

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6225–S6238*

**Measures Introduced:** One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Res. 592. **Pages S6234, S6235–36**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1744, to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances. (S. Rept. No. 113–276)

Report to accompany S. 2479, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 113–277)

Report to accompany S. 2480, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes. (S. Rept. No. 113–278)

S. 2030, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–279)

Report to accompany S. 2583, to promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. (S. Rept. No. 113–280)

S. 2338, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency. (S. Rept. No. 113–281)

S. 2759, to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport. (S. Rept. No. 113–282)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Jack Nicklaus Gold Medal:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2203, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the

Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy, and the bill was then passed.

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**Administer the Oath of Office—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, Senate administer the oath of office to Senators Schatz and Scott.

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**Hale Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David J. Hale, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

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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 P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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**Kearney Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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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 David J. Hale, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

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**Pappert Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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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 Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6228–29**

**Orr Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy. **Page S6229**

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 Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S6229**

**Hezir Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy. **Page S6229**

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 Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy. **Page S6229**

**Mamet Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic. **Page S6229**

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

By 50 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6229–30**

**Bell Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary. **Page S6230**

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

By 50 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 292), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6230**

**Coloretti and Adler Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture of the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years; that if cloture is invoked on either of these nomina-

tions, the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and that at 4 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, and all roll call votes after the first vote in the sequence be 10 minutes in length. **Page S6230**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—292) **Pages S6229–30, S6230**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6237–38.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IMPROVING FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SUPERVISION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* On Friday, November 21, 2014, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine improving financial institution supervision, focusing on addressing regulatory capture, after receiving testimony from William C. Dudley, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and David O. Beim, Columbia Business School, both of New York, New York; Robert C. Hockett, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York, and Norbert J. Michel, Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC.

### WALL STREET INVOLVEMENT WITH PHYSICAL COMMODITIES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* On Friday, November 21, 2014, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which

banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses, after receiving testimony from Larry D. Gasteiger, Acting Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Saule Omarova, Cornell University,

Ithaca, New York; and Chiara Trabucchi, Industrial Economics, Incorporated, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Nicholas J. Rasmussen, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 5769–5778, were introduced.

**Pages H8225–26**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 5449, to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–629);

H.R. 5421, to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy (H. Rept. 113–630);

H.R. 5050, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–631);

H.R. 2455, to provide for the sale or transfer of certain Federal lands in Nevada, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–632);

H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–633);

H.R. 277, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in Rhode Island, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–634);

H.R. 1810, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida, (H. Rept. 113–635);

H.R. 3226, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–636);

H.R. 3227, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–637);

H.R. 4924, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–638); and

H.R. 5049, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–639).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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

**Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014:** H.R. 5421, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy;

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**Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014:** H.R. 4924, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species

Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona;

**Pages H8181–86**

**May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act:** H.R. 5050, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918; **Page H8186**

**Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014:** S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation;

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**Nevada Native Nations Lands Act:** H.R. 2455, amended, to provide for the sale or transfer of certain Federal lands in Nevada;

**Pages H8188–90**

**Coastal Barrier Resources Act:** H.R. 3572, amended, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina;

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**Strengthening Domestic Nuclear Security Act of 2014:** H.R. 5629, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yealand-nay vote of 374 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 532;

**Pages H8192–94, H8198**

**Critical Infrastructure Protection Act:** H.R. 3410, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic pulses; and

**Pages H8194–96**

**National Laboratories Mean National Security Act:** H.R. 3438, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize use of grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program to work in conjunction with a Department of Energy national laboratory, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yealand-nay vote of 386 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 533.

**Pages H8196–98, H8199**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014:** S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation;

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**May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act:** H.R. 5050, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918; and

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**Coastal Barrier Resources Act:** H.R. 3572, amended, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8173.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yealand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8198 and H8199. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BUSINESS MEETING; ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:** Full Committee held a business meeting on Member access requests and a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. Eleven Member access requests were granted. A portion of the meeting was closed, and the hearing was closed.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

**Committee on Armed Services:** to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert M. Scher, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Elissa Slotkin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, David J. Berteau, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Material Readiness, Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, and Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** to hold hearings to examine addressing domestic violence in professional sports, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine innovation and the utilities of the future, focusing on how local water treatment facilities are leading the way to better manage wastewater and water supplies, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2963, to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels, and the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and

Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11:30 a.m., S-219, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2911, to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, 2:15 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, and Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, both of the Department of State, and Isobel Coleman, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold a closed meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., HVC-304.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Defense Panel Assessment of the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “The Role of Maritime and Air Power in DoD’s Third Offset Strategy”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint hearing entitled “ISIS and the Threat from Foreign Fighters”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Hong Kong: A Broken Promise?”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Open Borders: The Impact of Presidential Amnesty on Border Security”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “President Obama’s Executive Overreach on Immigration”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 2 through December 5, 2014

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Ar-

gentine Republic, and Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary, and on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

At 4 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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:* December 3, to hold hearings to examine farmers and fresh water, focusing on voluntary conservation to protect our land and waters, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* December 2, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert M. Scher, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Elissa Slotkin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, David J. Berteau, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Material Readiness, Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, and Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* December 2, to hold hearings to examine addressing domestic violence in professional sports, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

December 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, and Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* December 4, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* December 2, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine innovation and the utilities of the future, focusing on how local water treatment facilities are leading

the way to better manage wastewater and water supplies, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

December 2, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2963, to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels, and the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11:30 a.m., S-219, Capitol.

December 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2911, to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, 2:15 p.m., SD-406.

December 3, Full Committee, business meeting to continue consideration of S. 2963, to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels, and the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

December 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations and other actions to enhance and maintain nuclear safety, 10 a.m., SD-406.

December 4, Full Committee, business meeting to continue consideration of S. 2963, to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels, and the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

*Committee on Finance:* December 3, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine natural gas vehicles, focusing on fueling American jobs, enhancing energy security, and achieving emissions benefits, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* December 2, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, and Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, both of the Department of State, and Isobel Coleman, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

December 3, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine evaluating the impact of the 'Umbrella Movement', 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

December 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine dismantling Iran's nuclear weapons program, focusing on the next steps to achieve a comprehensive deal, 2 p.m., SD-419.

December 4, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2946, to provide improved water, sanitation, and hygiene programs for high priority developing countries, an original bill entitled, "United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2014", S. Res. 578, supporting the role of the United States in ensuring children in the world's poorest countries have access to vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the nominations of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, Robert Francis Cekuta, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Jess Lippincott Bailly, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and Margaret Ann Uyehara, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, Leon Aron, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Carol Leslie Hamilton, of California, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* December 2, business meeting to consider the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* December 3, business meeting to consider the nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Joan Marie Azrack, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Copeland Biggs, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Elizabeth K. Dillon, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine The FANS Act, focusing on if sports blackouts and antitrust exemptions are harming fans, consumers, and the games themselves, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* December 3, to hold hearings to examine the high cost of treating veterans with the Hepatitis C virus and the impact of the disease on the VA health care system, 10 a.m., SR-418.

December 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* December 2, to hold a closed meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., HVC-304.

December 4, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, December 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Takata Airbag Ruptures and Recalls”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

December 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Future of the Children’s Health Insurance Program”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, December 4, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Is Academic Freedom Threatened by China’s Influence on U.S. Universities?”, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, December 3, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 917, the “Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, December 4, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Af-

fairs, hearing on H.R. 3099, the “Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Conservation Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, December 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Transforming Federal Spending: Implementing the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, December 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Review of the Results of Two Audits of the National Ecological Observatory Network”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, December 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “VA’s Caregiver Program: Assessing Current Prospects and Future Possibilities”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, December 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH 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 November 30, 2014

|                                      | <i>Senate</i> | <i>House</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Days in session .....                | 124           | 124          | ..           |
| Time in session .....                | 787 hrs., 58' | 649 hrs., 5' | ..           |
| Congressional Record:                |               |              |              |
| Pages of proceedings .....           | 6,223         | 8,171        | ..           |
| Extensions of Remarks .....          | ..            | 1,663        | ..           |
| Public bills enacted into law .....  | 32            | 82           | 114          |
| Private bills enacted into law ..... | ..            | ..           | ..           |
| Bills in conference .....            | 1             | 1            | ..           |
| Measures passed, total .....         | 381           | 484          | 865          |
| Senate bills .....                   | 68            | 36           | ..           |
| House bills .....                    | 83            | 329          | ..           |
| Senate joint resolutions .....       | 5             | 4            | ..           |
| House joint resolutions .....        | 5             | 5            | ..           |
| Senate concurrent resolutions .....  | 6             | 4            | ..           |
| House concurrent resolutions .....   | 16            | 19           | ..           |
| Simple resolutions .....             | 198           | 87           | ..           |
| Measures reported, total .....       | * 232         | * 298        | 530          |
| Senate bills .....                   | 157           | 3            | ..           |
| House bills .....                    | 48            | 235          | ..           |
| Senate joint resolutions .....       | 2             | ..           | ..           |
| House joint resolutions .....        | ..            | 2            | ..           |
| Senate concurrent resolutions .....  | ..            | ..           | ..           |
| House concurrent resolutions .....   | ..            | 4            | ..           |
| Simple resolutions .....             | 25            | 54           | ..           |
| Special reports .....                | 8             | 7            | ..           |
| Conference reports .....             | 3             | 3            | ..           |
| Measures pending on calendar .....   | 401           | 68           | ..           |
| Measures introduced, total .....     | 1,366         | 2,353        | 3,719        |
| Bills .....                          | 1,072         | 1,964        | ..           |
| Joint resolutions .....              | 16            | 25           | ..           |
| Concurrent resolutions .....         | 14            | 47           | ..           |
| Simple resolutions .....             | 264           | 317          | ..           |
| Quorum calls .....                   | 1             | 1            | ..           |
| Yea-and-nay votes .....              | 290           | 218          | ..           |
| Recorded votes .....                 | ..            | 312          | ..           |
| Bills vetoed .....                   | ..            | ..           | ..           |
| Veto overridden .....                | ..            | ..           | ..           |

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through November 30, 2014

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Civilian nominations, totaling 654 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: |        |
| Confirmed .....   | 383    |
| Unconfirmed .....   | 257    |
| Withdrawn .....   | 14     |
| Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,585, disposed of as follows:   |        |
| Confirmed .....   | 1,867  |
| Unconfirmed .....   | 1,718  |
| Air Force nominations, totaling 3,424, disposed of as follows:  |        |
| Confirmed .....   | 2,103  |
| Unconfirmed .....   | 1,320  |
| Withdrawn .....   | 1      |
| Army nominations, totaling 5,816, disposed of as follows:   |        |
| Confirmed .....   | 4,898  |
| Unconfirmed .....   | 917    |
| Withdrawn .....   | 1      |
| Navy nominations, totaling 3,876, disposed of as follows:   |        |
| Confirmed .....   | 3,824  |
| Unconfirmed .....   | 52     |
| Marine Corps nominations, totaling 879, disposed of as follows:   |        |
| Confirmed .....   | 874    |
| Unconfirmed .....   | 5      |
| <i>Summary</i>  |        |
| Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....   | 2      |
| Total nominations received this Session .....   | 18,232 |
| Total confirmed .....   | 13,949 |
| Total unconfirmed .....   | 4,269  |
| Total withdrawn .....   | 16     |
| Total returned to the White House .....   | 0      |

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 144 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 308 reports have been filed in the House.



## Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 2

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will administer the oath of office to Senators Schatz and Scott.

At 10:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, and Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary, and on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

At 4 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 2

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) H.R. 5714—Pest Management Records Modernization Act; 2) H.R. 5739—No Social Security for Nazis Act; 3) H.R. 4569—Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2014, as amended; 4) H.R. 4200—SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2014; 5) H.R. 5471—To amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; 6) H.R. 3240—Regulation D Study Act; 7) H.R. 4329—Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2014, as amended; 8) H.R. 2790—Housing Assistance Efficiency Act; 9) H.R. 2366—World War I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act, as amended; 10) H. Res. 758—Strongly condemning the actions of the Russian Federation, under Vladimir Putin, which has carried out a policy of aggression against neighboring countries aimed at political and economic domination, as amended; 11) H. Res. 714—Reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, as amended; and 12) S. 2673—United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014.

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