

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1857–S1898

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 669–692, S. Res. 90–91, and S. Con. Res. 10. **Pages S1890–91**

Measures Reported:

S. 19, to provide opportunities for broadband investment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–4)

S. 89, to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 115–5)

S. 96, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications. (S. Rept. No. 115–6)

S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund. (S. Rept. No. 115–7)

Measures Passed:

Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska Rule: By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 92), Senate passed H.J. Res. 69, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to “Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S1864–84**

Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Senate passed H.R. 1228, 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 S1897**

Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Sullivan (for Blunt) Amendment No. 192, to improve the HIRE Vets Medallion Program. **Page S1897**

Independence of Greece 196th Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 81, recognizing the 196th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 91), Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019.

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 91), Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021. **Pages S1862–64**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

David Malpass, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

21 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

37 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.	Page S1898
Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination: Vincent Viola, of New York, to be Secretary of the Army, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2017.	Page S1898
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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—92)	Pages S1863, S1884

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1897–98.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY AND STRATEGY IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and strategy in Europe, after receiving testimony from General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF (Ret.), Georgia Institute of Technology Sam Nunn School of International Affairs; William J. Burns, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and Alexander R. Vershbow, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security.

SCAMS USED TO DEFRAUD AMERICANS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine fighting back against scams used to defraud Americans, after receiving testimony from Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Acting Chairman, and Terrell McSweeney, Commissioner, both of the Federal Trade Commission; Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Columbus; Frank Abagnale, Abagnale and Associates, Washington, D.C.; and Michael Schwanke, Wichita, Kansas.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities to improve and expand infrastructure important to Federal lands, recreation, water, and resources, after receiving testimony from Marcia Argust, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.; Bob Bonar, Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, Snowbird, Utah; Jill Simmons, Washington Trails Association, Seattle; David B. Spears, Association of American State Geologists, Charlottesville, Virginia; Chris Treese, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Glenwood Springs; and Bradley Worsley, Novo Power, LLC, Snowflake, Arizona.

FDA USER FEE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Food and Drug Administration user fee agreements, focusing on improving medical product innovation for patients, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Peter Marks, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, and Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, all of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IN THE OPIOID CRISIS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine raising grandchildren in the opioid crisis and beyond, after receiving testimony from Jaia Peterson Lent, Generations United, Washington, D.C.; Megan L. Dolbin-MacNab, Virginia Tech Center for Gerontology, Blacksburg; Bette Hoxie, Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine and the Kinship Program, Orono; and Sharon McDaniel, A Second Chance, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 1644–1663; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 213–219 were introduced. **Pages H2286–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2288–89**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 154, resolution of inquiry requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives relating to plans to repeal or replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the health-related measures of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; adversely (H. Rept. 115–54). **Page H2286**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jenkins (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2243**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2249**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Chris Bell, 3 Circle Church, Fairhope, Alabama. **Pages H2249–50**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, March 20th:

Transparency in Technological Acquisitions Act of 2017: H.R. 1353, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain additional information to be submitted to Congress regarding the strategic 5-year technology investment plan of the Transportation Security Administration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 178; and **Pages H2259–60**

Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Corrections Act of 2017: H.R. 1297, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make technical corrections to the requirement that the Secretary of Homeland Security submit quadrennial homeland security reviews, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 181. **Pages H2276–77**

Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 305, to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Vietnam War Veterans Day. **Page H2267**

Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2017: The House considered H.R. 372, to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 22nd. **Pages H2267–75**

Considered the Rosen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment. **Pages H2274–75**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–8 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H2267**

H. Res. 209, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 372) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 177, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 176. **Pages H2252–59**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 4:12 p.m. **Page H2275**

Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2017—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 210, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1101) to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees, by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 186 noes, Roll No. 180, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 179. **Pages H2260–67, H2275–76**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2258–59, H2259, H2259–60, H2275, H2275–76, and H2276–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE NEXT FARM BILL: NUTRITION DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Nutrition Distribution Programs”. Testimony was heard

from Diane Kriviski, Deputy Administrator, Supplemental Nutrition and Safety Programs, Food and Nutrition Service; and public witnesses.

THE NEXT FARM BILL: LIVESTOCK PRODUCER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Livestock Producer Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICA’S ROLE IN THE WORLD

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America’s Role in the World”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES OF THE MILITARY SERVICES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Social Media Policies of the Military Services”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Mark A. Brilakis, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; Vice Admiral Robert P. Burke, Chief of Naval Personnel, U.S. Navy; Major General Jason Evans, Director, Military Personnel Management, U.S. Army; Lieutenant General Gina M. Grosso, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, U.S. Air Force; and Anthony M. Kurta, Performing the Duties of Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

IMPROVING FEDERAL STUDENT AID TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Improving Federal Student Aid to Better Meet the Needs of Students”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BROADBAND: DEPLOYING AMERICA’S 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Broadband: Deploying America’s 21st Century Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FENTANYL: THE NEXT WAVE OF THE OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Fentanyl: The Next Wave of the Opioid Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Allen, Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigative Programs, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department

of Homeland Security; William Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Kemp Chester, Acting Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Wilson Compton, Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health; Debra Houry, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Louis Milione, Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration.

THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION’S UNCONSTITUTIONAL DESIGN

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection’s Unconstitutional Design”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENDING THE DE NOVO DROUGHT: EXAMINING THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR DE NOVO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Ending the De Novo Drought: Examining the Application Process for De Novo Financial Institutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESSURING NORTH KOREA: EVALUATING OPTIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Pressuring North Korea: Evaluating Options”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a business meeting on adoption of the Subcommittee’s Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills; Statement of Policy on Federal Charters; and Request DHS Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 349, H.R. 780, and H.R. 461. The subcommittee’s Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills; Statement of Policy on Federal Charters; and Request for DHS Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 349, H.R. 780, and H.R. 461 were adopted.

EXAMINING SYSTEMIC MANAGEMENT AND FISCAL CHALLENGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Systemic Management

and Fiscal Challenges within the Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Michael Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and Diana Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

THE IMPORTANCE OF DOMESTICALLY SOURCED RAW MATERIALS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Importance of Domestically Sourced Raw Materials for Infrastructure Projects”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

\$125 BILLION IN SAVINGS IGNORED: REVIEW OF DOD’S EFFICIENCY STUDY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “\$125 Billion in Savings Ignored: Review of DoD’s Efficiency Study”. Testimony was heard from David Tillotson III, Acting Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; Michael Bayer, Chairman, Defense Business Board; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING GAO FINDINGS ON DEFICIENCIES AT THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Examining GAO Findings on Deficiencies at the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Richard T. Cardinale, Acting Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment-Energy Issues, Government Accountability Office.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION PART II: FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR SCIENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “National Science Foundation Part II: Future Opportunities and Challenges for Science”. Testimony was heard from Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Acting Chief Operating Officer, National Science Foundation; and Maria Zuber, Chair, National Science Board; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 1461, the “Veterans, Employees, and Taxpayers Protection Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Kimberly Perkins McLeod, Acting Executive Director, Labor

Management Relations, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense readiness and budget update, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army modernization, 3:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the promises and perils of emerging technologies for cybersecurity, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the state of the Coast Guard, focusing on ensuring military, national security, and enforcement capability and readiness, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 512, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the state of global humanitarian affairs, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor, 9 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine perspectives from the DHS frontline, focusing on evaluating staffing resources and requirements, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Dairy Policy”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Evolution of Hybrid Warfare and Key Challenges”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “The Current State of the U.S. Air Force”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing on H.R. 806, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining FDA’s Prescription Drug User Fee Program”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Ethics, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 1:30 p.m., 1015 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Examining Results and Accountability at the World Bank”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment, hearing entitled “The JOBS Act at Five: Examining Its Impact and Ensuring the Competitiveness of the U.S. Capital Markets”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Anti-Semitism Across Borders”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward the Baltic States”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Borderless Battle: Defending Against Cyber Threats”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1393, the “Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 695, the “Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017”; H.R. 883, the “Targeting Child Predators Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1188, the “Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2017”, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “The Status of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority Restructuring Support Agreement”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Law Enforcement’s Use of Facial Recognition Technology”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules, hearing entitled “Examining the Impact of Voluntary Restricted Distribution Systems in the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on the “American Health Care Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “The ISS after 2024: Options and Impacts”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Making Washington Work For America’s Small Businesses”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Healthy Hiring: Enabling VA to Recruit and Retain Quality Providers”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Social Security, joint hearing entitled “Examining the Social Security Administration’s Representative Payee Program: Who Provides Help”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 22 through March 24, 2017

Senate Chamber

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 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sonny Perdue, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Appropriations: March 22, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense readiness and budget update, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 22, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army modernization, 3:30 p.m., SR–222.

March 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States European Command, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 23, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense civilian personnel reform, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 23, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 22, to hold hearings to examine the promises and perils of emerging technologies for cybersecurity, 10 a.m., SD–106.

March 22, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the state of the Coast Guard, focusing on ensuring military, national security, and enforcement capability and readiness, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

March 23, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine FAA reauthorization, focusing on perspectives on improving airport infrastructure and aviation manufacturing, 10 a.m., SR–253.

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Select Committee on Intelligence: March 23, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, March 23, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "High Consequences and Uncertain Threats: Reviewing Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction for Fiscal Year 2018", 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 23, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on the "Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2017", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 23, Full Committee, hearing entitled, "Legislative Proposals for Fostering Transparency", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 23, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade, hearing entitled, "The Future of America's Small Family Farms", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 372—Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2017. Consideration of H.R. 1101—Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2017.

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