

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S1809–S1851*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 630–668, S. Res. 87–89, and S. Con. Res. 9. **Pages S1839–41**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Faleomavaega Eni Fa’aua’a Hunkin VA Clinic:*** Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1362, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa’aua’a Hunkin VA Clinic, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1848**

***Trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China:*** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 83, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1848–49**

***Honoring King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand:*** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 9, honoring in praise and remembrance the extraordinary life, steady leadership, and remarkable 70-year reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1849**

***National Rosie the Riveter Day:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 76, expressing support for the designation of March 21, 2017, as “National Rosie the Riveter Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1849**

***National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, supporting the designation of March 2017 as “National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S1849**

**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.; Monday, March 20, 2017 at 10 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Monday, March 20, 2017, it next convene at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. **Page S1849**

**Breyer and Reeves Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following morning business on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations en bloc, with no intervening action or debate; and that no further motion be in order. **Page S1814**

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

By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 89), Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence. **Pages S1811–24, S1851**

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

By 88 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 88), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1811–12**

By 86 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 90), Lt. Gen. Herbert R. McMaster Jr., U.S. Army. **Pages S1824–26, S1851**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination be withdrawn. **Page S1814**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—90) **Pages S1812, S1824–25**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1849.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense received a closed briefing regarding a ballistic missile defense program update from Vice Admiral James D. Syring, USN, Director of the Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

### STEM EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine STEM education, focusing on preparing students for the careers of today and the future, after receiving testimony from Sarah Tucker, West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, Charleston; Larry Plank, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, Florida; Neil Lamb, HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, Huntsville, Alabama; and Caroline King, Washington STEM, Seattle.

### WARFARE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine all arms warfare in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General David A. Deptula, USAF (Ret.), Mitchell Institute of Aerospace Power Studies; Colonel Douglas A. Macgregor, USA (Ret.), Burke-

Macgregor Group; and Paul Scharre, Center for a New American Security 20YY Warfare Initiative.

### ASSESSING U.S. SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing U.S. sanctions on Russia, focusing on the next steps, after receiving testimony from Eric Lorber, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, and Elizabeth Rosenberg, Center for a New American Security, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rodney D. Ludema, Georgetown University Department of Economics, Rockville, Maryland.

### UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on innovation, integration, successes, and challenges, after receiving testimony from Earl Lawrence, Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Office, Federal Aviation Administration; Diana Marina Cooper, Precision Hawk USA Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, on behalf of the Small UAV Coalition; Ben Fowke, Xcel Energy, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Brendan Schulman, DJI Technology, Inc., New York, New York; John Villasenor, University of California, Los Angeles; and Emilio T. Gonzalez, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, Miami, Florida.

### SOLUTIONS TO CONTROL INVASIVE SPECIES

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovative solutions to control invasive species and promote wildlife conservation, after receiving testimony from Jim Kurth, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Jamie K. Reaser, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council, both of the Department of the Interior; Brian R. Nesvik, Wyoming Game and Fish Department Chief Game Warden and Chief of the Wildlife Division, Cheyenne; Carter Roberts, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; and David Ullrich, Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

### SIX YEARS OF WAR IN SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine six years of war in Syria, focusing on the human toll, after receiving testimony from Neal Keny-Guyer, Mercy Corps, Portland, Oregon; David Miliband, International Rescue Committee, New York, New York; and Farida, Abdulkhalek, and Abu Rajab, all of the Syrian American Medical Society, Aleppo, Syria.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 585, to provide greater whistleblower protections for Federal employees, increased awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and increased accountability and required discipline for Federal supervisors who retaliate against whistleblowers;

S. 582, to reauthorize the Office of Special Counsel, with an amendment;

S. 576, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend certain protections against prohibited personnel practices;

S. 317, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, with an amendment;

S. 500, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism;

S. 218, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, with an amendment;

S. 188, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government;

H.R. 274, to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business;

H.R. 366, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department's vehicle fleet, with an amendment; and

The nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

**K-1 VISA FIANCE FRAUD**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine visas, focusing on investigating K-1 fiance fraud, after receiving testimony from Greg Nevano, Deputy Assistant Director for Illicit Trade, Travel, and Finance Division, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs En-

forcement, and Daniel M. Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations, Donald Neufeld, Associate Director, Service Center Operations, and Matthew Emrich, Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security, each of Citizenship and Immigration Services, all of the Department of Homeland Security; David T. Donahue, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs; Grace Huang, Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, Oakland, California; Jamal Hussain, Lakewood, California; and Elena Maria Lopez, Bordentown, New Jersey.

**AUTOCRACIES TOOLS FOR UNDERMINING DEMOCRACIES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine the modus operandi and toolbox of Russia and other autocracies for undermining democracies throughout the world, after receiving testimony from former President of the Republic of Estonia Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Institute for International Studies Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California; Heather C. Conley, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Ben Buchanan, Harvard University Belfer Center Cybersecurity Project, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**VETERANS HEALTH**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Government Accountability Office's high risk list and the Veterans Health Administration, after receiving testimony from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, and Carolyn Clancy, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 1528–1555; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89; H. Con. Res. 33; and H. Res. 199 were introduced. **Pages H2081–83**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H2084**

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

H.R. 1309, to streamline the office and term of the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–37);

H. Res. 173, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress (H. Rept. 115–38); and

H. Res. 198, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1259) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1367) to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1181) to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes (H. Rept. 115–39). **Page H2081**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2061**

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, March 8th.

*Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2017:* H.R. 132, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and appurtenances of the Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma, to the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 159. **Pages H2063, H2066–67**

**Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S.J. Res. 1, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members

of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield. **Pages H2063–64, H2067–68**

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

*Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to amend the Definite Plan Report for the Seedskafee Project to enable the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir:* H.R. 648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend the Definite Plan Report for the Seedskafee Project to enable the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 160; and

**Pages H2064–65**

*Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act of 2017:* H.R. 267, amended, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia.

**Pages H2065–66, H2071**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2066**

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Crowley rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not present a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Crowley appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative McCarthy moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yeas-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 183 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 161. **Pages H2068–71**

**Providing for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 1228, as amended by Representative Harper, to provide for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017. **Page H2071**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2067, H2067–68 and H2070–71. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **CRAFTING AN INFORMATION WARFARE AND COUNTER-PROPAGANDA STRATEGY FOR THE EMERGING SECURITY ENVIRONMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Crafting an Information Warfare and Counter-Propaganda Strategy for the Emerging Security Environment”. Testimony was heard from Timothy Thomas, Senior Analyst, Foreign Military Studies Office; and public witnesses.

### **DISRUPTER SERIES: ADVANCED MATERIALS AND PRODUCTION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Advanced Materials and Production”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MODERNIZING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPANDING HYDROPOWER GENERATION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Modernizing Energy Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities to Expanding Hydropower Generation”. Testimony was heard from Kieran Connolly, Vice President, Generation and Asset Management, Bonneville Power Administration; and public witnesses.

### **EXAMINING THE CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MARINE MONUMENTS AND SANCTUARIES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “Examining the Creation and Management of Marine Monuments and Sanctuaries”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **HOUSE BILL TO IMPROVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO HIRE AND RETAIN PHYSICIANS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; VA ACCOUNTABILITY FIRST ACT OF 2017; VETERANS 2ND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1367, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1259, the “VA

Accountability First Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1181, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 1259. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–7 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A 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, 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 A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 1367. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–6 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. 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, 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. Lastly, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 1181. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Roe of Tennessee, Walz, Esty, Takano, Wenstrup, and Lynch.

## REAUTHORIZATION OF THE MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM

*Committee on Ways and Means*: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## 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. D213)

H.R. 609, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs health care center in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Abie Abraham VA Clinic”. Signed on March 13, 2017. (Public Law 115–9)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Agricultural Research”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Forestry Initiatives”, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Department of Transportation and Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Investing in the Future—Early Childhood Education Programs at the Department of Health and Human Services”, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 10 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “The Current State of the U.S. Navy”, 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight Review of Infrastructure Needs and Projects Ready for Immediate Implementation in the Nuclear Security Enterprise”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “The Effect of Sequestration and Continuing Resolutions on Army Modernization and Readiness”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, Full Committee, markup on reconciliation submissions, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Honoring Our Commitment to Recover and Protect Missing and Exploited Children”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Reinvestment and Rehabilitation of Our Nation’s Safe Drinking Water Delivery Systems”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Smart Communities”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Sound Monetary Policy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Flood Insurance Reform: A Community Perspective”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Immigration Benefits Vetting: Examining Critical Weaknesses in USCIS Systems”, 9:30 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on S. 305, the “Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Bringing Justice Closer to the People: Examining Ideas for Restructuring the 9th Circuit”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Combating Crimes Against Children: Assessing the Legal Landscape”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “Identifying Innovative Infrastructure Ideas for the National Park Service and Forest Service”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 756, the “Postal Service Reform Act of 2017”; and H.R. 760, the “Postal Service Financial Improvement Act of 2017”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Cafeteria Plans: A Menu of Non-Options for Small Business Owners”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: The National Preparedness System”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 16

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, March 16

## Senate Chamber

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

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 1181—Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 1259—VA Accountability First Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 1367—To improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Subject to a Rule).

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