **Page H1811**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H1812**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Pages H1832–33**

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

Tenant Income Verification Relief Act of 2015: H.R. 233, to allow reviews of certain families' incomes every 3 years for purposes of determining eligibility for certain Federal assisted housing programs; **Pages H1812–14**

Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2015: H.R. 360, amended, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 297 yeas to 98 nays, Roll No. 130; **Pages H1814–22, H1833**

Calling on the President to provide Ukraine with military assistance to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity: H. Res. 162, calling on the President to provide Ukraine with military assistance to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 348 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 131; **Pages H1824–29, H1833–34**

Condemning the cowardly attack on innocent men, women, and children in the northeastern Nigerian town of Baga: H. Res. 53, amended, Condemning the cowardly attack on innocent men, women, and children in the northeastern Nigerian town of Baga; and **Pages H1829–32**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read "Condemning the cowardly attacks on innocent men, women, and children in northeastern Nigeria by Boko Haram and urging a peaceful and credible national election." **Page H1832**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces and their families. **Page H1833**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act of 2015: H.R. 216, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress

a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, and to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer.

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Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance—Reappointment: The Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, the joint reappointment on March 23, 2015 of Mr. Alan V. Friedman of Los Angeles, California, Ms. Susan S. Robfogel of Rochester, New York, and Ms. Barbara Childs Wallace of Ridgeland, Mississippi, each to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance. **Page H1835**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia’s fiscal year 2015 Budget and Financial Plan—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–19). **Page H1842**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:59 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m. **Page H1845**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 24. **Page H1845**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1833, and H1833–34. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Supreme Court of the United States budget. Testimony was heard from Anthony M. Kennedy, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States; and Stephen G. Breyer, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States.

ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND SETTING FORTH APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2025

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 27, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025. The committee granted,

by record vote of 6–3, a structured rule for H. Con. Res. 27. The rule provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady (TX) and Rep. Maloney (NY) or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides that if more than one such amendment is adopted, then only the one receiving the greater number of affirmative votes shall be considered as finally adopted. In the case of a tie for the greater number of affirmative votes, then only the last amendment to receive that number of affirmative votes shall be considered as finally adopted. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chair of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard from Chairman Price of Georgia and Representatives Van Hollen, Stutzman, McGovern, Scott of Virginia, and Ellison.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D251)

H.R. 1213, to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995. Signed on March 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–6)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
MARCH 24, 2015**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine waters of the United States, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Judiciary, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Middle East policy, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine capital formation and reducing small business burdens, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on performance, not prescription, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on key considerations regarding safety, innovation, economic impact, and privacy, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine management reforms to improve forest health and socioeconomic opportunities on the nation's forest system, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership, focusing on advancing research and development for patients, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on assessing the impact of transnational crime, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Veterans Choice Act, focusing on exploring the distance criteria, 2:30 p.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, Full Committee, hearing on examination of the costs and impacts of mandatory biotechnology laws, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing on reauthorizing the CFTC: end-user views, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 9 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Research Agencies budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Missile Defense Agency budget, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Nuclear Regulatory Commission budget, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Coast Guard budget, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on National Labor Relations Board budget, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Housing and Urban Development Programs budget, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Federal Communications Commission budget, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Assistance to Central America budget, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Atomic Energy Defense Hearing", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 548, the "Certainty in Enforcement Act of 2015"; H.R. 549, the "Litigation Oversight Act of 2015"; H.R. 550, the "EEOC Transparency and Accountability Act"; and H.R. 1189, the "Preserving Employee Wellness Programs Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the 340B Drug Pricing Program", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, hearing entitled "The Internet of Things: Exploring the Next Technology Frontier", 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, markup on the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015", 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on the “Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015”, immediately following the conclusion of opening statements for the Environment and Economy Subcommittee markup, 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Agenda, Operations, and FY 2016 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s Role in Operation Choke Point”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “The U.S. Rebalance in South Asia: Foreign Aid and Development Priorities”, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Oversight of the State Department and Agency for International Development Funding Priorities for the Western Hemisphere”, 11 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Iran’s Noncompliance with Its International Atomic Energy Agency Obligations”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “After Paris and Copenhagen: Responding to the Rising Tide of Anti-Semitism”, 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Global Battleground: The Fight against Islamist Extremism at Home and Abroad”, 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 348, the “Responsible and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2015”; H.R. 712, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015”; H.R. 1155, the “Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015”; H.R. 690, the “Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2015”; and H.R. 889, the “Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposals”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans, hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Power Marketing Administrations and USGS Water Division in the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Mission of the U.S. Geological Survey in the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal”, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 152, the “Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act”; H.R. 308, the “Keep the Promise Act of 2015”; H.R. 373, the “Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act”; H.R. 404, to authorize early

repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 979, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”; H.R. 984, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 1168, the “Native American Children Safety Act”; and H.R. 1324, the “Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015”, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “USSS: Holding the Protectors Accountable”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Searching for the Origins of the Universe: An Update on the Progress of the James Webb Space Telescope”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Department of Energy Oversight: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Options for FAA Air Traffic Control Reform”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 456, the “Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act of 2015”; H.R. 473, the “Increasing the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability to Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 474, the “Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 475, the “GI Bill Processing Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 476, the “GI Bill Education Quality Enhancement Act of 2015”; H.R. 643, the “Veterans Education Survey Act of 2015”; H.R. 1038, the “Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act”; H.R. 1141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; H.R. 1187, to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1313, the “Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act”; and H.R. 1382, the “Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment Act”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the federal government’s use of data analysis—particularly the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Fraud Prevention System (FPS)—to identify emerging trends, and stop Medicare fraud, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Defense and Overhead Architecture, budget hearing, 2 p.m., HVC–304. This hearing will be closed.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 24 through March 27, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 11, Budget Resolution.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 24, to hold hearings to examine waters of the United States, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: March 24, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Judiciary, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 25, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Defense Health Program, 9 a.m., SD-192.

March 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

March 26, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine diplomacy, development, and national security, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 26, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 24, to hold hearings to examine United States Middle East policy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 25, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9 a.m., SR-222.

March 25, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current state of readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR-222.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Special Operations Command programs and budget

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.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 24, to hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 24, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine capital formation and reducing small business burdens, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) accountability, focusing on nonbank designations, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 24, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on performance, not prescription, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 24, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on key considerations regarding safety, innovation, economic impact, and privacy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 24, to hold hearings to examine management reforms to improve forest health and socioeconomic opportunities on the nation's forest system, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and Katherine Simonds Dhanani, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 24, to hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership, focusing on advancing research and development for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 24, to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on assessing the impact of transnational crime, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding and addressing the root causes of Central American migration to the United States, 2 p.m., SD-342.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on defining the current population living in the shadows and addressing future flows, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 24, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and S. 125, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 24, to hold hearings to examine the Veterans Choice Act, focusing on exploring the distance criteria, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs opioid prescription policy, practice and procedures, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 24, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 25, to hold hearings to examine the fight against Alzheimer's disease, focusing on a treatment by 2025, 2:15 p.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 25, Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to examine the implications of potential retaliatory measures taken against the United States in response to meat labeling requirements, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 25, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit, hearing on reauthorizing the CFTC: market participant views, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 26, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: commodity policy and crop insurance, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention budget, 8:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Intelligence Community and Global Threat budget, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol. This hearing will be closed (Members only).

March 25, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Railroad Administration, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration budget, 9 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on National Nuclear Security Administration, Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors budget, 9:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigation budget, 1 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 25, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing for public and outside witnesses, 2 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Judiciary budget, 2:30 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security budget, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Army budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Investments in Neuroscience and Neurotechnology oversight, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 25, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Stakeholder's Views on the Military Compensation Retirement Modernization Commission", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Strategy and the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Chemical Biological Defense Program", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 National Security Space Hearing", 5 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "The Department of Defense's Readiness Posture", 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Combat Aviation Modernization Programs and the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2016 Science and Technology Programs: Laying the Groundwork to Maintain Technological Superiority", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 25, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, markup on the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015" (continued), 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on the "Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015" (continued), 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the Growing Problems of Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse: State and Local Perspectives", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Next Steps for Spectrum Policy”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 25, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 299, the “Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2015”; H.R. 601, the “Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act”; H.R. 650, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015”; H.R. 685, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2015”; H.R. 1195, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act”; H.R. 1259, the “Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act”; H.R. 1265, the “Bureau Advisory Commission Transparency Act”; H.R. 1367, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 1408, the “Mortgage Servicing Asset Capital Requirements Act of 2015”; H.R. 1480, the “SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1529, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2015”; and a resolution to establish the Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 25, Subcommittee on the Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, markup on H.R. 237, to authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Reviewing Obama Administration Implementation”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Strategy to Confront ISIS”, 8:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 25, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Risk-Based Security: Assessing the Path Forward for TSA Pre✓™”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

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March 25, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 707, the “Restoration of America’s Wire Act”, 4 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 25, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 152, the “Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act”; H.R. 308, the “Keep the Promise Act of 2015”; H.R. 373, the “Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act”; H.R. 404, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the

Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 979, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”; H.R. 984, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 1168, the “Native American Children Safety Act”; and H.R. 1324, the “Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015” (continued), 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY 2016 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 25, Full Committee, markup on the “Weather Research and Forecast Innovation Act of 2015”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 25, Subcommittee on NSA and Cybersecurity, budget hearing, 2 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

March 26, Full Committee, markup on cyber legislation, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This markup will be closed.

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10 a.m., Tuesday, March 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, March 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 11, Budget Resolution. Senators should expect a vote on or in relation to Sanders/Wyden Amendment No. 323 to the resolution at approximately 12 noon.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Begin consideration of H. Con. Res. 127—establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measure under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1092—Designating the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the “Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Bureau of Investigation Miami Field Office.”

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