

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S167–S213*

**Vazquez Nomination and Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order for Tuesday, January 26, 2016, with respect to the consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and the nomination of John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, be modified for Wednesday, January 27, 2016, as follows: consideration of S. 2012 be for debate only until 2:15 p.m., and that at 5:15 p.m., Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, as under the previous order. **Page S167**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S167, S169**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements: **Pages S168–69**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S169–S212**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:10 a.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S212–13)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

### Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine military space launch and the use of Russian-made rocket

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engines; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the future nuclear posture of the United States, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine attacking America's epidemic of heroin and prescription drug abuse, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmman, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 2 p.m., SD–226.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 27 through January 29, 2016

## Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 2012, Energy Policy Modernization Act. At 5:15, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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 Armed Services:* January 27, to hold hearings to examine military space launch and the use of Russian-made rocket engines; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

January 27, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the future nuclear posture of the United States, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Finance:* January 28, to hold hearings to examine helping Americans prepare for retirement, focusing on increasing access, participation and coverage in retirement savings plans, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* January 28, business meeting to consider H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, H.R. 1493, to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, S. 1882, to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent, devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu, S. 2231, to express the sense of Congress that the Government of the Maldives should immediately release former President Mohamed Nasheed from prison and release all other political prisoners in the country, as well as guarantee due process for and respect the human rights of all of the people of the Maldives, S. 2426, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, S. Res. 347, honoring the memory and legacy of Anita Ashok Datar and condemning the terrorist attack in Bamako, Mali, on No-

vember 20, 2015, and a list in the Foreign Service, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* January 28, to hold hearings to examine generic drug user fee amendments, focusing on accelerating patient access to generic drugs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* January 28, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Health and Human Services's placement of migrant children, focusing on vulnerabilities to human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* January 27, to hold hearings to examine attacking America's epidemic of heroin and prescription drug abuse, 10 a.m., SD-226.

January 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmann, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 2 p.m., SD-226.

January 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and the nominations of Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Susan Paradise Baxter, and Marilyn Jean Horan, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* January 28, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer programs, focusing on the importance of small business innovation to national and economic security, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* January 28, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

## House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Wednesday, January 27

## Senate Chamber

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

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Thursday, January 28

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.



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