

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:05 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:39 a.m. until 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4815–4824; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 654–656 were introduced. **Page H1495**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1496**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4336, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the burial of the cremated remains of persons who served as Women's Air Forces Service Pilots in Arlington National Cemetery, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–459, Part 1);

H.R. 4472, to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to adopt a centralized electronic system to help expedite the placement of children in foster care or guardianship, or for adoption, across State lines, and to provide grants to aid States in developing such a system, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–460); and

H. Res. 653, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2745) to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 24, 2016, through April 11, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–461). **Page H1494**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1465**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1467**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H1469**

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

**National POW/MIA Remembrance Act:** H.R. 1670, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action; **Pages H1469–72**

**Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act:** S. 192, amended, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965; **Pages H1472–80**

**Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act of 2016:** H.R. 4314, amended, to require a plan to combat international travel by terrorists and foreign fighters, accelerate the transfer of certain border security systems to foreign partner governments, establish minimum international border security standards, and authorize the suspension of foreign assistance to countries not making significant efforts to comply with such minimum standards, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 371 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 130; **Pages H1480–84, H1491–92**

**Foreclosure Relief and Extension for Servicemembers Act:** S. 2393, to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction; **Pages H1484–85**

**Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2016:** Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4721, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund; and **Pages H1485–87**

**Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act:** S. 1180, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States. **Pages H1487–91**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1491**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1469.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2512 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 2143 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. S. 483 and S. Con. Res. 34 were held at the desk.

**Pages H1493–94**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1491–92. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXAMINING USDA ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION—PART II

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing on March 18, 2016, entitled “Examining USDA Organization and Program Administration—Part II”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Alexis Taylor, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; and Ed Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

### AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on March 18, 2016, for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STANDARD MERGER AND ACQUISITION REVIEWS THROUGH EQUAL RULES ACT OF 2015

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2745, the “Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 6–3, a closed

rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 24, 2016, through April 11, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that the Committee on Energy and Commerce may, at any time before 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016, file a report to accompany H.R. 2666. Testimony was heard from Representatives Marino and Johnson of Georgia.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee On Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Securities and Exchange Commission, 11 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the National Guard and Reserve, 1:30 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration, 2 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2017 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Logistics and Sealift Force Requirements”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Information Technology and Cyber Programs: Foundations for a Secure Warfighting Network”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening Education Research and Privacy Protections to Better Serve Students”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy And Commerce*, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power; Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 EPA Budget”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Government Regulations and the High Cost of Housing”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Women Fighting for Peace: Lessons for Today’s Conflicts”, 10:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Potential Terrorist Threats: Border Security Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Get It Right This Time: A Victims-Centered Trafficking in Persons Report”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Hezbollah’s Growing Threat Against U.S. National Security Interests in the Middle East”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “The Role of Cyber Insurance in Risk Management”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4771, the “Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4676, the “Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2016”, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the Forest Service in the President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Proposal”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year

2017 Funding Priorities and Impacts on Indian Country and Insular Areas”, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled “Examining the Missions and Impacts of the President’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budgets of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Power Marketing Administrations”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight And Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “America’s Heroin and Opioid Abuse Epidemic”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled “Opportunities and Challenges in Advancing Health Information Technology”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the Department of Energy for Fiscal Year 2017”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Science Foundation for Fiscal Year 2017”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Lip Service but Little Else: Failure of the Small Business Health Insurance Tax Credit”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Choice Consolidation: Leveraging Provider Networks to Increase Veteran Access”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Social Security and Public Servants: Ensuring Equal Treatment”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Tax Policy, hearing on Member proposals relating to fundamental reform of the income tax system, 2:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, hearing on NRO/NGA FY 2017 budget, 3:30 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 22 through March 25, 2016

### Senate Chamber

On *Thursday*, Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations*, March 23, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related

Agencies, markup on Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 9 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Smithsonian Institution, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, budget hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 23, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Update on the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request”, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 23, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Plan to Close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility: At What Foreign Policy and National Security Cost?”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 23, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4482, the “Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016”; H.R. 4509, the “State and High-Risk Urban Area Working Group Act”; H.R. 4549, the “Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016”; H.R. 4698, the “Securing Aviation from Foreign Entry Points and Guarding Airports Through Enhanced Security Act of 2016”; H.R. 4780, the “De-

partment of Homeland Security Strategy for International Programs Act”; H.R. 4785, the “DHS Stop Asset and Vehicle Excess Act”; and the “Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY 2017 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 23, Subcommittee on the Interior, hearing entitled “Examining the Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Leasing”, 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “National Security: Threats at Our Borders”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 23, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Examining EPA’s Regional Haze Program: Regulations Without Visible Benefits”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 23, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4783, the “Commercializing on Small Business Innovation Act of 2016”; and H.R. 207, the “Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2015”, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Thursday, March 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) H.R. 4742—Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act, 2) H.R. 4755—Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act, 3) H.R. 482—Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2016, 4) H.R. 2857—To facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, 5) H.R. 4119—Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2016, 6) H.R. 4472—Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act, and 7) H.R. 4336—Women Airforce Service Pilot Arlington Inurnment Restoration Act. Begin consideration of H.R. 2745—Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act (Subject to a Rule).

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