

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S1983–S2065

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2786–2798, S.J. Res. 32, and S. Res. 419–424. **Page S2024**

#### Measures Passed:

**Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1493, to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Inhofe (for Casey/Corker) Amendment No. 3788, relative to emergency protection for Syrian cultural property. **Page S2063**

**International Women's Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 388, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2063**

**Congratulating University of North Dakota Men's Hockey Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 419, congratulating the University of North Dakota men's hockey team for winning the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association division I men's hockey championship. **Page S2064**

**Congratulating Augustana Men's Basketball Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 420, congratulating the 2016 national champion Augustana Vikings for their win in the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men's Basketball Tournament. **Page S2064**

**Congratulating University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, congratulating the University of Connecticut Women's Basketball Team for winning the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I title. **Page S2064**

**National Crime Victims' Rights Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, supporting the mission and goals of 2016 "National Crime Victims' Rights Week", which include increasing public awareness of

the rights, needs, concerns of, and services available to assist victims and survivors of crime in the United States.

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**Congratulating University of Minnesota Women's Ice Hockey Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 423, congratulating the University of Minnesota Women's Ice Hockey Team on winning the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

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**Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 424, supporting the goals and ideals of Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day.

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**Authorizing Use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 115, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

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**Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to 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.

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**Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 120, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 3rd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony.

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#### Measures Considered:

**America's Small Business Tax Relief Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3679, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1985**

Thune Amendment No. 3680 (to Amendment No. 3679), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1985**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that amendments submitted to the previous substitute, McConnell (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 3464, be considered to be submitted to the new substitute, McConnell (for Thune/Nelson)

Amendment No. 3679 (listed above), as long as the instructions to the Clerk are drafted properly.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

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**Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate resume consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States; that it be in order to call up the following amendments en bloc, and that the amendments be called up and reported by number: Cantwell Amendment No. 3276; Klobuchar Modified Amendment No. 3302; Flake Amendment No. 3055; Flake Amendment No. 3050; Hatch Amendment No. 3237; Murkowski Amendment No. 3308; Heller Modified Amendment No. 3286; Vitter Amendment No. 3075; Portman/Shaheen Amendment No. 3168; Shaheen Modified Amendment No. 3292; Heinrich Amendment No. 3155; Manchin Amendment No. 3270; Cantwell Modified Amendment No. 3313; Cantwell Amendment No. 3214; Vitter Amendment No. 3266; Sullivan Amendment No. 3310; Heinrich Amendment No. 3317; Vitter Modified Amendment No. 3265; Kaine Amendment No. 3012; Alexander/Merkley Amendment No. 3290; Gillibrand/Cassidy Amendment No. 3004; Warner Modified Amendment No. 3233; Thune Amendment No. 3239; Udall/Portman Amendment No. 3221; Coons Amendment No. 3203; Portman Modified Amendment No. 3309; Flake Amendment No. 3229; and Inhofe Amendment No. 3251; that immediately following the reporting of the amendments, it be in order for the Senate to vote on or in relation to these amendments en bloc, as well as Murkowski Amendment No. 2963, with no intervening action or debate; that it be in order to call up the following amendments en bloc, and that the amendments be called up and reported by number: Murkowski/Cantwell Modified Amendment No. 3234; Isakson/Bennet Amendment No. 3202; Burr Amendment No. 3175; Lankford Amendment No. 3210; Boozman Amendment No. 3311; Udall Amendment No. 3312; and Paul Amendment No. 3787; that there be two hours of debate, equally divided in the usual form, on the amendments concurrently, that no further amendments to these amendments be in order, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed, with a 60 affirmative vote threshold for adoption of each of the amendments, with no intervening action or debate;

that following the disposition of Paul Amendment No. 3787, Senate vote on or in relation to Cassidy Amendment No. 2954, with a 60 vote affirmative threshold for adoption; that following disposition of Cassidy Amendment No. 2954, the substitute, Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, as amended, be agreed to, and that notwithstanding rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture, upon reconsideration, on the bill, as amended, that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; and that budget points of order not be barred by virtue of this agreement.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S2065.)

## **Committee Meetings**

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017".

### **APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral J.D. Syring,

USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2017”.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Dee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, both of the Department of Defense.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, Commander, United States Northern Command and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Vice Admiral J.D. Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General David L. Mann, USA, Commanding General, Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense.

## BUDGETING TO MAXIMIZE TAXPAYER VALUE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine budgeting for outcomes to maximize taxpayer value, after receiving testimony from Paul L. Posner, George Mason University School of Policy, Government and International Affairs, and Maurice P. McTigue, George Mason University Mercatus Center, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Roy T. Meyers, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of environmental policies on access to energy and economic opportunity, after receiving testimony from Alex Epstein, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, Laguna Beach, California; Reverend Robert A. Sirico, Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Michael Breen, Truman Project and Truman Center, Reverend J. Herbert Nelson II, Presbyterian Church Office of Public Witness, and Major General (Ret.), Robert Scales, all of Washington, D.C.

## ENDING SEXUAL ABUSE IN U.N. PEACEKEEPING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ending sexual abuse in United Nations peacekeeping, after receiving testimony from Isobel Coleman, Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, Tracey Jacobson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, and Major General Michael Rothstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Plans, Programs, and Operations, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, all of the Department of State; Peter Yeo, Better World Campaign, Washington, D.C.; and Miranda Brown, Geneva, Switzerland.

## AMERICA'S DEMAND FOR DRUGS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's insatiable demand for drugs, after receiving testimony from General John F. Kelly, USMC (Ret.), former Combatant Commander, United States Southern Command, Department of Defense, Woodbridge, Virginia; Jonathan P. Caulkins, Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Cheryl G. Healton, New York University College of Global Public Health, New York, New York; Tony Sgro, EdVenture Partners, Orinda, California; and Robert J. Budsock, Integrity House, Newark, New Jersey.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2205, to establish a grant program to assist tribal governments in establishing tribal healing to wellness courts, S. 2421, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, S. 2564, to modernize prior legislation relating to Dine College, S. 2643, to improve the implementation of the settlement agreement reached between the Pueblo de Cochiti of New

Mexico and the Corps of Engineers, and S. 2717, to improve the safety and address the deferred maintenance needs of Indian dams to prevent flooding on Indian reservations, after receiving testimony from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Nicholas Garcia, Pueblo de Cochiti, Cochiti Pueblo, New Mexico; Paul Day, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, Minnesota; Martn Miguel Ahumada, Din, College, Tsaile, Arizona; Julie Roberts-Hyslop, Tanana Tribal Council, Tanana, Alaska; and Robert J. Clark, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Dillingham, Alaska.

## EB-5 TARGETED EMPLOYMENT AREAS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine EB-5 targeted employment areas, after receiving testimony from Representatives Goodlatte, Conyers, and Amodei; Daniel J. Healy, Civitas Capital Group, Dallas, Texas; Timothy J. Whipple, Iowa Economic Development Authority, Des Moines; Peter D. Joseph, Invest In the USA, Washington, D.C.; and Gary Friedland, New York University Stern School of Business, New York, New York.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 4921–4935; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 677–679 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 4509, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify membership of State planning committees or urban area working groups for the Homeland Security Grant Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–491);

H.R. 4482, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a southwest border threat analysis, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–492); and

H.R. 4549, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conduct security screening at certain airports, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–493).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Steve Thomlison, St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Exeter, Nebraska.

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**No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 672, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2666) to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from regulating the rates charged for broadband Internet access service, by a

recorded vote of 242 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 142, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 141.

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**Financial Stability Oversight Council Reform Act and Raising the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 671, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3340) to place the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Office of Financial Research under the regular appropriations process, to provide for certain quarterly reporting and public notice and comment requirements for the Office of Financial Research, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3791) to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 144, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 143.

**Pages H1648–52, H1653–55**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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

**Border and Maritime Coordination Improvement Act:** H.R. 3586, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve border and maritime security coordination in the Department of Homeland Security;

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**Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016:** H.R. 4482, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a southwest border threat analysis;

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***State and High-Risk Urban Area Working Group Act:*** H.R. 4509, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify membership of State planning committees or urban area working groups for the Homeland Security Grant Program;

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***Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016:*** H.R. 4549, amended, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conduct security screening at certain airports; and

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***Enhancing Overseas Traveler Vetting Act:*** H.R. 4403, amended, to authorize the development of open-source software based on certain systems of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State to facilitate the vetting of travelers against terrorist watchlists and law enforcement databases, enhance border management, and improve targeting and analysis.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1645.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2133 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1652, H1653, H1653–54, H1654. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **ENERGY AND THE RURAL ECONOMY: THE IMPACTS OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION**

**Committee on Agriculture:** Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Energy and the Rural Economy: The Impacts of Oil and Gas Production”. Testimony was heard from Martin T. Causer, Majority Chairman, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Pennsylvania House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Full Committee held a markup on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, and Interim Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was ordered reported, as amended. The Interim Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017 passed.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a markup on the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### **BUILDING THE NAVY OF THE FUTURE: A LOOK AT NAVY FORCE STRUCTURE**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Building the Navy of the Future: A Look at Navy Force Structure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FLINT WATER CRISIS: IMPACTS AND LESSONS LEARNED**

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy; and Subcommittee on Health, held a joint hearing entitled “Flint Water Crisis: Impacts and Lessons Learned”. Testimony was heard from Joel Beauvais, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Keith Creagh, Director, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Nick Lyon, Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on seven communications bills. Testimony was heard from Detective Sergeant B.A. Finley, Criminal Investigations Division, Johns Creek Police Department, Johns Creek, Georgia; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

**Committee on Financial Services:** Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1486, the “Taking Account of Bureaucrats’ Spending Act of 2015”; and H.R. 4894, to repeal title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and for

other purposes. H.R. 1486 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4894 was ordered reported, without amendment.

### ASSESSING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA FY 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Assessing President Obama’s Middle East and North Africa FY 2017 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Paige Alexander, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### COUNTERING EXTREMISM AND THE THREAT OF ISIS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Countering Extremism and the Threat of ISIS in Southeast Asia”. Testimony was heard from W. Patrick Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asia and the Pacific, Department of State; Marie Richards, Deputy Counterterrorism Coordinator for Regional and Multilateral Affairs, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### PEACEKEEPERS: ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AND ABSENCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Peacekeepers: Allegations of Abuse and Absence of Accountability at the United Nations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 699, the “Email Privacy Act”. H.R. 699 was ordered reported, as amended.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing on a discussion draft of the “Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act”. Testimony was heard from Antonio Weiss, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### EMPOWERING STATES AND WESTERN WATER USERS THROUGH REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “Empowering States and Western Water Users Through Regulatory and Administrative Reforms”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 4900, the “Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA)”.

### WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: GAO'S 2016 DUPLICATION REPORT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Waste and Inefficiency in the Federal Government: GAO’s 2016 Duplication Report”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; John Dalrymple, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury; David Tillotson, Deputy Director, Defense Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; and Patrick H. Conway, Acting Principal Deputy Administrator, Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

### EXAMINING THE SAFETY AND SERVICE OF D.C. METRO

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Safety and Service of D.C. Metro”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Flowers, Senior Advisor, Federal Transit Administration; Christopher Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

### KEEP IT SIMPLE: SMALL BUSINESS TAX SIMPLIFICATION AND REFORM, MAIN STREET SPEAKS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Keep It Simple: Small Business Tax Simplification and Reform, Main Street Speaks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## KEEP IT SIMPLE: SMALL BUSINESS TAX SIMPLIFICATION AND REFORM, THE COMMISSIONER RESPONDS

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Keep It Simple: Small Business Tax Simplification and Reform, the Commissioner Responds”. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3936, the “VET Act”; H.R. 4087, the “Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act”; H.R. 4757, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries; H.R. 4758, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the award of the Presidential Memorial Certificate to certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces and certain deceased members of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps; H.R. 4759, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans’ cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization; H.R. 4782, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2016”; H.R. 3715, the “Final Farewell Act of 2015”; a draft of the “Medal of Honor Legacy Act”; a draft of the “Love Lives On Act of 2016”; a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the consideration of evidence by Board of Veterans’ Appeals; and a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to pay special compensation to certain veterans with the loss or loss of use of creative organs. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of Florida; and Representatives Brown of Florida; Costello; and Love; and David R. McLenachen, Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick K. Hallinan, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3724, the “Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act of 2015”; H.R. 4890, to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy; H.R. 4885, the “IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending (OWES) Act

of 2016”; H.R. 1206, the “No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act”. H.R. 3724, H.R. 4890, H.R. 4885, and H.R. 1206 were ordered reported, as amended.

## MEMBER PROPOSALS RELATING TO FUNDAMENTAL REFORM OF THE INCOME TAX SYSTEM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Tax Policy held a hearing on Member proposals relating to fundamental reform of the income tax system. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte; Representative Williams; and Thomas Barthold, Staff Director, Joint Committee on Taxation.

## ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This hearing was closed.

## Joint Meetings

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—2016:* Committee announced the following membership: Senator Blunt (Chairman), Senator McConnell, Senator Schumer, Representative Paul Ryan, Representative McCarthy, and Representative Pelosi.

Also, Committee approved its budget.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for fiscal year 2017, proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for fiscal year 2017, and 302(b) subcommittee allocations, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings to examine current trends and changes in the fixed-income markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine options for addressing the continuing lack of reliable emergency medical transportation for the isolated community of King Cove, Alaska, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management's proposed rule, entitled "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resources Conservation," published in the *Federal Register* on February 8, 2016, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Federal perspective on the state of our nation's biodefense, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 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 nomination of Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled "Focus on the Farm Economy: Growing Farm Financial Pressure", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense, oversight hearing on United States Pacific Command, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "The Missile Defeat Posture and Strategy of the United States—the FY17 President's Budget Request", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Innovations in Health Care: Exploring Free-Market Solutions for a Healthy Workforce", 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "NHTSA Oversight", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 4775, the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The JOBS Act at Four: Examining Its Impact and Proposals to Further Enhance Capital Formation", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "International Trade Commission Patent Litigation", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on the "Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2016", 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4900, the "Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA)" (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4901, the "Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 4902, to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations; H.R. 4906, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of employees of a land management agency in a time-limited appointment to compete for a permanent appointment at any Federal agency, and for other purposes; H.R. 4921, the "Ditto Act of 2016"; H.R. 4904, the "Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act of 2016"; H.R. 4465, the "Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016"; H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the "Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office"; H.R. 2607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the "Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building"; H.R. 4425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegeville, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office"; H.R. 4761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 61 South Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, California, as the "Louis Van Iersel Post Office"; H.R. 4777, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1301 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama as the "Amelia Boynton Robinson Post Office Building"; and H.R. 4877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "Can the IRS Protect Taxpayers' Personal Information?", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to educational assistance, and for other purposes; a draft of the “Veterans Success on Campus Act of 2016”; a draft of the “GI Bill Oversight Act of 2016”; and a draft bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a research program to evaluate the effectiveness of Transition Assistance Program in addressing needs of certain minority veterans, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Tax Treatment of Health Care”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, organizational meeting; and hearing entitled “Miscellaneous Tariff Bill: Helping U.S. Manufacturers through Tax Cuts”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “General Defense Intelligence Program Budget Hearing”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
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House Chamber

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