

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1445–S1474*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2671–2676, S. Res. 398, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Page S1463**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 742, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–226)

S. 1638, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress information on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–227)

S. 2055, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to national health security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1463**

#### Measures Passed:

*National Speech and Debate Education Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 398, designating March 15, 2016, as “National Speech and Debate Education Day”. **Page S1469**

#### House Messages:

**National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act:** Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, taking action on the following motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1458–60**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1458**

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S1458**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. **Page S1458**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. **Page S1469**

#### Appointments:

*United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:* The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Ambassador Jackie Wolcott of Virginia. **Page S1469**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 49 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), John B. King, of New York, to be Secretary of Education. **Pages S1457, S1474**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

11 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
18 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1473–74**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1462**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1462–63**

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S1463–64  
**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** Pages S1464–67  
**Additional Statements:** Pages S1461–62  
**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S1467–69  
**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—36) Page S1457  
**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

March 15, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1473.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4729–4738; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 124; and H. Res. 638–639, 641–642, were introduced. Pages H1344–45

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H1345–46

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2745, to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority (H. Rept. 114–449);

H.R. 2273, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–450);

H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–451);

H.R. 2984, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review (H. Rept. 114–452); and

H. Res. 640, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4596) to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3797) to establish the bases by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue, implement, and enforce certain emission limitations and allocations for existing electric utility

steam generating units that convert coal refuse into energy (H. Rept. 114–453). Page H1344

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1303

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H1303

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 3:06 p.m. Page H1304

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

**Fair RATES Act:** H.R. 2984, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review; Pages H1304–05

**Energy Efficient Government Technology Act:** H.R. 1268, amended, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies; Pages H1305–07

**Amending section 203 of the Federal Power Act:** H.R. 4427, amended, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; Pages H1307–08

**Reinstating and extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam:** H.R. 2080, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; Pages H1308–09

**Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project:** H.R. 4411, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; Page H1311

*Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project:* H.R. 4412, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; **Pages H1311–12**

*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 establishment of a war crimes tribunal where these crimes could be addressed:* H. Con. Res. 121, amended, 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 establishment of a war crimes tribunal where these crimes could be addressed, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 113; **Pages H1312–14, H1326–27**

*Expressing the sense of Congress that those who commit or support atrocities against Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities, including Yezidis, Turkmen, Sabea-Mandean, 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":* H. Con. Res. 75, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that those who commit or support atrocities against Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities, including Yezidis, Turkmen, Sabea-Mandean, 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", by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 112;

**Pages H1314–17 H1325–26**

Amend the title so as to read: "Expressing the sense of Congress that the atrocities perpetrated by ISIL against religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq and Syria include war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide."  
**Page H1326**

*Directing the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization:* S. 2426, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 381 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 111; and **Pages H1317–20, H1324–25**

*Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2016:* H.R. 4721, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

**Pages H1320–24**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.  
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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

*Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam:* H.R. 2081, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; **Page H1309**

*Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project:* H.R. 3447, amended, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; **Page H1309**

*Extending 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 **Page H1310**

*Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project:* H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project. **Page H1310**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1304.

**Senate Referral:** S. 524 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1324–25, H1325–26, and H1326–27. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Office of Personnel Management. Testimony was heard from Beth F. Cobert, Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2666, the “No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act”; and H.R. 4725, the “Common Sense Savings Act of 2016”.

## SENSE ACT; SMALL BUSINESS BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3797, the “SENSE Act”; and H.R. 4596, the “Small Business Broadband Deployment Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 6–4, a structured rule for H.R. 4596. The rule provides one hour of 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 provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report. The amendment 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 amendment printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also granted a structured rule for H.R. 3797. 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 provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of 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 part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without in-

structions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Latta, Pallone, and Rothfus.

*Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,  
MARCH 15, 2016**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the United States Agency for International Development, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, 3 p.m., SD–192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current state of readiness of United States forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Rhett Jeppson, of Florida, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Lisa M. Fairfax, of Maryland, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the future of self-driving cars, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the presidential memorandum issued on November 3, 2015 entitled, “Mitigating Impacts on Natural Resources from Development and Encouraging Related Private Investment.”, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Ukrainian reforms two years after the Maidan Revolution and the Russian invasion, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the security of United States visa programs, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine late-term abortion, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., SR–418.

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

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research; and Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled “Defending American Agriculture Against Foreign Pests and Diseases”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 9 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on U.S. Secret Service, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, budget hearing on the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, 10:15 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10:30 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

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

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on Department of Treasury International Programs, 10:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Federal Communications Commission, 2 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Office of Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “The U.S. Transportation Command Fiscal Year 2017 Readiness Posture”, 10:15 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for National Security Space”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2666, the “No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act”; and H.R. 4725, the “Common Sense Savings Act of 2016” (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Review of the FY 2017 Foreign Assistance Budget: Aligning Interests, Ensuring Effectiveness and Transparency”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Trade with Cuba: Growth and Opportunities”, 1:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “U.S.-India Relations: Democratic Partners of Economic Opportunity”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward National Self-Determination Movements”, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “State of Emergency: The Disaster of Cutting Preparedness Grants”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Task Force on Executive Overreach, hearing entitled “Executive Overreach in Domestic Affairs Part I—Health Care and Immigration”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “The Chevron Doctrine: Constitutional and Statutory Questions in Judicial Deference to Agencies”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 87, the “Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act”; H.R. 295, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; H.R. 329, the “Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2015”; H.R. 496, the “Alabama Hills National Scenic Area Establishment Act”; H.R. 1621, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1838, the “Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act”; H.R. 2009, the “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 2733, the “Nevada Native Nations Land Act”; H.R. 3070, the “EEZ Clarification Act”; H.R. 3211, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; H.R. 3826, the “Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act”; H.R. 4245, to exempt importation and exportation of sea urchins and sea cucumbers from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 4579, the “Utah Test and Training Range Encroachment Prevention and Temporary Closure Act”; and H.R. 4680, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of promoting and protecting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of our National Parks for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and for other purposes, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Federal Administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Flint, Michigan—Part II”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Accountability and Transparency Reform at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Racing to Regulate: EPA’s Latest Overreach on Amateur Drivers”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation,

hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled “Twenty Five Years After the Persian Gulf War: An Assessment of VA’s Disability Claim Process with Respect to Gulf War Illness”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 15 through March 18, 2016

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the House message to accompany S. 764, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations*: March 15, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the United States Agency for International Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

March 15, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, 3 p.m., SD-192.

March 16, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Guard and Reserve, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

March 17, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services*: March 15, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current state of readiness of United States forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

March 16, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle and Air

Force Remotely Piloted Aircraft Enterprises in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 16, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense’s global counterterrorism strategy, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: March 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Rhett Jeppson, of Florida, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Lisa M. Fairfax, of Maryland, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: March 15, to hold hearings to examine the future of self-driving cars, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2658, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, S. 2644, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, and a routine list in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: March 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the presidential memorandum issued on November 3, 2015 entitled, “Mitigating Impacts on Natural Resources from Development and Encouraging Related Private Investment.”, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 2177 and H.R. 959, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, S. 651 and H.R. 1289, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, H.R. 1949, to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia, S. 1329 and H.R. 2288, bills to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, H.R. 2880, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, S. 1930 and H.R. 3371, bills to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, S. 119, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, S. 718, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 770, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was

conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance, S. 1577, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1943, to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the State of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 1975, to establish the Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1982, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance, S. 1993, to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in the United States in national service positions to protect, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, S. 2039, to designate the mountain at the Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming, as Devils Tower, S. 2061, to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, S. 2309, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. Civil Rights Network, S. 2608, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the "American Discovery Trail", S. 2620, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, S. 2628, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, 3 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 16, to hold hearings to examine the 2016 Water Resources Development Act, focusing on policies and projects, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 17, to hold hearings to examine HealthCare.gov, focusing on a review of operations and enrollment, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 15, to hold hearings to examine Ukrainian reforms two years after the Maidan Revolution and the Russian invasion, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's nuclear agenda, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 16, business meeting to consider S. 1455, to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, S. 2256, to establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, to establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, to establish a grant program with respect to naloxone, S. 480, to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act, an original bill entitled, "Mental Health Reform Act of 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Plan of Safe Care Improvement Act", 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 15, to hold hearings to examine the security of United States visa programs, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Department of Homeland Security management and acquisition reform, 2 p.m., SD-342.

March 17, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency use of deference, 9 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 15, to hold hearings to examine late-term abortion, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 16, Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the impact of immigration on United States workers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine preventing a fiscal crisis in America, focusing on a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, 2 p.m., SD-226.

March 17, Full Committee, 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. 2390, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, 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, and Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 15, to hold hearings to examine pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., SR-418.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple Veterans Service Organizations, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 15, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 17, to hold hearings to examine sudden price spikes in decades-old Rx drugs, 9:45 a.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining USDA Organization and Program Administration—Part I", 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining USDA Organization and Program Administration—Part II", 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 16, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget

hearing on the National Park Service, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Department of Agriculture, Research, Education, and Economics, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, budget hearing on the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Science Foundation, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Indian Affairs; and oversight hearing on Bureau of Indian Education Schools, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Defense, oversight hearing on U.S. Central Command, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

March 17, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Department of Agriculture, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Armed Services*, March 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2017 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Military Departments", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for U.S. Cyber Command: Preparing for Operations in the Cyber Domain", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2017 Army and Air Force Rotorcraft Modernization Programs", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Evaluating DOD Investments: Case Studies in Afghanistan Initiatives and U.S. Weapons Sustainment", 4:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "The Department of the Navy 2017 Operation and Maintenance Budget Request and Readiness Posture", 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Disrupter Series: Digital Currency and Block Chain Technology", 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015: Examining Implementation of Medicare Payment Reforms", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Privatizing the Internet Assigned Number Authority", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The FDIC's Targeting of Refund Anticipation Loans", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 16, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 343, expressing concern regarding persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience in the People's Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups; and H.R. 4678, to prohibit modification, abrogation, abandonment, or other related actions with respect to United States jurisdiction and control over United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without congressional action, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "DHS in Today's Dangerous World: Examining the Department's Budget and Readiness to Counter Homeland Threats", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, March 16, Full Committee, markup on a resolution to amend the Committee regulations collectively known as the Guide to Outfitting and Maintaining an Office of the U.S. House of Representatives; a resolution to approve regulations pursuant to H. Res. 5 regarding Congressional Member Organizations; a resolution to amend the Committee regulations



collectively known as the Members' Congressional Handbook; and a resolution to amend the Committee regulations collectively known as the Committee Handbook, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 16, Full Committee, markup on the "Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act of 2016", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 16, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 87, the "Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act"; H.R. 295, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; H.R. 329, the "Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2015"; H.R. 496, the "Alabama Hills National Scenic Area Establishment Act"; H.R. 1621, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1838, the "Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act"; H.R. 2009, the "Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act of 2015"; H.R. 2733, the "Nevada Native Nations Land Act"; H.R. 3070, the "EEZ Clarification Act"; H.R. 3211, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; H.R. 3826, the "Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act"; H.R. 4245, to exempt importation and exportation of sea urchins and sea cucumbers from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 4579, the "Utah Test and Training Range Encroachment Prevention and Temporary Closure Act"; and H.R. 4680, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of promoting and protecting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of our National Parks for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and for other purposes (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Implementation of the Department of the Interior's Law Enforcement Records System", 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Rebuilding Afghanistan: Oversight of Defense Department Infrastructure Projects", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled "VA Cybersecurity and IT Oversight", 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on the Interior; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled "Examining the Renewable Fuel Standard", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining Federal Administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Flint, Michigan—Part III", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 16, Full Committee, markup and hearing on a resolution authorizing the Speaker to

appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the House of Representatives in the matter of United States, et al. v. Texas, et al., No. 15-674, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 16, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for Fiscal Year 2017", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled "An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Fiscal Year 2017", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled "An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for Fiscal Year 2017", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "SBA Management and Performance Challenges: The Inspector General's Perspective", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled "Risky Business: Effects of New Joint Employer Standards for Small Firms", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs* March 16, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity; and Subcommittee on Health, hearing on draft legislation to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 16, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Preserving and Strengthening Medicare", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 16, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4472, the "Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act"; H.R. 4722, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require inclusion of the taxpayer's social security number to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit; H.R. 4723, the "Protecting Taxpayers by Recovering Improper Obamacare Subsidy Overpayments Act"; and H.R. 4724, the "Reducing Duplicative and Ineffective Federal Funding Act", 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 16, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, hearing on FBI FY 2017 Budget, 2 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

March 17, Subcommittee on NSA and Cybersecurity, hearing on NSA FY 2017 Budget, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: March 16, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple Veterans Service Organizations, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 15

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**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of the House message to accompany S. 764, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

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