

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2648–2654, and S. Res. 391–393.

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Measures Reported:

S. 779, to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–224)

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Measures Passed:

Observer Status for Taiwan in INTERPOL: Senate passed S. 2426, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization.

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Disabled American Veterans Congressional Charter: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1755, to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans, and the bill was then passed.

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Astronaut Scott Joseph Kelly: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 385, recognizing the historic achievement of astronaut Scott Joseph Kelly of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as the first person of the United States to complete a continuous 1-year mission in space, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 113, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the “Borinqueneers”.

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Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 393, supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

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Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 3378, in the nature of a substitute.

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Grassley (for Donnelly/Capito) Modified Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide follow-up services to individuals who have received opioid overdose reversal drugs.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 9, 2016; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on Grassley Amendment No. 3378 (listed above) expire at 12 noon; and that the time following morning business until 12 noon be equally divided between the two managers, or their designees.

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House Messages:

Competitive Service Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1580, to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates.

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Edward “Ted” Kaufman and Michael Leavitt Presidential Transitions Improvements Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1172, to improve the process of presidential transition.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1349–50.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Jack Lew, Secretary, John A. Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS: CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine measuring results and proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. McAleenan, Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, and Daniel H. Ragsdale, Deputy Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. CENTRAL, AFRICA, AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMANDS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Central Command,

United States Africa Command, and United States Special Operations Command, after receiving testimony from General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, General David M. Rodriguez, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command, and General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Darlene J. Costello, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Lieutenant General Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Lieutenant General James M. Holmes, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, and Lieutenant General John W. Raymond, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine military personnel posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James C. McConville, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army, Vice Admiral William F. Moran, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, United States Navy, Lieutenant General Mark A. Brilakis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps, and Lieutenant General Gina M. Grosso, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services, United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense; Kathy Roth-Doquet, Blue Star Families; Joyce W. Raezer, National Military Family Association; Scott Bousum, The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States; and Joseph E. Davis, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

U.S. MARITIME INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States maritime industry, focusing on the Federal role, after

receiving testimony from Paul N. Jaenichen, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Rear Admiral James Helis, USMS, Superintendent, United States Merchant Marine Academy, and Mitchell Behm, Assistant Inspector General for Surface Transportation Audits, all of the Department of Transportation; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

STATE DEPARTMENT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine State Department reauthorization

for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on an opportunity to strengthen and streamline United States diplomacy, after receiving testimony from Heather Higginbottom, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Jeh Charles Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

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

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 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 Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Defense Health Program, 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 Department of Agriculture, 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 Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Joseph L. Votel, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond A. Thomas III, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Special Operations Command, 10 a.m., SD-650.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense security cooperation and assistance programs and authorities, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed hearings to examine military space threats and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine cooperative federalism, focusing on state perspectives on Environmental Protection Agency regulatory actions and the role of states as co-regulators, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1878, to extend the pediatric priority review voucher program, S. 1077, to provide for expedited development of and priority review for breakthrough devices, S. 1101, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of

patient records and certain decision support software, S. 2055, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to national health security, S. 1767, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, S. 1597, to enhance patient engagement in the medical product development process, S. 2512, to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage treatments for Zika virus, and the nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request

for fiscal year 2017 for Indian Country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 524, Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, with all post-cloture time on Grassley Amendment No. 3378 to expire at 12 noon. Following the disposition of Grassley (for Donnelly/Capito) Modified Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3378), and Grassley Amendment No. 3378, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 10

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in pro forma session at 11:30 a.m.



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