

Friday, March 14, 2014

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:31:14 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:31:42 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4251–4273; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 520–522 were introduced. **Pages H2483–85**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2485–86**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2810, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the sustainable growth rate and Medicare payment for physicians' services, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–257 Pt. 2). **Page H2483**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ribble to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2437**

SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 4015, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and improve Medicare payments for physicians and other professionals, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 238 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 135. **Pages H2439–70**

Rejected the Loeb sack motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 191 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 134. **Page H2468**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–379 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2439**

H. Res. 515, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3189) and (H.R. 4015), was agreed to yesterday, March 13th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18th. **Page H2470**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2470.

Senate Referrals: S. 1456 and S. 2147 were held at the desk. **Page H2470**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2469–70 and H2470. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FY 2015 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2015 Department of Agriculture Budget. Testimony was heard from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

**U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AND ISAF
OVERSIGHT HEARING**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Central Command and ISAF Oversight Hearing. Testimony was heard from General Lloyd J. Austin III, Commander, United States Central Command; and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Commander, International Security Assistance Force and United States Forces Afghanistan. This was a closed hearing.

**FISCAL YEAR 2015 NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR
FORCE**

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from Deborah Lee James, Secretary of the Air Force; and General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3623, the “Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act”; H.R. 4164, the “Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act”; H.R. 4167, the “Restoring Proven Financing for American Employers Act”; H.R. 2672, the “CFPB Rural Designation Petition and Correction Act”; H.R. 3584, the “Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2013”; and Committee Views and Estimates on the President’s FY 2015 Budget Submission. The following bills were ordered re-

ported, as amended: H.R. 3584; H.R. 2672; H.R. 3623; H.R. 4164; and H.R. 4167. The Committee favorably reported its Views and Estimates for FY 2015, as amended.

**THE PROMISE OF THE TAIWAN
RELATIONS ACT**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Promise of the Taiwan Relations Act”. Testimony was heard from Kin Moy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

**THE ALASKA NATIVE SUBSISTENCE CO-
MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION ACT OF
2014**

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on discussion draft on “The Alaska Native Subsistence Co-Management Demonstration Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
MARCH 18, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Tuesday, March 18

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 1 p.m.

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