

*Tuesday, March 1, 2016*

# *Daily Digest*

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

See Résumé Congressional Activity.

## **Senate**

### ***Chamber Action***

#### ***Routine Proceedings, pages S1105–S1168***

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2607–2615, and S. Res. 381–383. **Pages S1134–35**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “2016 Economic Report of the President”. (S. Rept. No. 114–218)

S. 2609, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national voluntary labeling standard for bioengineered foods. **Page S1134**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Rare Disease Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 380, designating February 29, 2016 as “Rare Disease Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1167**

**Congratulating Iowa Community Colleges:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 382, congratulating the community colleges of Iowa for 50 years of outstanding service to the State of Iowa, the United States, and the world. **Pages S1167–68**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use. **Pages S1106–32**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be agreed to, the committee-reported substitute amendment be withdrawn, and that Senator Grassley, or his designee, be recognized to offer a substitute amendment, Amendment No. 3378, and that the first three first-degree amend-

ments in order be the following: Feinstein/Grassley Amendment No. 3362, Shaheen Amendment No. 3345, and Toomey Amendment No. 3367; and that Senator Grassley or his designee, be permitted to offer a side-by-side amendment to Shaheen Amendment No. 3345, and Senator Leahy, or his designee, be permitted to offer a side-by-side amendment to Toomey Amendment No. 3367. **Page S1167**

#### **Appointments:**

**Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed the following individual as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: Jean M. Dorton of Kentucky. **Page S1168**

#### **Messages from the House:**

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#### **Measures Referred:**

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#### **Additional Cosponsors:**

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#### **Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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#### **Amendments Submitted:**

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#### **Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1168.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national voluntary labeling standard for bioengineered foods.

### FARM ECONOMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the state of the farm economy, after receiving testimony from Robert Johansson, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Patrick Westhoff, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, Columbia, Missouri; and Nathan Kauffman, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Omaha, Nebraska.

### APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Transportation Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Peter V. Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND CAPITOL POLICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Frank J. Larkin, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Chief Kim C. Dine, United States Capitol Police.

### U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command, after receiving testimony from General Philip

M. Breedlove, USAF, Commander, United States European Command/Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

### LONG RANGE STRIKE-BOMBER

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland received a closed briefing on the Air Force Long Range Strike-Bomber from Lisa S. Disbrow, USAF, Under Secretary of the Air Force, Lieutenant General Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Randall G. Walden, Director, Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, and William D. Bailey, System Program Director, Long Range Strike Bomber, all of the Department of Defense.

### MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLAN SYSTEM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the multiemployer pension plan system, focusing on recent reforms and current challenges, after receiving testimony from Joshua Gotbaum, The Brookings Institution, and Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Cecil E. Roberts, United Mine Workers of America, Triangle, Virginia; and Rita Lewis, West Chester, Ohio.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND USAID BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Douglas Pitkin, Director, Bureau of Budget and Planning, and Hari Sastry, Director, Office of Foreign Assistance Resources, both of the Department of State; and Roman Napoli, Acting Director, Office of Budget and Resource Management, United States Agency for International Development.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 5 public bills, H.R. 4654–4658; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 121; and H. Res. 630–631, 633 were introduced.

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### Additional Cosponsors:

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 632, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3716) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide to the Secretary of Health and Human Services certain information with respect to provider terminations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–440). Page H1083

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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

*Naming the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Sevierville, Tennessee, the Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic:* H.R. 2814, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Sevierville, Tennessee, the Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic; Pages H1055–56

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”:* H.R. 136, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeain-and-nay vote of 381 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 103; Pages H1056–57, H1067–68

**Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments:** H.R. 2347, amended, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees; Pages H1057–60

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”:* H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeain-and-nay vote of 371 yeas

to 9 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 104; Pages H1060–62, H1069

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”:* H.R. 1132, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”; Pages H1062–63

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”:* H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”; Pages H1063–64

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Daryle Holloway Post Office Building”:* H.R. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5919 Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Daryle Holloway Post Office Building”; Pages H1064–65

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the “Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office”:* H.R. 3274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4567 Rockbridge Road in Pine Lake, Georgia, as the “Francis Manuel Ortega Post Office”; Pages H1065–66

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the “Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building”:* H.R. 3601, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the “Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building”; Pages H1066–67

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office:* H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office; and Page H1067

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in*

*Grove City, Ohio, as the “Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building”:* S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the “Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building”.

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

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James “Maggie” Megellas Post Office:* S. 1826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the Lieutenant Colonel James “Maggie” Megellas Post Office.

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**Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Member to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation: Representative Larson (CT).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1068 and H1069. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

## **Committee Meetings**

### **VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION: UTILIZING INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Voluntary Conservation: Utilizing Innovation and Technology”. Testimony was heard from Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY AND MARINE CORPS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Navy and Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from Ray Mabus, Secretary, U.S. Navy; Admiral John M. Richardson,

Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; and General Robert B. Neller, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on Customs and Border Protection. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Wendy Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, WEAPONS AND ACTIVITIES AND NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND NAVAL REACTORS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons and Activities and Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Frank Klotz, Administrator for Nuclear Security; Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation; Brigadier General S.L. Davis, Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs; and Admiral James Frank Caldwell, Jr., Deputy Administrator for Office of Naval Reactors.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—CAPITOL POLICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Capitol Police officials: Kim C. Dine, Chief of Police; Matthew R. Verderosa, Assistant Chief of Police; and Richard L. Braddock, Chief Administrative Officer.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Julian Castro, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect, U.S. Capitol.

**MEMBER DAY—NATIONAL DEFENSE PRIORITIES FROM MEMBERS FOR THE FY 2017 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day—National Defense Priorities from Members for the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Chabot, Velázquez, Rothfus, Crawford, Hanna, Meehan, Judy Chu of California, Perry, Poliquin, Wagner, Radewagen, Hardy, Blackburn, Neugebauer, Bost, and Yoho.

**AIR FORCE PROJECTION FORCES AVIATION PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General James M. “Mike” Holmes, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements; and Lieutenant General Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES IN AN EVOLVING THREAT ENVIRONMENT: A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET REQUEST FOR U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Special Operations Forces in an Evolving Threat Environment: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for U.S. Special Operations Command”. Testimony was heard from Theresa Whelan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict (ASD/SOLIC); and General Joseph L. Votel, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING TO EXAMINE PIPELINE SAFETY REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing to Examine Pipeline Safety Reauthorization”. Testimony was heard from Marie Therese Dominguez, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous

Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**EXAMINING THE FINANCING AND DELIVERY OF LONG-TERM CARE IN THE U.S.**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Financing and Delivery of Long-Term Care in the U.S.”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**HELPING THE DEVELOPING WORLD FIGHT TERROR FINANCE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “Helping the Developing World Fight Terror Finance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**TRANSPARENCY, TRUST AND VERIFICATION: MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS AND SITUATIONAL AWARENESS ALONG THE BORDER**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Transparency, Trust and Verification: Measuring Effectiveness and Situational Awareness along the Border”. Testimony was heard from Ronald D. Vitiello, Acting Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Major General Randolph D. “Tex” Alles (Retired, USMC), Executive Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

**THE ORIGINAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF CONGRESS AND HOW FAR WE’VE DRIFTED FROM IT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Task Force on Executive Overreach held a hearing entitled “The Original Understanding of the Role of Congress and How Far We’ve Drifted from It”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE ENCRYPTION TIGHTROPE: BALANCING AMERICANS’ SECURITY AND PRIVACY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Encryption Tightrope: Balancing Americans’ Security and Privacy”. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and public witnesses.

## EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S SPENDING PRIORITIES AND THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET PROPOSAL

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4576, the “Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act”. Testimony was heard from David Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State; Russell Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2615, the “Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission Act”; H.R. 2908, the “National Bison Legacy Act”; H.R. 4359, the “Administrative Leave Reform Act”; H.R. 4361, the “Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2016”; H.R. 4392, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; H.R. 4612, the “Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2016”; H.R. 4639, to reauthorize the Office of Special Counsel, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide modifications to authorities relating to the Office of Special Counsel, and for other purposes; S. 1109, the “Truth in Settlements Act of 2015”; H.R. 3866, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1265 Hurffville Road in Deptford Township, New Jersey, as the “First Lieutenant Salvatore S. Corma II Post Office Building”; H.R. 4372, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street, Bergen, New York, as the “Barry G. Miller Post Office”; and H.R. 4605, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 615 6th Avenue SE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the “Sgt. 1st Class Terryl L. Pasker Post Office Building”. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: S. 1109, H.R. 3866, H.R. 4605, H.R. 4612, and H.R. 4372. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2615, H.R. 2908, H.R. 4359, H.R. 4361, H.R. 4392, and H.R. 4639.

## ENSURING TERMINATED PROVIDERS ARE REMOVED FROM MEDICAID AND CHIP ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated Providers are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 3716. 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 purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–45 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bucshon, Tonko, and Carter of Georgia.

## SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS BY REDUCING FEDERAL OFFICE SPACE COSTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Saving Taxpayer Dollars by Reducing Federal Office Space Costs”. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoyer; D. Brooks Smith, Chair, Committee on Space and Facilities, Judicial Conference of the United States; Norman Dong, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Richard L. Haley II, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Director, Facilities and Logistics Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## GETTING INCENTIVES RIGHT: CONNECTING LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS WITH JOBS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Getting Incentives Right: Connecting Low-Income Individuals with Jobs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### GERMANY'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE OSCE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Germany's chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, focusing on priorities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Berlin, Germany.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D185)

H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands. Signed on February 29, 2016. (Public Law 114–127)

H.R. 890, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Florida. Signed on February 29, 2016. (Public Law 114–128)

H.R. 3262, to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois. Signed on February 29, 2016. (Public Law 114–129)

H.R. 4056, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to convey to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs all right, title, and interest of the United States to the property known as "The Community Living Center" at the Lake Baldwin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Orlando, Florida. Signed on February 29, 2016. (Public Law 114–130)

H.R. 4437, to extend the deadline for the submittal of the final report required by the Commission on Care. Signed on February 29, 2016. (Public Law 114–131)

S. 2109, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Signed on February 29, 2016. (Public Law 114–132)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justifications for fiscal year 2017 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2446, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and an original bill entitled, "Good Samaritan Cleanup of Orphan Mines Act of 2016", 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider 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, and Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, and Vik Edwin Stoll, of Missouri, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the economic and geopolitical implications of low oil and gas prices, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Julie Helene Becker, Steven Nathan Berk, and Elizabeth Carroll Wingo, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Examining State Options", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the Air Force, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, budget hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, budget hearing on Department of Energy, Applied Energy, 10:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Department of the Interior, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on House of Representatives officers, 1:30 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on Transportation Security Administration, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Federal Aviation Administration, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Library of Congress, 2:30 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Ground Force Modernization Budget Request”, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for Department of Defense Nuclear Forces”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2017 DOE Budget”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the U.S. Public Health Response to the Zika Virus”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled “Bioethics and Fetal Tissue”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2121, the “SAFE Transitional Licensing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2896, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act of 2015”; H.R. 2901, the “Flood Insurance Market Parity and Modernization Act”; H.R. 3798, the “Due Process Restoration Act of 2015”; H.R. 4096, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 4139, the “Fostering Innovation Act of 2015”; H.R. 4166, the “Expanding Proven Financing for American Employers Act”; H.R. 4498, the “Helping Angels Lead Our Startups Act”; H.R. 4620, the “Preserving Access to CRE Capital Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4638, the “Main Street Growth Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, markup on H. Con. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the Congress condemning the gross violations of international law amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Government of Syria, its allies, and other parties to the conflict in Syria, and asking the President to direct his Ambassador at the United Nations to promote the es-

tablishment of a war crimes tribunal where these crimes could be addressed; and H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of Congress that those who commit or support atrocities against Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities, including Yezidis, Turkmen, Sabea-Mandeans, Kaka'e, and Kurds, and who target them specifically for ethnic or religious reasons, are committing, and are hereby declared to be committing, “war crimes”, “crimes against humanity”, and “genocide”, 9:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Growing Threat of Cholera and Other Diseases in the Middle East”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “The Transportation Security Administration’s FY2017 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Impact of the President’s FY 2017 Budget on the Energy and Mineral Leasing and Production Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Geolocation Technology and Privacy”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Firearms Lost: GSA’s Administration of the Surplus Firearm Donation Program”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4557, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2016”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Smart Health: Empowering the Future of Mobile Apps”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Commercializing on Innovation: Reauthorizing the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions; H.R. 4487, the “Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016”; H.R. 4465, the “Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016”; H.R. 3937, to designate the building utilized as a United States courthouse located at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina, as the “Judge Randy D. Doub Courthouse”; H.R. 4618, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the “Sidney Oslin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; H. Con. Res. 119, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 117, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H. Con. Res. 120, authorizing the

use of the Capitol Grounds for the 3rd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony; H.R. 223, the “Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2015”; H.R. 1684, the “Foreign Spill Protection Act of 2015”; H.R. 3030, the “Baudette Coast Guard Housing Conveyance Act”; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Protecting the Free Exchange of Ideas on College Campuses”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SD—G50.

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President, 2:30 p.m., SH—216.

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## SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through February 29, 2016

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session .....	25	24	..
Time in session .....	133 hrs., 44'	115 hrs., 2'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	1,104	1,046	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	250	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	5	12	17
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total .....	45	86	131
Senate bills .....	6	8	..
House bills .....	9	53	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	3	3	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	2	4	..
Simple resolutions .....	25	17	..
Measures reported, total .....	* 30	* 54	84
Senate bills .....	20	1	..
House bills .....	5	43	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	5	10	..
Special reports .....	1	..	..
Conference reports .....	1	..	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	237	15	..
Measures introduced, total .....	217	414	631
Bills .....	170	341	..
Joint resolutions .....	3	3	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	6	15	..
Simple resolutions .....	38	55	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	27	32	..
Recorded votes .....	..	69	..
Bills vetoed .....	1	1	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 18 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 54 reports have been filed in the House.

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through February 29, 2016

Civilian nominations, totaling 207 (including 181 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	18
Unconfirmed .....	186
Withdrawn .....	3
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 339 (including 97 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	222
Unconfirmed .....	116
Withdrawn .....	1
Air Force nominations, totaling 2,908 (including 181 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	802
Unconfirmed .....	2,106
Army nominations, totaling 2,428 (including 1,740 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,879
Unconfirmed .....	549
Navy nominations, totaling 69 (including 5 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	9
Unconfirmed .....	60
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,228 (including 3 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	744
Unconfirmed .....	484
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....	2,207
Total nominations received this Session .....	4,972
Total confirmed .....	3,674
Total unconfirmed .....	3,501
Total withdrawn .....	4
Total returned to the White House .....	0

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 2

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Wednesday, March 2

Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will begin consideration of S. 524, Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.

House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 3716—Ensuring Access to Quality Medicaid Providers Act (Subject to a Rule).

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