

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 896–902, and S. Res. 133–134. **Page S2110**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Tuesday, March 31, during the adjournment:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, 113th Congress, First and Second Sessions”. (S. Rept. No. 114–7)

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence Covering the Period January 3, 2013, to January 5, 2015.”. (S. Rept. No. 114–8)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance during the 113th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 114–9)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary during the 113th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 114–10)

Reported on Monday, April 13:

Special Report entitled “Review of Legislative Activity During the 113th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 114–11)

S. 142, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–12)

S. 304, to improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–13) **Page S2110**

Measures Passed:

Gold Star Wives Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.

Res. 131, designating April 5, 2015, as “Gold Star Wives Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Public Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 133, supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week. **Page S2139**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 8, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures, received during adjournment of the Senate on March 31, 2015; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–12) **Page S2107**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. No. 114–1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S2139**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 136), Alfred H. Bennett, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S2103–04, S2140**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dean A. Reuter, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring September 14, 2016.

Shamina Singh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2019.

Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Joyce Louise Connery, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2019.

Joseph Bruce Hamilton, of Texas, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring October 18, 2016.

Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

William A. Heidt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization.

David Malcolm Robinson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

13 Army nominations in the rank of general.

30 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—136) Pages S2103–04

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:09 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2139–40.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 1731–1763; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42–43; H. Con. Res. 34; and H. Res. 190–198 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed on April 6, 2015 as follows:

H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–51);

H.R. 1105, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–52);

H.R. 650, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage (H. Rept. 114–53);

H.R. 685, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and

fees in connection with a mortgage transaction (H. Rept. 114–54);

H.R. 1195, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–55);

H.R. 1265, to apply the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (H. Rept. 114–56, Part 1); and

H.R. 1529, to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify the requirements for community financial institutions with respect to certain rules relating to mortgage loans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–57).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 299, to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–58);

H.R. 601, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement (H. Rept. 114–59);

H.R. 1259, to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–60);

H.R. 1367, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands (H. Rept. 114–61);

H.R. 1480, to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–62);

H.R. 1650, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–63);

H.R. 1104, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–64);

H. Res. 189, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 650) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 685) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, and providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025 (H. Rept. 114–65);

H.R. 709, to provide for the termination of employment of employees of the Internal Revenue Service who take certain official actions for political purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–66);

H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–67);

H.R. 1024, to provide for the compensation of furloughed Department of Homeland Security employees in the event of a lapse in Department of Homeland Security appropriations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–68);

H.R. 1152, to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–69);

H.R. 1058, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that a duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to ensure that Internal Rev-

enue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain taxpayer rights, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–70); and

H.R. 1295, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–71).

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

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Whole Number of the House: Under clause 5(d) of Rule 20, the Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Schock, the whole number of the House is 432.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:17 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:

Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2015: H.R. 299, to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to authorize privately insured credit unions to become members of a Federal home loan bank;

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Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act: H.R. 601, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement;

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Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act: H.R. 1259, to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 145;

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Bureau Advisory Commission Transparency Act: H.R. 1265, to apply the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 146;

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Amending the Expedited Funds Availability Act: H.R. 1367, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; and

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SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act: H.R. 1480, to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 147.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2126**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to (H. Con. Res. 9) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page H2129**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to (H. Con. Res. 34) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces. **Page H2129**

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan. **Page H2129**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, April 28, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29. **Page H2129**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2117, H2119.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 11 was held at the desk and S. 535 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H2144**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2127, H2128, H2128–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PRESERVING ACCESS TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING ACT OF 2015; MORTGAGE CHOICE ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 650, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015”; and H.R. 685, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by a record vote of 5–3, a closed rule for H.R. 650. 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. The rule also grants a closed rule for H.R. 685. 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. The rule also provides for the adoption in the House of S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, for purposes of requesting a conference with the Senate. The rule takes from the Speaker’s table S. Con. Res. 11, adopts an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H. Con. Res. 27, as adopted by the House, and adopts S. Con. Res. 11, as amended. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling and Representative Maxine Waters of California.

ADDRESSING CONTINUED WHISTLEBLOWER RETALIATION WITHIN VA

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Addressing Continued Whistleblower Retaliation Within VA”. Testimony was heard from Meghan Flanz, Director, Office of Accountability Review, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carolyn Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; Christian Head, M.D., Associate Director and Chief of Staff, Legal and Quality Assurance, Greater Los Angeles VA Health Care System; Maryann Hooker, M.D., Neurologist, Wilmington VA Medical Center; and Richard Tremaine, Associate Director, VA Central Alabama Healthcare System.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D316)

H.R. 1527, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos. Signed on April 1, 2015. (Public Law 114–7)

H.R. 1092, to designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the “Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building”. Signed on April 7, 2015. (Public Law 114-8)

H.J. Res. 10, providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on April 7, 2015. (Public Law 114-9)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. defense policy issues pertaining to the Asia-Pacific theater, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine military cyber programs and posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session following the open session in SVC-217, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the management of Federal environmental protection, chemical safety, and fish and wildlife agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine creating a more efficient and level playing field, focusing on audit and appeals issues in Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 615, to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran’s nuclear program, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Every Child Achieves Act of 2015”, an original bill entitled, “WIOA Technical Amendments Act”, and the nominations of Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine reducing unnecessary duplication in Federal programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit, hearing entitled “Reauthorizing the CFTC: Commissioners’ Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing entitled “A Presentation by National 4-H Conference Participants Concerning the Future of Agriculture in the United States”, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Early Education Panel budget, 9 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Defense Health Program budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Update on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Five Years of Broken Promises: How the President’s Health Care Law is Affecting America’s Workplaces”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “EPA’s Proposed 111(d) Rule for Existing Power Plants, and H.R. _____, Ratepayer Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “H.R. _____, the TSCA Modernization Act of 2015”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015”; H.R. 906, to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters; and the “Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015”, 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “The Crude Oil Export Ban: Helpful or Hurtful?”, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Yemen Under Attack by Iranian-Backed Houthis”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee, markup on the “National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act of 2015”, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 9, the “Innovation Act”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 329, the “Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2015”; H.R. 521, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; and H.R. 812, the “Indian Trust Asset Reform Act”, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans, hearing entitled “Proposed Federal Water Grabs and Their Potential Impacts on States, Water and Power Users, and Landowners”, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “DOJ IG: Handling of Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Allegations”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “GAO’s Duplication Report at Five Years: Recommendations Remain Unaddressed”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 622, the “State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act of 2015”; H.R. 1105, the “Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1195, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Ongoing Rail, Pipeline, and Hazmat Rulemakings”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 675, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015”; H.R. 677, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2015”; H.R. 732, the “Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act”; H.R. 800, the “Express Appeals Act”; H.R. 1067, the “U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Reform Act”; H.R. 1331, the “Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2015”; H.R. 1379, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Board of Veterans’ Appeals to develop evidence in appeal cases, and for other purposes; H.R. 1414, the “Pay As You Rate Act”; H.R. 1569, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1607, the “Ruth Moore Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress; hearing on the individual and employer mandates and associated penalties in the President’s health care law, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency, hearing on Central Intelligence Agency budget, 3 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 14 through April 17, 2015

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for military construction and military family housing for select combatant commanders and select defense agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 15, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the national intelligence and military intelligence programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

April 15, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine funding the Department of Homeland Security role in cybersecurity, focusing on protection to partnership, 2 p.m., SD-138.

April 16, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 14, to hold hearings to examine U.S. defense policy issues pertaining to the Asia-Pacific theater, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

April 14, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 14, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine military cyber programs and posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session following the open session in SVC-217, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 15, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy’s current and projected capabilities to meet those threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

April 15, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the National Nuclear Security Administration plans and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 16, to hold hearings to examine regulatory burdens to obtaining mortgage credit, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 14, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 16, to hold hearings to examine the Energy Information Administration's annual energy outlook for 2015, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 14, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the management of Federal environmental protection, chemical safety, and fish and wildlife agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

April 15, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 14, to hold hearings to examine creating a more efficient and level playing field, focusing on audit and appeals issues in Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 14, business meeting to consider S. 615, to provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

April 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine American food aid, focusing on why reform matters, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 14, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Every Child Achieves Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "WIOA Technical Amendments Act", and the nominations of Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

April 15, Full Committee, business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled, "Every Child Achieves Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "WIOA Technical Amendments Act", and the nominations of Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 14, to hold hearings to examine reducing unnecessary duplication in Federal programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

April 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine IRS challenges in implementing the Affordable Care Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 15, to hold hearings to examine the need to reform asset forfeiture, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending executive business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 14, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 15, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:45 p.m., SH-219.

April 16, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 15, to hold hearings to examine the IRS impersonation scam and the government's response, 1:30 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture: April 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The World of Nutrition and the Role of the Charitable Sector", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations: April 15, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing for Members of Congress, 8:50 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 15, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Securities and Exchange Commission budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Immigration and Customs Enforcement budget, 11 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Ebola budget, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, markup on appropriations bill for fiscal year 2016, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, markup on appropriations bill for fiscal year 2016, 11:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

April 15, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on United Nations and International Organizations budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: April 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Risk of Losing Military Technology Superiority and Its Implications for U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in the Asia-Pacific", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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April 16, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Increasing Private Sector Participation in Affordable Housing”, 9:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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April 15, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, markup on H.R. 1150, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to improve the ability of the United States to advance religious freedom globally through enhanced diplomacy, training, counterterrorism, and foreign assistance efforts, and through stronger and more flexible political responses to religious freedom violations and violent extremism worldwide, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 50, calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Committee on the Judiciary, April 15, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 427, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015”; the “All Economic Regulations are Transparent Act of 2015”; and H.R. 758, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Committee on Small Business, April 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Tax Reform: Ensuring that Main Street Isn’t Left Behind”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 15, Full Committee, markup on the “Regulatory Integrity Protection Act”; H.R. 1471, the “FEMA Disaster Assistance Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1472, the “Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 1473, the “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 944, to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 336, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; H.R. 172, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”; H. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; and H.R. 1690, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through March 31, 2015

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	48	44	..
Time in session	292 hrs., 18'	201 hrs., 40'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,091	2,116	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	448	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	6	6
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	89	116	205
Senate bills	5	1	..
House bills	8	62	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	1	..
House joint resolutions	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	2	..
House concurrent resolutions	4	6	..
Simple resolutions	67	43	..
Measures reported, total	36	50	86
Senate bills	13	..	..
House bills	2	31	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	1	..
Simple resolutions	20	18	..
Special reports	7	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	22	7	..
Measures introduced, total	1,040	1,992	3,032
Bills	886	1,730	..
Joint resolutions	11	41	..
Concurrent resolutions	11	33	..
Simple resolutions	132	188	..
Quorum calls	5	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	135	82	..
Recorded votes .....	..	61	..
Bills vetoed	1	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through March 31, 2015

Civilian nominations, totaling 157, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	17
Unconfirmed	139
Withdrawn	1
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 700, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	634
Unconfirmed	66
Air Force nominations, totaling 2,889, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,447
Unconfirmed	442
Army nominations, totaling 172, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	77
Unconfirmed	95
Navy nominations, totaling 94, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	52
Unconfirmed	42
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,039, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	707
Unconfirmed	332
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	5,051
Total confirmed	3,934
Total unconfirmed	1,116
Total withdrawn	1
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, April 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, April 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

(Senate will recess from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for the all Senators briefing, and from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

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