

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1329–H1370

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2086–2098, and S. Res. 376. **Pages S1365–66**

Measures Reported:

S. 149, to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts. **Page S1365**

Measures Passed:

Philippines Charitable Giving Assistance Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1821, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Hirono/Heller) Amendment No. 2806, to change the dates during which contributions may be made to be treated as made in 2013. **Page S1369**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that the bill be held at the desk and that if the Senate receives a bill from the House of Representatives, the text of which is identical to S. 1821, as passed by the Senate, Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; the bill be read three times and passed without any intervening action or debate; and that the Senate bill be indefinitely postponed and all motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table. **Page S1369**

Measures Considered:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. **Pages S1329–30**

Military Justice Improvement Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of S. 1752, to reform proce-

dures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. **Pages S1335–49**

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

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 59), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S1336–49**

Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Calendar. **Page S1349**

Victims Protection Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of S. 1917, to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces.

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

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 60), 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 bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the previous order, Senate vote on passage of the bill following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, on Monday, March 10, 2014, with all other provisions remaining in effect.

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Appointments:

Public Interest Declassification Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–567, reappointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: Sanford Ungar of Maryland.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in the Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-33)

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McHugh Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 6, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 10, 2014.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 10, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination and the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form prior to the cloture vote on the nomination; that upon conclusion of the cloture vote, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate vote on passage of S. 1917, to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the time during the vote on passage of S. 1917, count post-cloture on the nomination.

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Leitman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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Levy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Matthew Frederick Leitman, of

Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Michelson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Parker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Raskin Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; that there be 20 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use of yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 58), Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

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Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

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John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

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Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

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Rhonda K. Schmidtlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2021.

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R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

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Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—60) Pages S1335, S1349

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:33 a.m. and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1370.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Central Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Lloyd J. Austin III, Commander, United States Central Command, and General David M. Rodriguez, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command, both of the Department of Defense.

MAP–21 REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21) reauthorization, focusing on the Federal role and current challenges to public transportation, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Melaniphy, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, D.C.; Barbara K. Cline, Community Transportation Association of America, Spearfish, South Dakota; and Lawrence J. Hanley, Amalgamated Transit Union, Staten Island, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Menendez (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Brown, Merkley, Manchin, Warren, Heitkamp, Moran, Corker, Toomey, Kirk, Coburn, Heller, and Shelby.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection: Senators Brown (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Menendez, Tester, Merkley, Hagan, Warren, Toomey, Shelby, Vitter, Johanns, Moran, Heller, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Warner (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Menendez, Tester, Hagan, Warren, Heitkamp, Johanns, Corker, Shelby, Vitter, Toomey, Kirk, and Coburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Manchin (Chair), Brown, Warner, Kirk, and Moran.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Merkley (Chair), Tester, Warner, Hagan, Manchin, Heitkamp, Heller, Coburn, Vitter, Johanns, and Crapo.

Senators Johnson (SD) and Crapo are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant

Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine enhancing our rail safety, focusing on current challenges for passenger and freight rail, after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, and Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Christopher A. Hart, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Geoffrey C. Blackwell, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; and Prentiss Searles, American Petroleum Institute, and Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, both of Washington, D.C.

PREVENTING POTENTIAL CHEMICAL THREATS AND IMPROVING SAFETY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing potential chemical threats and improving safety, focusing on oversight of the President's executive order on improving chemical facility safety and security, including S. 1961, to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, after receiving testimony from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Rafael Moure-Eraso, Chairperson, Chemical Safety Board; Michael P. Wilson, California Department of Industrial Relations, Oakland; James Frederick, United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Evan P. Hansen, Downstream Strategies, Morgantown, West Virginia; Billy Pirkle, Crop Production Services, Loveland, Colorado, on behalf of The Fertilizer Institute; and Scott Berger, American Institute of Chemical Engineers Center for Chemical Process Safety, New York, New York.

SYRIA, MIDDLE EAST, AND UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Syria spillover, focusing on the growing threat of terrorism and sectarianism in the Middle East, and Ukraine update, after receiving testimony from William J. Burns, Deputy Secretary of State; Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center; and Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, Foundation for Defense of

Democracies, and Matthew Levitt, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Deborah L. Birx, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, Suzan G. LeVine, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, who was introduced by Senators Cantwell and Murray, Maureen Elizabeth Cormack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Peter A. Selfridge, of Minnesota, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine contractor performance information, after receiving testimony from Captain Brian T. Drapp, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer, Naval Sea Logistics Center, Department of Defense; and Kevin Youel Page, Assistant Commissioner, Integrated Award Environment, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Bruce Howe Hendricks, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Mark G. Mastroianni, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 6, 4156–4184; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 90–91; and H. Res. 504–509, were introduced. **Pages H2255–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2257–58**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 311, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (H. Rept. 113–375). **Page H2255**

Electricity Security and Affordability Act: The House passed H.R. 3826, to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 106. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 5th. **Pages H2208–15**

Rejected the Brownley motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 105. **Page H2211**

Agreed to:

Smith (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–373) that was debated on March 5th that requires the Administrator to apply the specific criteria, under the bill, for setting a standard based on the best system of emission reduction for new sources within the coal category, when setting a standard for any fossil fuel category (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 101). **Page H2209**

Rejected:

Capps amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–373) that was debated on March 5th that sought to allow the EPA to consider all pollution control technologies being used in the United States or elsewhere when setting new power plant emission standards (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 102); **Pages H2209–10**

Schakowsky amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–373) that was debated on March 5th that sought to accept the scientific finding of the EPA that greenhouse gas pollution is “contributing to long-lasting changes in our climate that can have a

range of negative effects” (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 103); and **Page H2210**

Waxman amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–373) that was debated on March 5th that sought to provide that the bill takes effect when the Administrator of the EIA certifies that another Federal program, other than one under section 111 of the Clean Air Act, will reduce carbon pollution in at least equivalent quantities, with similar timing and from the same sources as the reductions required under the rules and guidelines nullified by section 4 (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 104). **Pages H2210–11**

H. Res. 497, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3826) and (H.R. 4118), was agreed to yesterday, March 5th.

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Fudge announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H2215**

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

Providing for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine: H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 114. **Pages H2215–19, H2243**

Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development Act: The House passed H.R. 2641, to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 113. **Pages H2220–36, H2237–43**

Rejected the DelBene 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, by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 112. **Pages H2240–42**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–39 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2228**

Agreed to:

Webster amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that provides for projects that are under environmental review at the time of enactment to be completed within the deadlines that the underlying bill outlines and **Pages H2234–35**

McKinley amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that does not allow agencies under this legislation to take into account the “social

cost of carbon” from the “Technical Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866 from May 2013 or November 2013” (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 109).

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Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that sought to strike deemed approved language for any project for which an agency does not meet the deadlines contained in the bill (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 108);

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Nadler amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that sought to exempt from the bill any construction project for a nuclear facility planned in an area designated as an earthquake fault zone (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 110); and

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Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that sought to clarify that nothing in the bill will change or limit any law or regulation allowing for public comment or participation in an agency decision making process (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 111).

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H. Res. 501, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2824) and (H.R. 2641), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 100, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 99.

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Privileged Resolution: Representative Fudge rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a privileged resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Cantor motion to table H. Res. 504, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 186 nays with 10 answering “present”, Roll No. 107.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 10th and that the order of the House of January 7, 2014 regarding morning hour debate not apply on that day.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Ukraine—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–95).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2207–08, H2208, H2209, H2209–10, H2210, H2211, H2213–14, H2214, H2237, H2238, H2238–39, H2239, H2240, H2242, H2242–43, and H2243. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OFFICERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on House Officers FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following House Officers: Ed Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen L. Haas, Clerk; and Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Mark Wetjen, Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from General Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; and Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

BENEFITS OF AND CHALLENGES TO ENERGY ACCESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY: FUEL SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Benefits of and Challenges to Energy Access in the 21st Century: Fuel Supply and Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Ukraine”; and a markup on H. Res. 499, Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation. Testimony was

heard from Eric Rubin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; Paige Alexander, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Daleep Singh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe and Eurasia, Department of the Treasury. The resolution, H. Res. 499, was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3732, the “Immigration Compliance Enforcement Act”; H.R. 3973, the “Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4138, the “Executive Needs to Faithfully Observe and Respect Congressional Enactments Act”. H.R. 3732 was ordered reported, as amended. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 3973 and H.R. 4138.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 414, to provide for the continued lease or eventual conveyance of certain Federal land within the boundaries of Fort Wainwright Military Reservation in Fairbanks, Alaska; H.R. 1839, the “Hermosa Creek Watershed Protection Act of 2013”; H.R. 2430, the “Hinchliffe Stadium Heritage Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3606, the “Emigrant Wilderness Historical Use Preservation Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Representative Pascrell; and Jim Pena, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnership and Science, National Park Service, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

CAN TECHNOLOGY PROTECT AMERICANS FROM INTERNATIONAL CYBERCRIMINALS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Can Technology Protect Americans from International Cybercriminals?”. Testimony was heard from Charles H. Romie, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

OBAMACARE AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED: WHAT ABOUT US?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “ObamaCare and the Self-Employed: What About Us?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on President Obama’s budget proposals for fiscal year 2015. Testimony was heard from Jacob Lew, Secretary, Department of Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on access to transcripts, member access requests, and ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Senate committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Veterans (AMVETS), Blinded Veterans Association, Jewish War Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, National Guard Association of the United States, The Retired Enlisted Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, after receiving testimony from Colonel Peter Duffy, USA (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States, Manchester, New Hampshire; Clyde Marsh, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix, Arizona; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Middle Village, New York; Colonel Robert E. Pickard, USA (Ret.), Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Miami, Florida; John Mitchell, American Veterans (AMVETS), Knoxville, Tennessee; Ron Siebels, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Anchorage, Alaska; Richard Delaney, The Retired Enlisted Association, Robins, Georgia; Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mark Cornell, Blinded Veterans Association, San Antonio, Texas.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, March 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Also, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1917, Victims Protection Act, with a vote on passage of the bill following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 2 p.m.

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