

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 636, Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2131–S2203

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2814–2819, S. Res. 431, and S. Con. Res. 35. **Page S2197**

Measures Passed:

Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act: By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 47), Senate passed of H.R. 636, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2143–45**

Adopted:

Thune Amendment No. 3799, to amend the title. **Page S2144**

Fallen Heroes Flag Act: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. 2755, to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of firefighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2201–02**

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2722, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2202**

Recognizing the 4-H Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 431, recognizing the immeasurable benefits of the national 4-H program to the young people of the United States and supporting the campaign to expand the 4-H program. **Page S2202**

Measures Considered:

Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2145–91**

Adopted:

Murkowski (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 3276 (to Amendment No. 2953), to strike certain provisions relating to technology demonstration on the distribution system, large-scale geothermal energy, and bio-power initiatives. **Pages S2145–91**

Murkowski (for Klobuchar) Modified Amendment No. 3302 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify provisions relating to the energy efficiency materials pilot program. **Pages S2145–91**

Murkowski (for Flake/McCain) Amendment No. 3055 (to Amendment No. 2953), to establish a pilot project relating to the Western Area Power Administration. **Pages S2145–91**

Murkowski (for Flake) Amendment No. 3050 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require the Secretary of Energy to make available certain information about research grants of the Department of Energy. **Pages S2145–91**

Murkowski (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3237 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit recommendations to Congress on incorporating Internet-based lease sales for the sale of Federal oil and gas in certain circumstances. **Pages S2145–91**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3308 (to Amendment No. 2953), to clarify certain provisions relating to the natural gas pipeline authorized in the Denali National Park and Preserve. **Pages S2145–91**

Murkowski (for Heller/Heinrich) Modified Amendment No. 3286 (to Amendment No. 2953), to promote the development of renewable energy on public land. **Pages S2145–91**

Murkowski (for Vitter) Amendment No. 3075 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to review the economic impact of a rule on small entities.

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Murkowski (for Portman) Amendment No. 3168 (to Amendment No. 2953), to exclude power supply circuits, drivers, and devices designed to be connected to, and power, light-emitting diodes or organic light-emitting diodes providing illumination or ceiling fans using direct current motors from energy conservation standards for external power supplies.

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Murkowski (for Shaheen) Modified Amendment No. 3292 (to Amendment No. 2953), to reduce barriers to combined heat and power systems and waste heat to power systems.

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Murkowski (for Heinrich) Amendment No. 3155 (to Amendment No. 2953), to ensure that minority serving-institutions are considered in developing a strategy for the support and development of a skilled energy workforce, and to ensure the Secretary of Energy shall provide direct assistance in carrying out the energy workforce pilot grant program.

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Murkowski (for Manchin) Amendment No. 3270 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify provisions relating to the coal technology program.

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Murkowski (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 3313 (to Amendment No. 2953), to express the sense of the Senate on accelerating energy innovation.

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Murkowski (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for improved energy emergency response efforts of the Department of Energy.

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Murkowski (for Vitter) Amendment No. 3266 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to prepare a report relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement relating to the legal procurement of privately owned helicopter fuel, without agreement, from lessees, permit holders, operators of federally leased offshore facilities, or independent third parties.

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Murkowski (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 3310 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for the correction of a survey of certain land in the State of Alaska.

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Murkowski (for Heinrich) Amendment No. 3317 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require the Secretary of Energy to ensure that the costs of general and administrative overhead are not allocated to laboratory directed research and development.

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Murkowski (for Vitter) Modified Amendment No. 3265 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide additional priorities for an energy workforce pilot grant program.

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Murkowski (for Kaine/Warner) Amendment No. 3012 (to Amendment No. 2953), to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia.

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Murkowski (for Alexander/Merkley) Amendment No. 3290 (to Amendment No. 2953), to add a provision relating to secondary use applications of electric vehicle batteries.

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Murkowski (for Gillibrand/Cassidy) Amendment No. 3004 (to Amendment No. 2953), to allow the use of Federal disaster relief and emergency assistance for energy-efficient products and structures.

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Murkowski (for Warner/Kaine) Modified Amendment No. 3233 (to Amendment No. 2953), to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land.

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Murkowski (for Thune) Amendment No. 3239 (to Amendment No. 2953), to establish a subcommittee to coordinate and facilitate United States leadership in high-energy physics.

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Murkowski (for Udall) Amendment No. 3221 (to Amendment No. 2953), to establish a voluntary WaterSense program within the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Murkowski (for Coons) Amendment No. 3203 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for a study of waivers of certain cost-sharing requirements of the Department of Energy.

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Murkowski (for Portman) Modified Amendment No. 3309 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for activities relating to the centennial of the National Park System.

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Murkowski (for Flake) Amendment No. 3229 (to Amendment No. 2953), to establish a program to reduce the potential impacts of solar energy facilities on certain species.

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Murkowski (for Inhofe/Peters) Amendment No. 3251 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify the calculation of fuel economy for gaseous fuel dual fueled automobiles.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to bulk-power system reliability impact statements.

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By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 48), Murkowski/Cantwell Modified Amendment No. 3234 (to Amendment No. 2953), to add certain provisions relating to natural resources. (Pursuant to the

order of Wednesday, April 13, 2016, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Page S2187**

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 49), Isakson Amendment No. 3202 (to Amendment No. 2953), to improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting used by the Federal Housing Administration by ensuring that energy costs are included in the underwriting process, to reduce the amount of energy consumed by homes, to facilitate the creation of energy efficiency retrofit and construction jobs. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 13, 2016, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Page S2188**

Murkowski (for Burr) Modified Amendment No. 3175 (to Amendment No. 2953), to ensure that the Secretary of the Interior collaborates fully with State and local authorities and certain nonprofit entities in managing the Corolla Wild Horse population on Federal Land. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S2188**

Murkowski (for Cassidy/Markey) Amendment No. 2954 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for certain increases in, and limitations on, the drawdown and sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S2145**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2145**

Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 50), Lankford Amendment No. 3210 (to Amendment No. 2953), to add provisions relating to acquisition of Federal land under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 13, 2016, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S2189**

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 51), Boozman Amendment No. 3311 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require a report relating to certain transmission infrastructure projects. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 13, 2016, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2189–90**

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 52), Udall Amendment No. 3312 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require the Secretary of the Treasury to develop a plan for issuance of Clean Energy Victory Bonds. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 13, 2016, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S2190**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 33 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 53), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to consideration of Paul Amendment No. 3787 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for the establishment of free market enterprise zones in order to help facilitate the creation of new jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities, enhanced and renewed educational opportunities, and increased community involvement in bankrupt or economically distressed areas. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S2190–91**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, upon reconsideration, be vitiated. **Page S2191**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that at 10 a.m., Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S2191**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. **Page S2202**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order expanding the scope of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, with respect to Libya; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–46) **Pages S2196–97**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S2203**

Messages from the House: **Page S2197**

Measures Referred: **Page S2197**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2197–99**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2199–S2200**

Additional Statements: **Page S2196**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S2200**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2201**

Privileges of the Floor: Page S2201

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—53) Pages S2143, S2187–91

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2202.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for transportation, housing and urban development, and related agencies.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for commerce, justice, science, and related agencies.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Vincent K. Brooks, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a closed hearing to examine cybersecurity and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Atkin, Acting Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Principal Deputy of the Principal Cyber Advisor to the Secretary and performing the functions of the Principal Cyber Advisor to the Secretary, and Lieutenant General James K. McLaughlin, USAF, Deputy Com-

mander, United States Cyber Command, both of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET: EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE ALLIANCE FOR PROSPERITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Central America and the Alliance for Prosperity, focusing on identifying United States priorities and assessing progress, after receiving testimony from Francisco Palmieri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, and Jose R. Cardenas, former Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, both of the United States Agency for International Development; and Jim Swigert, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs Latin America and Caribbean Programs, Washington, D.C.

PREVENTING DRUG TRAFFICKING THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MAIL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee met to discuss preventing drug trafficking through international mail, receiving testimony from Guy Cottrell, Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Inspection Service, United States Postal Service; Joseph P. Murphy, Chief, International Postal Policy Unit, Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; Mark W. Hamlet, Special Agent in Charge, Special Operations Division, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice; Todd C. Owen, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Norman T. Schenk, United Parcel Service, Inc., Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 4992–4995; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 88; and H. Res. 692–693, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 414, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain additional disclosure requirements, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–504);

H.R. 1975, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Securities Exchange Commission to refund or credit excess payments made to the Commission (H. Rept. 114–505);

H.R. 2357, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S–3 so as to add listing and registration of a class of common equity securities on a national securities exchange as an additional basis for satisfying the requirements of General Instruction I.B.1. of such form and to remove such listing and registration as a requirement of General Instruction I.B.6. of such form (H. Rept. 114–506);

H.R. 3557, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to hold open meetings and comply with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, to provide additional improvements to the Council, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–507);

H.R. 3868, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to remove certain restrictions on the ability of business development companies to own securities of investment advisers and certain financial companies, to change certain requirements relating to the capital structure of business development companies, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise certain rules relating to business development companies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–508);

H.R. 4498, to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law (H. Rept. 114–509); and

H.R. 1481, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the small business industrial base, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–510).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Kevin Hintze, Zion Lutheran Church, Georgetown, Texas. **Pages H1811–12**

No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act and IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending Act of 2016—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 687, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1206) to prohibit the hiring of additional Internal Revenue Service employees until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that no employee of the Internal Revenue Service has a seriously delinquent tax debt, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4885) to require that user fees collected by the Internal Revenue Service be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury, by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 158, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 157.

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Imposing 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 and Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 688, providing for consideration of the bill (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, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3724) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from rehiring any employee of the Internal Revenue Service who was involuntarily separated from service for misconduct, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 156, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 155.

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

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Internal Revenue Service should provide printed copies of Internal Revenue Service Publication 17 to taxpayers in the United States free of charge: H. Res. 673, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Internal Revenue Service should provide printed copies of Internal Revenue Service Publication 17 to taxpayers in the United States free of charge; **Pages H1825–27**

Prohibiting the use of funds by the Internal Revenue Service to target citizens of the United States for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States: H.R. 4903, to prohibit the use of funds by the Internal Revenue Service to target citizens of the United States for exercising any right guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; **Pages H1827–30**

Service Provider Opportunity Clarification Act: H.R. 4284, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue regulations providing examples of a failure to comply in good faith with the requirements of prime contractors with respect to subcontracting plans; **Pages H1830–31**

Small Agriculture Producer Size Standards Improvements Act: H.R. 3714, to amend the Small Business Act to allow the Small Business Administration to establish size standards for small agricultural enterprises using the same process for establishing size standards for small business concerns; **Pages H1831–33**

Maximizing Small Business Competition Act of 2016: H.R. 4332, to amend the Small Business Act to clarify the duties of procurement center representatives with respect to reviewing solicitations for a contract or task order contract; **Pages H1833–34**

Unifying Small Business Terminology Act of 2016: H.R. 4325, to amend the Small Business Act to modify the anticipated value of certain contracts reserved exclusively for small business concerns; and **Pages H1834–35**

Small and Disadvantaged Business Enhancement Act of 2016: H.R. 4326, to amend the Small Business Act to expand the duties of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. **Pages H1835–37**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he has issued an executive order expanding the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011 with respect to Libya—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–124). **Page H1837**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1814 and H1850.

Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1822–23, H1823–24, H1824, and H1824–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: TIGHTENING CREDIT CONDITIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: Tightening Credit Conditions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; and Revised Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 were ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017 passed.

REVIEWING RECENT CHANGES TO OSHA’S SILICA STANDARDS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Reviewing Recent Changes to OSHA’s Silica Standards”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DECIPHERING THE DEBATE OVER ENCRYPTION: INDUSTRY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Deciphering the Debate Over Encryption: Industry and Law Enforcement Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Captain Charles Cohen, Commander, Office of Intelligence and Investigative Technologies, Indiana State Police; Chief Thomas Galati, Chief, Intelligence Bureau, New York City Police Department; Amy Hess, Executive Assistant Director for Science and Technology, Federal Bureau of Investigations; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE ACCESS AND CHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015: EXAMINING PHYSICIAN EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR MEDICARE PAYMENT REFORMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015: Examining Physician Efforts to Prepare for Medicare Payment Reforms”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a markup on H.R. 4889, the “Kelsey Smith Act of 2016”; H.R. 4167, the “Kari’s Law Act of 2015”; H.R. 4884, the “Controlling the Unchecked and Reckless Ballooning of the Lifeline Fund Act (CURB Lifeline)”; H.R. 4111, the “Rural Health Care Connectivity Act of 2015”; H.R. 4190, the “Spectrum Challenge Prize Act of 2015”; H.R. 3998, the “Securing Access to Networks in Disasters (SANDy) Act”; and H.R. 2031, the “Anti-Swatting Act of 2015”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 4889 and H.R. 4884. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 4167, H.R. 4111, H.R. 4190, H.R. 3998, and H.R. 2031.

PREVENTING CULTURAL GENOCIDE: COUNTERING THE PLUNDER AND SALE OF PRICELESS CULTURAL ANTIQUITIES BY ISIS

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “Preventing Cultural Genocide: Countering the Plunder and Sale of Priceless Cultural Antiquities by ISIS”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FY 2017 BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR EAST ASIA: ENGAGEMENT, INTEGRATION, AND DEMOCRACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “FY 2017 Budget Priorities for East Asia: Engagement, Integration, and Democracy”. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Russel, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Jonathan Stivers, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ISRAEL IMPERILED: THREATS TO THE JEWISH STATE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint hearing entitled “Israel Imperiled:

Threats to the Jewish State”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KEEPING PACE WITH TRADE, TRAVEL, AND SECURITY: HOW DOES CBP PRIORITIZE AND IMPROVE STAFFING AND INFRASTRUCTURE?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Keeping Pace with Trade, Travel, and Security: How does CBP Prioritize and Improve Staffing and Infrastructure?”. Testimony was heard from the following Customs and Border Protection officials: Eugene Schied, Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Enterprise Services; Linda Jacksta, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Human Resources Management; and John P. Wagner, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations; Michael Gelber, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and a public witness.

PIPELINES: SECURING THE VEINS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Pipelines: Securing the Veins of the American Economy”. Testimony was heard from Sonya Proctor, Surface Division Director, Office of Security Policy and Industry Engagement, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Paul W. Parfomak, Specialist in Energy and Infrastructure Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

THE REAL VICTIMS OF A RECKLESS AND LAWLESS IMMIGRATION POLICY: FAMILIES AND SURVIVORS SPEAK OUT ON THE REAL COST OF THIS ADMINISTRATION’S POLICIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing entitled “The Real Victims of a Reckless and Lawless Immigration Policy: Families and Survivors Speak Out on the Real Cost of This Administration’s Policies”. Testimony was heard from Charles Jenkins, Sheriff, Frederick County, Maryland; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE OVERREACH IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS PART II—IRS ABUSE, WELFARE REFORM, AND OTHER ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Executive Overreach held a hearing entitled “Executive Overreach in Domestic Affairs Part II—IRS Abuse, Welfare Reform, and Other Issues”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECENT CHANGES TO ENDANGERED SPECIES CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Recent Changes to Endangered Species Critical Habitat Designation and Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3881, the “Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Glenn Casamassa, Association Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service; and public witnesses.

DOCUMENT PRODUCTION STATUS UPDATE, PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Document Production Status Update, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Howard Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Jim R. Esquea, Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services; and Jonathan E. Meyer, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

DATA ACT: MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Information Technology, held a joint hearing entitled “DATA Act: Monitoring Implementation Progress”. Testimony was heard from Michelle Sager, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; David Mader, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; David A. Lebryk, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Michael Peckham, Executive Director, DATA Act Program Management Office, Department of Health and Human Services.

THE COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY: SMALL SATELLITE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “The Commercial Space Launch Industry: Small Satellite Opportunities and Challenges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A CONTINUED ASSESSMENT OF DELAYS IN VETERANS’ ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Continued Assessment of Delays in Veterans’ Access to Health Care”. Testimony was heard from David Shulkin, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Larry Reinkemeyer, Director, Kansas City Office of Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Debra Draper, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office.

TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the tax return filing season. Testimony was heard from Representative Renacci; John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; Timothy Camus, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations and Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; and Jessica Lucas-Judy, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine anticipating and preventing deadly attacks on European Jewish communities, after receiving testimony from Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative of the Office for Security and Co-operation in Europe Chairman-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism, Washington, D.C.; Jonathan Biermann, Crisis Cell for Belgian Jewish Community, Brussels, Belgium; John Farmer, Rutgers University Faith-Based Communities Security Program, Newark, New Jersey; and Paul Goldenberg, Secure Community Network, Cream Ridge, New Jersey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Defense innovation and research, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

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 Environmental Protection Agency, 10:45 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the current state of research, diagnosis, and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine restoring stability to government operations, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States maritime industry, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine new approaches and innovative technologies to improve water supply, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill to prevent identity theft and tax refund fraud, and an original bill entitled, "Taxpayer Protection Act of 2016", 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on an Administration update on the Mosul Dam, 5 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the administrative state, focusing on an examination of Federal rulemaking, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Inga S. Bernstein, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Suzanne Mitchell, and Scott L. Palk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Ronald G. Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress, 2:15 p.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 11:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and

the Economy, joint hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2017 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "The Pricing of Fetal Tissue", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "How Secure are U.S. Bioresearch Labs? Preventing the Next Safety Lapse", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 4978, the "Nurturing and Supporting Healthy Babies Act"; H.R. 4641, to provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes; H.R. 3680, the "Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015"; H.R. 3691, the "Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act"; H.R. 1818, the "Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act"; the "Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act"; H.R. 3250, the "DXM Abuse Prevention Act"; H.R. 4969, the "John Thomas Decker Act of 2016"; H.R. 4586, "Lali's Law"; H.R. 4599, the "Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016"; H.R. 4976, the "Opioid Review Modernization Act"; and the "Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016", 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1150, the "Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2015"; H.R. 3694, the "Strategy to Oppose Predatory Organ Trafficking Act"; H.R. 4939, the "United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016"; H. Con. Res. 88, reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations; S. 284, the "Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act"; and S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on S. 1890, the "Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016"; S. 125, the "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015"; H.R. 3380, the "Transnational Drug Trafficking Act of 2015"; and H.R. 4985, to amend the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act to protect classified information in Federal court challenges, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1869, the "Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2015"; H.R. 2993, the "Water Recycling Acceleration Act of 2015"; and H.R. 4582, the "Save Our Salmon (SOS) Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled "Exploring Current Natural Resource Research Efforts and the Future of America's Land-Grant Colleges and Universities", 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled

“Federal Cybersecurity Detection, Response, and Mitigation”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Interior, hearing entitled “Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part I”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “An Overview of Fusion Energy Science”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business and the Federal Government: How Cyber-Attacks Threaten Both”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 4957, to designate the Federal building located at 99 New York Avenue, N.E., in the District of Columbia as the “Ariel Rios Federal Building”; H.R. 4937, the “Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016”; H.R. 4231, to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 2460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; H.R. 3956, the “VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act”; H.R. 3974, the “Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2015”; H.R. 3989, the “Support Our Military Caregivers Act”; draft legislation to ensure that each VA medical facility complies with requirements relating to scheduling veterans for health care appointments and to improve the uniform application of directives; and draft legislation to direct VA to establish a list of drugs that require an increased level of informed consent, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of Veterans Preference in Federal Government Hiring”, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4923, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine our complex tax code and the economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

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Following disposition of S. 2012, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2028, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

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Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 488—IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending Act of 2016 and H.R. 1206—No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act.

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