

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1890, Defend Trade Secrets Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1621–S1644

Measures Introduced: Three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2740–2742, and S. Res. 410–412.

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Measures Reported:

Reported on Monday, March 28, during the adjournment:

S. 806, to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–232)

S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012. (S. Rept. No. 114–233)

Reported on Monday, April 4:

S. 1873, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–234)

S. 800, to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 849, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1101, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support software, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2014, to demonstrate a commitment to our Nation's scientists by increasing opportunities for the development of our next generation of researchers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2687, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to improve plans of safe care for infants affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms, or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Defend Trade Secrets Act: By a unanimous vote of 87 yeas (Vote No. 39), Senate passed S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Science and Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 411, expressing support for the goals and ideals of the biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington, DC, and designating April 11 through April 17, 2016, as "National Science and Technology Week".

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Honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Martin Olav Sabo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 412, honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Martin Olav Sabo as an outstanding public servant dedicated to the State of Minnesota and the United States.

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Measures Considered:

America's Small Business Tax Relief Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on closure will occur on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. **Pages S1643–44**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Enrolled Bills Presented:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—39) **Pages S1635–36**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1644.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 34.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D241)

H.R. 1755, to amend title 36, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the congressional charter of the Disabled American Veterans. Signed on March 18, 2016. (Public Law 114–135)

S. 1172, to improve the process of presidential transition. Signed on March 18, 2016. (Public Law 114–136)

S. 1580, to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates. Signed on March 18, 2016. (Public Law 114–137)

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. Signed on March 18, 2016. (Public Law 114–138)

S. 2426, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization. Signed on March 18, 2016. (Public Law 114–139)

H.R. 1831, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking. Signed on March 30, 2016. (Public Law 114–140)

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 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. Signed on March 30, 2016. (Public Law 114–141)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
APRIL 5, 2016**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Federal Communications Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and benefits for military veterans in agriculture, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine state and public shipyards to meet current mission needs and investment strategies to support future national security requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the effects of consumer finance regulations, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine issues facing U.S.-affiliated islands and S. 2360, to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, S. 2360, to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, S. 2610, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine recent Iranian actions and implementation of the nuclear deal, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine terror in Europe, focusing on safeguarding U.S. citizens at home and abroad, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine Section 5, focusing on methods of competition, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

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

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine if the Department of Justice is adequately protecting the public from the impact of state recreational marijuana legalization, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 5 through April 8, 2016

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 636, America's Small Business Tax Relief 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)

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April 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and benefits for military veterans in agriculture, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 6, 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 Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 6, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the national intelligence and military intelligence programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

April 6, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine research and development efforts at the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 7, 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 National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 7, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Department of Defense military construction and family housing, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: April 5, to hold hearings to examine United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

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April 6, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

April 6, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the report of the Military Justice Review Group, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army 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: April 5, to hold hearings to examine the effects of consumer finance regulations, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Amias Moore Gerety, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Matthew Rhett Jeppson, of Florida, to be Director of the Mint, both of the 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; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: April 6, to hold hearings to examine the unreliability of Federal financial data, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 6, to hold hearings to examine transportation security, focusing on protecting passengers and freight, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 5, to hold an oversight hearing to examine issues facing U.S.-affiliated islands and S. 2360, to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, S. 2360, to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, S. 2610, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Geological Survey, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 6, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in keeping water and wastewater infrastructure affordable, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 5, to hold hearings to examine recent Iranian actions and implementation of the nuclear deal, 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the strategic implications of the United States debt, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

April 7, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on the West Africa Ebola epidemic, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 6, business meeting to consider S. 2700, to update the authorizing provisions relating to the workforces of the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, S. 185, to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs, S. 2713, to provide for the implementation of a Precision Medicine Initiative, an original bill entitled, "NIH Strategic Plan and Inclusion in Clinical Research", and an original bill entitled, "Promoting Biomedical Research and Public Health for Patients Act", 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 5, to hold hearings to examine terror in Europe, focusing on safeguarding U.S. citizens at home and abroad, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 6, to hold hearings to examine S. 2304, to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, S. 2468, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a 5-year demonstration program to provide grants to eligible Indian tribes for the construction of tribal schools, S. 2580, to establish the Indian Education Agency to streamline the administration of Indian education, and S. 2711, to expand opportunity for Native American children through additional options in education, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Judiciary: April 5, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine Section 5, focusing on methods of competition, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

April 7, 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 Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 6, to hold hearings to examine Federal disaster response and Small Business Administration implementation of the RISE Act, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 5, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 7, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 6, to hold hearings to examine finding a cure, focusing on assessing progress to-

ward the goal of ending Alzheimer's by 2025, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: April 5, to hold hearings to examine if the Department of Justice is adequately protecting the public from the impact of state recreational marijuana legalization, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 636, America's Small Business Tax Relief Act.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3:30 p.m., Monday, April 11

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 34.



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