

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2340–2346, and S. Res. 324–325. **Pages S8305–06**

Measures Reported:

S. 2139, to amend the Small Business Act to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for the procurement of covered contracts, with amendments. **Page S8305**

Measures Passed:

National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, designating December 3, 2015, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”. **Page S8319**

Permitting Charitable Collections in Senate Buildings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 325, permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings. **Page S8319**

Measures Considered:

Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3762, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8250–98**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2874, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8250**

Murray/Wyden Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2874), to ensure that this Act does not increase the number of uninsured women or increase the number of unintended pregnancies by establishing a women’s health care and clinic security and safety fund. **Pages S8253–54, S8261–64**

Johnson Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage. **Pages S8254–61, S8264–83**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 3, 2015, with the time until 1:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form; and that all debate time on the bill be deemed expired at 1:30 p.m. **Page S8319**

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8321.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING GLOBAL HUNGER

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine agriculture’s role in combating global hunger, after receiving testimony from Krysta Harden, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; D. Wade Ellis, Bunge North America Milling, St. Louis, Missouri; Richard Leach, World Food Program USA, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the United Nations World Food Program; and Arlene Mitchell, Global Child Nutrition Foundation, Seattle, Washington.

DEFENSE PERSONNEL REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense personnel reform and strengthening the all-volunteer force,

after receiving testimony from David S. C. Chu, Institute for Defense Analysis; Bernard Rostker, RAND Corporation; Robert F. Hale, Booz Allen Hamilton; and Admiral Gary Roughhead, USN (Ret.), Hoover Institution.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, who was introduced by Senator Markey, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action oversight, focusing on the International Atomic Energy Agency's report on the possible military dimensions of the Iranian nuclear program from Stephen D. Mull, Lead Coordinator for Iran Nuclear Implementation, Department of State; and Kevin Veal, Director of Nuclear Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1879, to improve processes in the Department of the Interior, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), focusing on whether the justice systems in Indian country have improved, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Mirtha Beadle, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy, Substance Abuse

and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; and Glen G. Gobin, the Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip, Washington.

TRADE SECRET THEFT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting trade secrets, focusing on the impact of trade secret theft on American competitiveness and potential solutions to remedy this harm, including S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, after receiving testimony from Karen Cochran, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware; Thomas R. Beall, Corning Incorporated, Corning, New York; Sharon K. Sandeen, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota; and James Pooley, Menlo Park, California.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Administration's alien removal policies, after receiving testimony from Sarah R. Saldana, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Jessica M. Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies, and Marc R. Rosenblum, Migration Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan F. Thompson, National Sheriffs' Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

CONSOLIDATING VETERANS CARE PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consolidating non-Department of Veterans Affairs care programs, after receiving testimony from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion, Darin Selnick, Concerned Veterans for America, Bill Rausch, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and Raymond C. Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4152–64; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 545, 547 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 546, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–360).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Kuster motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 644 by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 655. The motion was debated yesterday, December 1st.

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Subsequently, the Chair appointed the following conferees on H.R. 644: Representatives Brady (TX), Reichert, Tiberi, Levin, and Linda T. Sánchez (CA).

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Every Child Achieves Act of 2015: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, by a yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 64 nays, Roll No. 665.

Pages H8884–94, H8951–52

H. Res. 542, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) and the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1177) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 654, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 653.

Pages H8882–84

North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 8, to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability. Consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, December 3rd.

Pages H8875–84, H8894–H8965

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–36 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the

five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Peters amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that includes energy storage as a form of energy that DOE should consider to enhance emergency preparedness for energy supply disruptions during natural disasters;

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Franks (AZ) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that secures the most critical components of America's electrical infrastructure against the threat posed by a potentially catastrophic electromagnetic pulse;

Pages H8925–26

Poliquin amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that clarifies that electric plants can be considered reliable without having to enter into supply contracts that are greater than one year;

Pages H8926–27

Veasey amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the Department of Energy to submit a report to Congress on the potential effects commercial utilization of Carbon Capture and Sequestration could have on the economy, energy infrastructure and greenhouse gas emission goals;

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McKinley amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that directs the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with other relevant agencies and stakeholders, to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing an ethane storage and distribution hub in the United States;

Pages H8927–28

Ellmers (NC) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that makes a statement of policy on grid modernization;

Pages H8928–29

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–359), as modified, that directs the Secretary of Energy to submit to the Congress a report on methods to increase electric grid resilience with respect to all threats, including cyber attacks, vandalism, terrorism, and severe weather, no later than 120 days after the date of enactment of the Act;

Pages H8929–30

Kildee amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that instructs the GAO to study ways to improve the National Response Center;

Pages H8930–31

Garamendi amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that includes energy transportation in the list of considerations for the Energy Security Valuation report in Sec. 3002;

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McKinley amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that ensures that no permit for the construction, operation, or maintenance of an export facility can be denied until all reviews required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 are complete; **Page H8932**

Takano amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires a GAO Report to be submitted to Congress on the potential of battery energy storage; **Pages H8934–35**

Peters amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the Secretary of Energy to report on energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reduction from conversion of captured methane to energy; **Page H8936**

Brooks (IN) amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that calls on the Department of Energy to review and update the data used for a 9 year old federal study on re-refined oil, and requires the development of a strategy to increase its collections and sustainability; **Pages H8937–38**

Upton amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that makes a technical fix to DOE's External Power Supply Rule; **Page H8938**

Upton amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that strikes a number of provisions, some of which have already been enacted into law, and makes technical and conforming changes to the reported text of H.R. 8, H.R. 2295, and H.R. 2358 (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 656); **Pages H8919–23, H8945–46**

Gene Green (TX) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that creates a permitting process through the Department of Energy, FERC, and Department of State for cross-border infrastructure projects (by a recorded vote of 263 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 658); **Pages H8932–34, H8947**

Barton amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that repeals restrictions on the export of crude oil and includes provisions of H.R. 702 as passed by the House (by a recorded vote of 255 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 664); **Pages H8943–45, H8951**

Duffy amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the EPA to satisfy regulatory planning and review requirements established by the Clinton and Obama Administrations; **Pages H8953–54**

Gosar amendment (No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that ensures timely review for legal challenges of energy projects on federal land and limits attorney fees in order to discourage frivolous lawsuits and foster energy production; **Pages H8954–56**

Upton amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the Department of Energy and Department of Commerce to conduct a study regarding the legal and regulatory barriers that delay,

prohibit, or impede the export of natural energy resources; **Page H8956**

Castor (FL) amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that allows community solar projects to be connected to their power distribution system and allows the electricity produced by the community solar facility to be credited directly to each of the consumers that owns a share of the system; **Pages H8957–58**

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that requires the Department of Energy to study the maximum level of volatility that is consistent with the safest practicable shipment of crude oil; **Pages H8958–59**

Deutch amendment (No. 33 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that promotes the research, development, and demonstration of marine hydrokinetic energy technologies and improves the regulatory process for such programs; **Pages H8959–60**

Grayson amendment (No. 34 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that establishes minimum privacy standards for "Smart Meters" and their use in the smart grid; **Pages H8960–61**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 35 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that directs the Secretaries of Energy and Commerce to jointly establish an energy enterprise competition to encourage youth to propose solutions to the energy challenges of the United States and to promote youth interest in careers in science, technology, engineering, and math, especially as those fields relate to energy; **Pages H8961–63**

Meng amendment (No. 36 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that strikes terms such as "Oriental" and "Negro" from two sections of title 42 of the U.S. Code, and replaces them with culturally appropriate terms; and **Page H8963**

Norcross amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that directs the Secretary of Energy to study weaknesses in the security architecture of certain smart meters currently available. **Pages H8964–65**

Rejected:

Tonko amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to strike Section 1101 (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 657); **Pages H8923–24, H8946**

Beyer amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to strike the repeal of Section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act which establishes targets for reducing energy from fossil fuels in federal buildings (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 659); **Pages H8935–36, H8947–48**

Schakowsky amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to strip Section 4125 from the bill; Section 4125 eliminates an existing consumer right to recover costs due to manufacturer

misrepresentation of Energy Star products (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 660);

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Tonko amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to reauthorize the Weatherization Assistance Program and the State Energy Program through Fiscal Year 2020 (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 661);

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Castor (FL) amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to strengthen energy infrastructure resiliency and improves energy efficiency by incentivizing local renewable thermal (heating and cooling) energy and waste heat such as combined heat and power and by providing technical assistance to eligible entities to establish distributed energy systems (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 662); and **Pages H8940–42, H8949**

Polis amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that sought to require the Secretary of the Interior to notify landowners, and any adjacent landholders, when federally owned minerals beneath their land have been leased for oil and gas development (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 663).

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Proceedings Postponed:

Cramer amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that seeks to authorize voluntary vegetation management within 150 feet of the exterior boundary of the right-of-way near structures; prevents sale of vegetation and limits legal liability;

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Rouzer amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that seeks to repeal the March 2015 EPA final rule establishing federal standards for residential wood heaters; and **Pages H8956–57**

Pallone amendment (No. 37 printed in H. Rept. 114–359) that seeks to prohibit the Act from taking effect until after the Energy Information Administration analyzed and published a report on the carbon impacts of the Act's provisions. **Pages H8963–64**

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 3. **Page H8952**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8882–83, H8883–84, H8884, H8945–46, H8946, H8947,

H8947–48, H8948, H8949, H8949–50, H8950, H8951 and H8951–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the Farm Credit System. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Spearman, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Farm Credit Administration.

PRINCIPLES FOR ENSURING RETIREMENT ADVICE SERVES THE BEST INTERESTS OF WORKING FAMILIES AND RETIREES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Principles for Ensuring Retirement Advice Serves the Best Interests of Working Families and Retirees”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 1641, the “Federal Spectrum Incentive Act of 2015”; and a discussion draft to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate that deployment of communications infrastructure by providing for an inventory of Federal assets for use in connection with such deployment, to streamline certain Federal approvals of communication facilities, to provide for measures to promote the use of utility poles in the deployment, and for other purposes. H.R. 1641 and a discussion draft to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate that deployment of communications infrastructure by providing for an inventory of Federal assets for use in connection with such deployment, to streamline certain Federal approvals of communication facilities, to provide for measures to promote the use of utility poles in the deployment, and for other purposes, were forwarded to the Full Committee, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE U.S. CAPITAL MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Improve the U.S. Capital Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAN'S ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS: FUELING MIDDLE EAST TURMOIL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps: Fueling Middle East Turmoil”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PARIS ATTACKS: A STRATEGIC SHIFT BY ISIS?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Paris Attacks: A Strategic Shift by ISIS?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE PRESIDENT'S STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Assessing the President’s Strategy in Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. STRATEGIC INTERESTS AND THE APEC AND EAST ASIA SUMMITS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Strategic Interests and the APEC and East Asia Summits”. Testimony was heard from Michael H. Fuchs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Strategy and Multilateral Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Bruce Hirsh, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan, Korea, and APEC, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1670, the “National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015”; hearing entitled “Improving Customer Service for the Copyright Community: Ensuring the Copyright Office and the Library of Congress Are Able To Meet the Demands of the Digital Age”. H.R. 1670 was ordered reported, without amendment. Testimony was heard from David S. Mao, Acting Librarian of Congress; Maria A. Pallante, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office; and Joel C. Willemssen, Managing Director for Information Technology, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2831, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to provisions classified to chapters 44, 45, 46, and 47 of title 50, United States Code; H.R. 2832, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 52, United States Code;

and H.R. 1584, the “CARDER Act of 2015”. H.R. 1584 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2831 and H.R. 2832 were ordered reported, as amended.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on discussion draft of the “National Park Service Centennial Act”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on a conference report to accompany H.R. 22, the “Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule states that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative DeFazio.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY: REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Office of National Drug Control Policy: Reauthorization”. Testimony was heard from Michael Botticelli, Director, National Drug Control Policy, Office of National Drug Control Policy; David Maurer, Director, Justice and Law Enforcement Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine supporting the warfighter of today and tomorrow, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, including perspectives on the Act's impacts in Alaska and suggestions for improvements to the Act, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on the United States role in the Middle East, 9 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Salerno, and Darlene Michele Soltys, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2019 (Reappointment), 10 a.m., SD-342.

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Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness: hearing entitled "Effects of Reduced Infrastructure and Base Operating Support Investments on Readiness", 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Stakeholder Views on Military Health Care", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy: hearing entitled "The Nuclear Waste Fund: Budgetary, Funding, and Scoring Issues", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Broadcasting Ownership in the 21st Century", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency: hearing entitled "Driving Away with Taxpayer Dollars: DHS's Failure to Effectively Manage the FPS Vehicle Fleet", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security: hearing entitled "Oversight of the Executive Office for Immigration Review", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy: hearing on H.R. 4084, the "Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access: hearing entitled "Employers of Choice: How the Tax Extender Debate Will Affect Small Business", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3762, Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act. Senators should expect a series of roll call votes at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 3

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 8—North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015. Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 22—Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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