

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S531–S633.*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2485–2496, and S. Res. 357–361.

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#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 553, to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### **Measures Passed:**

**United States–Jordan Defense Cooperation Act:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 907, to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Rubio/Cardin) Amendment No. 3278, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Catholic Schools Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 357, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States.

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**National School Counseling Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 358, designating February 1 through 5, 2016, as “National School Counseling Week”.

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**Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations 10th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 359, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the unification of the air and marine assets of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish the Air and Marine Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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**National Association of State Departments of Agriculture 100th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 360, congratulating the National Association of

State Departments of Agriculture on the celebration of its 100th anniversary.

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**READ Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3033, to require the President’s annual budget request to Congress each year to include a line item for the Research in Disabilities Education program of the National Science Foundation and to require the National Science Foundation to conduct research on dyslexia, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murkowski (for Lee/Murray) Amendment No. 3279, to amend the National Science Foundation program on research on the science of dyslexia.

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#### **Measures Considered:**

**Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, in the nature of a substitute.

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Murkowski (for Cassidy/Markey) Amendment No. 2954 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for certain increases in, and limitations on, the drawdown and sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to bulk-power system reliability impact statements.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 4, 2016, and that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided between the two managers, or their designees.

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**North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement

was reached providing that following morning business on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, that there be up to seven hours of debate, equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of that time, the committee reported amendment be agreed to; and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-40)

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S633.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. DEFENSE POLICY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine an independent perspective of United States defense policy in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Lieutenant General Thomas L. Conant, USMC (Ret.), former Deputy Com-

mander, Pacific Command, Wilmington, North Carolina.

### UNDERSTANDING ISIL

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a closed hearing to examine counterterrorism strategy, focusing on understanding ISIL, after receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

### SPENDING ON UNAUTHORIZED PROGRAMS

**Committee on the Budget:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine spending on unauthorized programs, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Jessica Tollestrup, Specialist on Congress and the Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Paul L. Posner, George Mason University School of Policy, Government and International Affairs, Arlington, Virginia; and James A. Thurber, American University School of Public Affairs Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, Washington, D.C.

### STREAM PROTECTION RULE

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Stream Protection Rule, focusing on impacts on the environment and implications for Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act implementation, after receiving testimony from Joseph G. Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Lanny E. Erdos, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management, Columbus; Clay Larkin, Kentucky Coal Association, Lexington; and Matt Wasson, Appalachian Voices, Boone, North Carolina.

### STRAINS ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine strains on the European Union, focusing on implications for American foreign policy, after receiving testimony from Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council, and Julianne Smith, Center for a New American Security Strategy and Statecraft Program, both of Washington, D.C.

### CANADA'S FAST-TRACK REFUGEE PLAN

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine Canada's fast-track refugee plan, focusing on implications for United States national security, after receiving testimony from Dean Mandel, Border Patrol Agent, Buffalo Sector, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, on behalf of the National Border Patrol Council; Guidy Mamann,

Mamann, Sandaluk and Kingwell, LLP, Toronto, Canada; David B. Harris, INSIGNIS Strategic Research Inc., Ottawa, Canada; and Laura Dawson, Wilson Center Canada Institute, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1983, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement.

### INDIAN HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the substandard quality of Indian health care in the Great Plains, after receiving testimony from former Senator Byron L. Dorgan, The Aspen Institute Center for Native American Youth; Mary Wakefield, Acting Deputy Secretary, Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, and Thomas Hamilton, Director, Survey and Certification Group, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, both of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Robert McSwain, Principal Deputy Direc-

tor, Indian Health Service, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Victoria Kitcheyan, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Winnebago; Sonia Little Hawk-Weston, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; William Bear Shield, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Gregory, South Dakota; and L. Jace Killsback, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health, Lame Deer, Montana.

### TRANSPARENCY IN THE ASBESTOS TRUSTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for transparency in the asbestos trusts, including S. 357, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, after receiving testimony from Peggy L. Ableman, McCarter and English LLP, Wilmington, Delaware; former Washington State Attorney General Robert M. McKenna, Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe LLP, Seattle; Mark Behrens, Shook, Hardy and Bacon L.L.P., Washington, D.C.; Elihu Inselbuch, Caplin and Drysdale, Chartered, New York, New York; and Susan Vento, St. Paul, Minnesota.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 4441–4459; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 600–601, were introduced. **Pages H566–67**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H567–68**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H499**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H505**

**Encouraging Employee Ownership Act:** The House passed H.R. 1675, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 61. **Pages H519–39**

Rejected the Frankel (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 60. **Pages H537–38**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–43 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H526–28**

Agreed to:

Huizenga (MI) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that clarifies the disqualification from the exemption of any broker or associated person who is subject to suspension or revocation of registration, and the in-applicability of the exemption to any M&A transaction where one party or more is a shell company. **Pages H529–30**

Rejected:

Sherman amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to provide exclusions

for when a mergers and acquisitions broker is not exempt from registration with the SEC;

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DeSaulnier amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to direct the SEC to study and report to Congress the prevalence of employee ownership plans within companies that include a flexible or social benefit component in their articles of incorporation, as allowed under relevant state laws (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 57);

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Issa amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to limit all exemptions granted therein only to companies obligated to begin submitting financial disclosures to the Securities and Exchange Commission after the date of enactment (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 58); and

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Carolyn B. Maloney (NY) amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–414) that sought to repeal the Small Company Disclosure Act (H.R. 1965) in its entirety from the bill thus preserving the SEC requirement that public companies report their information related to corporate financial performance as searchable data (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 59).

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H. Res. 595, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1675) and (H.R. 766) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 56, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 55.

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**Establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 28, to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2017.

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**Authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 29, to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

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**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 109 authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the

Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the foot soldiers who participated in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, February 4.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006 with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d’Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–97).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 509.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2306 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H517–18, H518, H535, H536, H536–37, H538, and H538–39. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AIMED AT INCREASING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES’ PURCHASING POWER FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing to review incentive programs aimed at increasing low-income families’ purchasing power for fruits and vegetables. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held an oversight hearing on Assistance to Combat Wildlife Trafficking. Testimony was heard from William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Eric G. Postel, Associate Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## ACQUISITION REFORM: STARTING PROGRAMS WELL

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Acquisition Reform: Starting Programs Well”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Military Treatment Facilities”. Testimony was heard from Colonel Mike Heimall, USA, Chief of Staff, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Defense Health Agency; Colonel Mike Place, Commander, Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis McChord, United States Army; Captain Rick Freedman, Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, United States Navy; and Colonel Douglas Littlefield, Commander of the 19th Medical Group at Little Rock Air Force Base, United States Air Force.

## OUTSIDE VIEWS ON BIODEFENSE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Outside Views on Biodefense for the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MEMBERS' DAY

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Members' Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kilmer, Butterfield, Beatty, Esty, Wilson of South Carolina, Schakowsky, Byrne, Posey, Tonko, Rigell, Kildee, Radewagen, Kuster, Blackburn, and McGovern.

## EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SCHOOL CHOICE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Expanding Educational Opportunity Through School Choice”. Testimony was heard from Rob Bryan, North Carolina House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “H.R. 3797, the Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment Act (SENSE) Act and H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, the Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Rothfus and public witnesses.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee concluded a business meeting on the Committee's views and estimates on the budget. The committee adopted its views and estimates, as amended.

## TRADING WITH THE ENEMY: TRADE-BASED MONEY LAUNDERING IS THE GROWTH INDUSTRY IN TERROR FINANCE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “Trading with the Enemy: Trade-Based Money Laundering is the Growth Industry in Terror Finance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## TURKEY: POLITICAL TRENDS IN 2016

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Turkey: Political Trends in 2016”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE: PREVENTING TERRORIST INFILTRATION THROUGH U.S. REFUGEE AND VISA PROGRAMS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Crisis of Confidence: Preventing Terrorist Infiltration through U.S. Refugee and Visa Programs”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Francis X. Taylor, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis; León Rodríguez, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; and Lev J. Kubiak, Assistant Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Michele Thoren Bond, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3624, the “Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act”; and a resolution establishing the House Committee on the Judiciary Executive Overreach Task Force. H.R. 3624 was ordered reported, as amended. The resolution establishing the House Committee on the Judiciary Executive Overreach Task Force passed.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 482, the “Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2015”; H.R. 812, the “Indian Trust Asset Management Demonstration Project Act of 2015”; H.R. 890, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16; H.R. 894, to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act; H.R. 1296, to amend the

San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to clarify certain settlement terms, and for other purposes; H.R. 1475, the “Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015”; H.R. 1815, the “Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act”; H.R. 2273, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir; H.R. 2538, the “Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015”; H.R. 2857, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 2880, the “Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act of 2015”; H.R. 3004, to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission; H.R. 3036, the “National 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center Act”; H.R. 3079, to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 3371, the “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015”; H.R. 3342, to provide for stability of title to certain lands in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4119, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 482, H.R. 812, H.R. 890, H.R. 1475, H.R. 1815, H.R. 2273, H.R. 2538, H.R. 2857, H.R. 2880, H.R. 3036, H.R. 3079, and H.R. 4119. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 894, H.R. 1296, H.R. 3004, H.R. 3342, H.R. 3371, and H.R. 3620.

## EXAMINING FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT IN FLINT, MICHIGAN

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Federal Administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Flint, Michigan”. Testimony was heard from Representative Kildee; Joel Beauvais, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Keith Creagh, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

## SECURING OUR SKIES: OVERSIGHT OF AVIATION CREDENTIALS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled “Securing Our Skies: Oversight of Aviation Credentials”. Testimony was heard from Darby LaJoye, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

## CHARTING A COURSE: EXPERT PERSPECTIVES ON NASA’S HUMAN EXPLORATION PROPOSALS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Charting a Course: Expert Perspectives on NASA’s Human Exploration Proposals”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## SBA MANAGEMENT REVIEW: OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and the Workforce held a hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Office of Government Contracts and Business Development”. Testimony was heard from John Shoraka, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracts and Business Development, Small Business Administration.

## THE STATUS OF COAST GUARD CUTTER ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “The Status of Coast Guard Cutter Acquisition Programs”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Joseph Vojvodich, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. Coast Guard; Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and Ronald O’Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service.

## LOST OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS: AN EXAMINATION OF VA’S TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Lost Opportunities for Veterans: An Examination of VA’s Technology Transfer Program”. Testimony was heard from David Shulkin,

M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on Views and Estimates on the Fiscal Year 2017 Federal Budget; and H.R. 4294, “SAVERS Act of 2015”. The committee’s Views and Estimates on the Fiscal Year 2017 Federal Budget was ordered reported. H.R. 4294 was ordered reported, as amended.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine ensuring intermodal Universal Service Fund support for rural America, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Katherine Wakefield, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, Andrew LaMont Eanes, of Kansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019, and Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, and Vik Edwin Stoll, of Missouri, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years, 10 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 Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Naval Strike Fighters: Issues and Concerns”, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Implementation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled “Another Surge of Illegal Immigrants Along the Southwest Border: Is this the Obama Administration’s New Normal?”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Developments in the Prescription Drug Market: Oversight”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “A Review of Recommendations for NSF Project Management Reform”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee, markup on Views and Estimates on the President’s FY 2017 Budget for the Small Business Administration, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee, business meeting on consideration of a Committee Report, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting may close.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Thursday, February 4

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Thursday, February 4

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 2012, Energy Policy Modernization Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, at 11 a.m.

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 766—Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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