

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2159–S2178*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 801–806, and S. Res. 108. **Page S2175**

**Measures Passed:**

*Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act:* Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 544, to amend Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2163–64**

*Delta Queen:* By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 102), Senate passed 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. **Pages S2159–63, S2164–68**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to principles for reforming the military selective service process; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–5) **Page S2174**

**Duke Nomination—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. **Page S2168**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, with the time until 12 noon equally divided in the usual form; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that following disposition of the nomination, Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. **Page S2178**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2174–75**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S2175**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2175–76**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2176–77**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2178**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—102) **Page S2168**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2178.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 1848–1867; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 93; and H. Res. 239, 243–245, were introduced. **Pages H2628–29**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2630–31**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on March 31, 2017 as follows:

H. Res. 184, resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to communications with the government of Russia, with an amendment; adversely (H. Rept. 115–74).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 240, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1343) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans (H. Rept. 115–75);

H. Res. 241, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1304) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans (H. Rept. 115–76); and

H. Res. 242, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1219) to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company, and providing for proceedings during the period from April 7, 2017, through April 24, 2017 (H. Rept. 115–77). **Pages H2627–28**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2603**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2604**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Skyline Wesleyan Church, San Diego, CA. **Page H2604**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 5:04 p.m. **Page H2605**

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

*Condemning North Korea's development of multiple intercontinental ballistic missiles:* H. Res. 92, amended, condemning North Korea's development of multiple intercontinental ballistic missiles, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 209; **Pages H2605–09, H2614–15**

*Reaffirming the United States-Argentina partnership and recognizing Argentina's economic reforms:* H. Res. 54, amended, reaffirming the United States-Argentina partnership and recognizing Argentina's economic reforms; and **Pages H2609–11**

*North Korea State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation Act of 2017:* H.R. 479, amended, to require a report on the designation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 210. **Pages H2611–14, H2616–17**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2614**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Jeffries announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H2615–16**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted Principles for Reforming the Military Selective Service Process—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–27). **Page H2614**

**Senate Referral:** S. 544 was held at the desk.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2604–05 and H2614.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2614–15 and H2616–17. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

**ENCOURAGING EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT OF 2017; SUPPORTING AMERICA'S INNOVATORS ACT OF 2017; SELF-INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1343, the "Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2017"; H.R. 1219, the "Supporting America's Innovators Act of 2017"; and H.R. 1304, the "Self-Insurance Protection Act". The Committee

granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 1343. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–11 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which 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 amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Committee granted, by record vote of 6–3, a closed rule for H.R. 1304. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Committee granted, by record vote of 6–3, a closed rule for H.R. 1219. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. 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 April 7, 2017 through April 24, 2017: 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 dur-

ing the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute calendar days for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). Finally, in Section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling, Chairman Roe of Tennessee, and Representatives Kildee and Scott of Virginia.

## 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. D374)

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. Signed on March 31, 2017. (Public Law 115–16)

H.J. Res. 42, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants. Signed on March 31, 2017. (Public Law 115–17)

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. Signed on March 31, 2017. (Public Law 115–18)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine national water hazards and vulnerabilities, focusing on improved forecasting for responses and mitigation, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command programs, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on cyber threats to the United States, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.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 keeping goods moving, focusing on continuing to enhance multimodal freight policy and infrastructure, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine efforts to protect U.S. energy delivery systems from cybersecurity threats, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the European Union as a partner against Russian aggression, focusing on sanctions, security, democratic institutions, and the way forward, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine FDA user fee agreements, focusing on improving medical product regulations and innovation for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine fencing along the southwest border, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

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

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Commodity Policy Part II”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Credit Programs”, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Examining Federal Support for Job Training Programs”, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing Progress and Identifying Future Opportunities in Defense Reform”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1808, the “Improving Support for Missing and Exploited Children Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1809, the “Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Environment, hearing on a discussion draft of Brownfields Reauthorization, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity in the Health Care Sector: Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Reserve’s Mandate and Governance Structure”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade; and Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled “Increasing the Effectiveness of Non-Nuclear Sanctions Against Iran”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Defeating a Sophisticated and Dangerous Adversary: Are the New

Border Security Task Forces the Right Approach?”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled “First Amendment Protections on Public College and University Campuses”, 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of the existing Terror Lake hydroelectric project, and for other purposes; H.R. 1411, the “Transparent Summer Flounder Quotas Act”; and a discussion draft of the “Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Use of Confidential Informants at ATF and DEA”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled “Reviewing Federal IT Workforce Challenges and Possible Solutions”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Enabling Innovation in the National Airspace”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Authorization of Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Assessment of Ongoing Concerns at the Veterans Crisis Line”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Assessing VA Approved Appraisers and How to Improve the Program for the 21st Century”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 4 through April 7, 2017

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, with a vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

Senate expects to proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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 Appropriations:* April 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine national water hazards and vulnerabilities, focusing on improved forecasting for responses and mitigation, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 5, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine protecting our midshipmen, focusing on preventing sexual assault and sexual harassment at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 5, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence programs and threat assessment, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Armed Services:* April 4, to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

April 4, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on cyber threats to the United States, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command and United States Northern Command, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* April 4, business meeting to consider the nomination of Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 5, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the current state of retirement security in the United States, 3 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 4, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine keeping goods moving, focusing on continuing to enhance multimodal freight policy and infrastructure, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SH-216.

April 6, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine FAA reauthorization, focusing on perspectives on rural air service and the general aviation community, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 4, to hold hearings to examine efforts to protect U.S. energy delivery systems from cybersecurity threats, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* April 5, business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled, “Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver (WILD) Act”, S. 518, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works, S. 692, to provide for integrated plan permits, to establish an Office of the Municipal Ombudsman, to promote green infrastructure, and to require the revision of financial capability guidance, and S. 675, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* April 6, to hold hearings to examine the 2017 tax filing season, focusing on Internal Revenue Service operations and the taxpayer experience, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 4, to hold hearings to examine the European Union as a partner against Russian aggression, focusing on sanctions, security, democratic institutions, and the way forward, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

April 5, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on conflict minerals, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* April 4, to hold hearings to examine FDA user fee agreements, focusing on improving medical product regulations and innovation for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* April 4, to hold hearings to examine fencing along the southwest border, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine improving border security and public safety, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* April 4, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

April 4, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 6, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* April 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Agriculture and Tax Reform: Opportunities for Rural America”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* April 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Federal Response to the Opioid Abuse Crisis”, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* April 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Consequences to the Military of a Continuing Resolution”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “The Current State of the U.S. Marine Corps”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Defense Contract Auditing Process”, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* April 5, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 1180, the “Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* April 5, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Facilitating the 21st Century Wireless Economy”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* April 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The 2016 Semi-Annual Reports of the

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examination of the Federal Financial Regulatory System and Opportunities for Reform”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, April 5, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Turkey’s Democracy Under Challenge”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Enforcement is Not Optional: The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children”, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, April 5, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 235, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the Department of Homeland Security’s research, integration, and analysis activities relating to Russian Government interference in the elections for Federal office held in 2016, 11 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 5, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1842, the “Strengthening Children’s Safety Act of 2017”; H.R. 1761, the “Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act of 2017”; the “Global Child Protection Act of 2017”; and H.R. 659, the “Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2017”, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, April 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1731, the “Revitalizing the Economy of Coal Communities by Leveraging Local Activities and Investing More Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 5, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 218, the “King Cove Road Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 497, the “Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 1157, to clarify the United States interest in certain submerged lands in the area of the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1728, to modify the boundaries of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, April 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Response to the

Baton Rouge Flood Disaster: Part II”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Improving the Visitor Experience at National Parks”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled, “Assessing the Iran Deal”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “The Best and Worst Places to Work in the Federal Government”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, April 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Taking Care of Small Business: Working Together for a Better SBA”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Scam Spotting: Can the IRS Effectively Protect Small Business Information?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 5, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “FAST Act Implementation: State and Local Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, April 5, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 105, the “Protect Veterans from Financial Fraud Act of 2017”; H.R. 299, the “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017”; H.R. 1328, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2017”; H.R. 1329, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017”; H.R. 1390, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans’ cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization; H.R. 1564, the “VA Beneficiary Travel Act of 2017”; and a draft bill entitled “Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2017”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

April 6, Subcommittee on Health, markup on pending legislation, 8 a.m., 334 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: April 5, to hold hearings to examine the decline of economic opportunity in the United States, focusing on causes and consequences, 10 a.m., 1100, Longworth Building.

*Joint Committee on the Library*: April 6, organizational business to consider committee rules for the 115th Congress, 10 a.m., SC–4, Capitol.

*Joint Committee on Printing*: April 6, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules for the 115th Congress, 10:10 a.m., SC–4, Capitol.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through March 31, 2017

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	51	51	..
Time in session .....	368 hrs., 22'	251 hrs., 26'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	2,157	2,601	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	418	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	4	14	18
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total .....	82	198	280
Senate bills .....	4	3	..
House bills .....	9	119	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	5	2	..
House joint resolutions .....	12	15	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	3	3	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	2	3	..
Simple resolutions .....	47	53	..
Measures reported, total .....	*41	*72	113
Senate bills .....	20	..	..
House bills .....	2	42	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	19	30	..
Special reports .....	9	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	23	16	..
Measures introduced, total .....	947	2,219	3,166
Bills .....	790	1,847	..
Joint resolutions .....	39	92	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	11	42	..
Simple resolutions .....	107	238	..
Quorum calls .....	3	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	101	90	..
Recorded votes .....	..	117	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 22 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 74 reports have been filed in the House.

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through March 31, 2017

Civilian nominations, totaling 73, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	24
Unconfirmed .....	25
Withdrawn .....	24
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	1
Air Force nominations, totaling 783, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	58
Unconfirmed .....	725
Army nominations, totaling 2,551, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	7
Unconfirmed .....	2,544
Navy nominations, totaling 50, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1
Unconfirmed .....	49
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 26, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	26
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....	0
Total nominations received this Session .....	3,484
Total confirmed .....	90
Total unconfirmed .....	3,370
Total withdrawn .....	24
Total returned to the White House .....	0

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 4

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 4

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, with a vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

*(Senate will recess following disposition of the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 1343—Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measure under suspension of the Rules: H.R. 353—Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

Beyer, Donald S., Jr., Va., E420  
 Bonamici, Suzanne, Ore., E431  
 Bordallo, Madeleine Z., Guam, E419, E430  
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