

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 757, North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S759–S832

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2527–2539, S. Res. 370, and S. Con. Res. 30. Page S821

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 99, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill its promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 330, congratulating the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for winning the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize.

S. Res. 361, urging robust funding for humanitarian relief for Syria, with amendments. Page S821

Measures Passed:

North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 20), Senate passed H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S761–S806

Conference Reports:

Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 11, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany the bill, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. Page S832

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

U.N. Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts (Treaty Doc. No. 114–5);

Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled (Treaty Doc. No. 114–6);

U.N. Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade (Treaty Doc. No. 114–7);

Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances (Treaty Doc. No. 114–8);

U.N. Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-By Letters of Credit (Treaty Doc. No. 114–9); and

Extradition Treaty with the Dominican Republic (Treaty Doc. No. 114–10).

The treaties were 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. Pages S830–32

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. Page S832

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S827–29

Authorities for Committees to Meet:**Pages S829–30****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S830****Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—20) **Page S806****Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S832.)

Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)***APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE****Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT****Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the importance of enacting a new Water Resources Development Act, after receiving testimony from Robert W. Portiss, Tulsa Port of Catoosa, Catoosa, Oklahoma; John Swearingen, Marathon Petroleum Corporation, Findlay, Ohio; Rob Roberson, Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Norma Jean Mattei, American Society of Civil Engineers, Washington, D.C.; and Kyle Makarios, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, St. Paul, Minnesota.**BUDGET****Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.**BUDGET****Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017, after receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.**BUSINESS MEETING****Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 99, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill its promises of assistance in the case of Robert

Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 361, urging robust funding for humanitarian relief for Syria, with amendments; and

S. Res. 330, congratulating the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for winning the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize.

U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL AFRICA**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Central Africa, focusing on the imperative of good governance, after receiving testimony from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Thomas Perriello, Special Envoy for the Great Lakes of Africa, both of the Department of State; Roger Meece, former Ambassador and former United Nations Special Representative to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Seattle, Washington; and Sarah Margon, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.**BUSINESS MEETING****Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2517, to require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, with an amendment;

H.R. 1656, to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2509, to improve the Government-wide management of Federal property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2522, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to build partnerships to prevent violence by extremists, with an amendment;

S. 1526, to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 236, to amend the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1411, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the “Former Presidents Act of 1958”, with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 795, to enhance whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2450, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address administrative leave for Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2418, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2340, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3361, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Insider Threat Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 104, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the success of Operation Streamline and the importance of prosecuting first time illegal border crossers;

An original resolution directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring civil action to enforce a subpoena of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; and

The nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mental health and the justice system, including S. 2002, to strengthen our mental health system and improve public safety, after receiving testimony from William M. Ward, Minnesota Public Defender, Minneapolis; W. David Guice, North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, Raleigh; Susan Pamerleau, Bexar County Sheriff, San Antonio, Texas; Fred C. Osher, The Council of State Governments Justice Center, Johns Island, South Carolina; and Pete Earley, Fairfax, Virginia.

NEW SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a new scam by global drug traffickers perpetrated against our nation’s seniors, after receiving testimony from Alan Scott Brown, Acting Assistant Director for Investigative Programs, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Jill Steinberg, Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Andy Martin, Henderson, Nevada; and Daniel Seibert, Green Valley, Arizona.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4514–4531 and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 114 were introduced. **Pages H708–09**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H710–11**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 611, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2017) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority to bring proceedings under section 403A, and providing for proceedings during the period from February 15, 2016, through February 22, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–421). **Page H708**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jody B. Hice (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H653**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H659**

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

Safe Drinking Water Act Improved Compliance Awareness Act: H.R. 4470, amended, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to the requirements related to lead in drinking water, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 67. **Pages H662–68, H676–77**

Scientific Research in the National Interest Act: The House passed H.R. 3293, to provide for greater accountability in Federal funding for scientific research, to promote the progress of science in the

United States that serves that national interest, by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 70.

Pages H677–90, H690–93

Rejected the Edwards motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 69.

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Agreed to:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that establishes a new objective of the research which would ensure that the research conducted is consistent with established and widely accepted scientific methods applicable to the field of study of exploration; **Pages H685–86**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that establishes a new objective of the research that would ensure that the research conducted is consistent with the definition of basic research as it applies to the purpose and field of study; **Pages H686–88**

DelBene amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that clarifies that language in the bill allowing research to be funded for the development of an American STEM workforce also includes computer science and information technology sectors; and **Pages H688–89**

DelBene amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that clarifies that the bill does not impact grant funding that has already been awarded by the National Science Foundation. **Pages H689–90**

Rejected:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that sought to replace subsection 2(b), “Determination”, to ensure that such determination is consistent with the mission of the agency and with the existing merit-review criteria (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 68). **Pages H684–85, H690–91**

H. Res. 609, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3442) and (H.R. 3293) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 66, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 65. **Pages H668–76**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H690**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 111, 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 H693**

United States–Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 907, to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. **Pages H693–94**

Judicial Redress Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states. **Page H694**

Senate Messages: Message from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H662.

Senate Referral: S. 2109 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H707**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H675–76, H676, H677, H690–91, H692, and H693. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF THE 2016 AGENDA FOR THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the 2016 Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Timothy Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Testimony was heard from Stephen Burns, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; William Ostendorff, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Jeff Baran, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Timothy Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

UNDERSTANDING AND DETERRING RUSSIA: U.S. POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Understanding and Deterring Russia: U.S. Policies and Strategies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Recommendations from the National Commission on the Future of the Army”. Testimony was heard from General Carter Ham, USA (Retired), Chairman, National Commission on the Future of the Army; and Robert F. Hale, Commissioner, National Commission on the Future of the Army.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION POLICY AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense (DoD) Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) Policy and Programs for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Arthur T. Hopkins, performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs; Kenneth A. Myers, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency and U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (SCC-MD); and Wenden D. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction.

NEXT STEPS FOR K-12 EDUCATION: IMPLEMENTING THE PROMISE TO RESTORE STATE AND LOCAL CONTROL

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Next Steps for K-12 Education: Implementing the Promise to Restore State and Local Control”. Testimony was heard from Joy Hofmeister, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Paul ‘Vic’

Wilson, Superintendent, Hartselle City Schools, Hartselle, Alabama; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING MEDICAID AND CHIP'S FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Medicaid and CHIP’s Federal Medical Assistance”. Testimony was heard from John Hagg, Director of Medicaid Audits, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Alison Mitchell, Health Care Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission; and Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES ON THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Industry Perspectives on the Consumer Product Safety Commission”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology began a markup on H.R. 2666, the “No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act”; H.R. 1301, the “Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015”; and the “Small Business Broadband Deployment Act”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup on H.R. 3021, the “AIR Survey Act of 2015”; H.R. 3797, the “Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act”; the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act”; H.R. 4444, the “EPS Improvement Act”; H.R. 2984, the “Fair RATES Act”; H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 4238, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities; H.R. 2080, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; H.R. 2081, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; H.R. 3447, to extend the

deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; and H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FROM IRAQ AND SYRIA TO LIBYA AND BEYOND: THE EVOLVING ISIL THREAT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From Iraq and Syria to Libya and Beyond: The Evolving ISIL Threat”. Testimony was heard from Brett McGurk, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

THE GLOBAL ZIKA EPIDEMIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, held a joint hearing entitled “The Global Zika Epidemic”. Testimony was heard from Tom Frieden, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and Ariel Pablos-Mendez, M.D., Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.

AFTER SAN BERNARDINO: THE FUTURE OF ISIS-INSPIRED ATTACKS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “After San Bernardino: The Future of ISIS-inspired Attacks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT: BREAKING THE NEW VISA WAIVER LAW TO APPEASE IRAN

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security and Law Enforcement: Breaking the New Visa Waiver Law to Appear Iran”. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and

Hillary Batjer Johnson, Deputy Coordinator, Homeland Security, Screening, and Designations, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

THE COSTLY IMPACTS OF PREDATION AND CONFLICTING FEDERAL STATUTES ON NATIVE AND ENDANGERED FISH SPECIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “The Costly Impacts of Predation and Conflicting Federal Statutes on Native and Endangered Fish Species”. Testimony was heard from Will Stelle, Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service; and public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT'S WAIVER OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “The President's Waiver of Restrictions on the Visa Waiver Program”. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Hilary Batjer Johnson, Deputy Coordinator for Homeland Security, Screening, and Designations, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State; and public witnesses.

COMMON SENSE NUTRITION DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2017. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent

and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from February 15, 2016, through February 22, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Finally, in section 4, the rule provides that the Committee on the Judiciary may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, file a report to accompany H.R. 3624. Testimony was heard from Representatives McMorris Rodgers and Pallone.

MIDNIGHT REGULATIONS: EXAMINING EXECUTIVE BRANCH OVERREACH

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Midnight Regulations: Examining Executive Branch Overreach”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT CONTROL REFORM: CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESS? PART I

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Export Control Reform: Challenges for Small Business? (Part I)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL OMBUDSMAN AT THE SBA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Advocacy and the Office of the National Ombudsman at the SBA”. Testimony was heard from Darryl L. DePriest, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; and Rear Admiral Earl L. Gay, USN (Retired), Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman, Small Business Administration.

REVIEW OF ATC REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of ATC Reform Proposals”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

A REVIEW OF VA’S LOAN GUARANTY AND SPECIALLY ADAPTIVE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of VA’s Loan Guaranty and Specially Adaptive Housing Grant Programs (SAH)”. Testimony was heard from Mike Frueh, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES’ FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of *Public Laws*, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D79)

H.R. 515, to protect children and others from sexual abuse and exploitation, including sex trafficking and sex tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–119)

H.R. 4188, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–120)

S. 2152, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–121)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine emerging health threats and the Zika supplemental request, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the National Commission on the Future of the United States Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Karen Brevard Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Robert Annan Riley III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, and Matthew John Matthews, of Oregon, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, all of the Department of State, Swati A. Dandekar, of Iowa, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, and Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency discretion in setting and enforcing regulatory fines and penalties, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use, and the nominations of Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmann, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee, hearing to consider the impacts of the Environmental Protection

Agency's actions on the rural economy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled "Foot and Mouth Disease: Are We Prepared?", 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, oversight hearing entitled "U.S. Engagement in Central America", 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, budget hearing on Bureau of Reclamation, 1:30 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for Atomic Energy Defense Activities", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Carrier Air Wing and the Future of Naval Aviation", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 2666, the "No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act"; H.R. 1301, the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015"; and the "Small Business Broadband Deployment Act" (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup on H.R. 3021, the "AIR Survey Act of 2015"; H.R. 3797, the "Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act"; the "Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act"; H.R. 4444, the "EPS Improvement Act"; H.R. 2984, the "Fair RATES Act"; H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 4238, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities; H.R. 2080, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; H.R. 2081, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; H.R. 3447, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; and H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project (continued), 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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