

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S2465–S2501*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2856–2868, and S. Res. 442–446.

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#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 438, to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–245)

S. 480, to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1455, to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2256, to establish programs for health care provider training in Federal health care and medical facilities, to establish Federal co-prescribing guidelines, to establish a grant program with respect to naloxone, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### **Measures Passed:**

**15th Anniversary of Plan Colombia:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 368, supporting efforts by the Government of Colombia to pursue peace and the end of the country's enduring internal armed conflict and recognizing United States support for Colombia at the 15th anniversary of Plan Colombia.

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**United States-Israel Economic Relationship:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 383, recognizing the importance of the United States-Israel economic relationship and encouraging new areas of cooperation, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Perdue) Amendment No. 3882, to foster investment and private sector market entry.

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McConnell (for Perdue) Amendment No. 3883, to amend the preamble.

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**Honoring the Life of Prince:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, honoring the life and achievements of Prince.

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**100th Anniversary of Coast Guard Aviation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Coast Guard aviation and the contribution of Coast Guard aviators to naval aviation and the safety and security of the United States.

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**National 9–1–1 Education Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 446, designating April 2016 as "National 9–1–1 Education Month".

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#### **Measures Considered:**

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### **Pending:**

Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801, in the nature of a substitute.

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Alexander Amendment No. 3804 (to Amendment No. 3801), to modify provisions relating to Nuclear Regulatory Commission fees.

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

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 64), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801 (listed above).

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Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Alexander/Feinstein Amendment No. 3801.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

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#### **Appointments:**

**United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the

Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Sandra Jolley of Nevada, vice Katrina Lantos Swett of New Hampshire.

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**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, be withdrawn.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2499**

**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—64) **Page S2470**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2501.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Ash Carter, Secretary, and General Joseph Dunford Jr., USMC, Chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

### **THE BUDGET PROCESS**

**Committee on the Budget:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine fixing the budget process, focusing on better budgets and better results, after receiving testimony from James C. Capretta, Ethics and Public Policy Center, and Stan Collender, Qorvis MSLGROUP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Barry Anderson, Bethesda, Maryland.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2644, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 421, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2607, to ensure appropriate spectrum planning and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2508, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth;

S. 2829, to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2325, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2817, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nomination of Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission; and

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

### **U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS**

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-China relations, focusing on strategic challenges and opportunities,

after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State.

## GOVERNMENT REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine government reform, focusing on ending duplication and holding Washington accountable, after receiving testimony from former Senator Tom Coburn; and Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1928, to support the education of Indian children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2205, to establish a grant program to assist tribal governments in establishing tribal healing to wellness courts;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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. 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment; and

S. 2717, to improve the safety and address the deferred maintenance needs of Indian dams to prevent flooding on Indian reservations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on “Telecommunications: Additional Coordination and Performance Measurement Needed for High-Speed Internet Access Programs on Tribal Lands.”, after receiving testimony from Brandon McBride, Rural Utilities Service Administrator, Department of Agriculture; Gigi B. Sohn, Counselor to the Chairman, Office of the

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage; and Godfrey Enjady, National Tribal Telecommunications Association, Mescalero, New Mexico.

## COUNTERFEITS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine counterfeits and their impact on consumer health and safety, after receiving testimony from Bruce Foucart, Director, National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Conrad W. Wong, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Patent and Trademark Office; David Hirschmann, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.; Shelley Duggan, The Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Gregory Maguire, Revision Military, Essex Junction, Vermont.

## WOTUS RULE AND REFORMING THE RFA

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the waters of the United States rule and the case for reforming the Regulatory Flexibility Act, including S. 1536, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, S. 2847, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and S. 708, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, after receiving testimony from Darryl L. DePriest, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Elizabeth Milito, National Federation of Independent Business Small Business Legal Center, and Rosario Palmieri, National Association of Manufacturers, both of Washington, D.C.; and Frank Knapp, Jr., South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce, Columbia.

## VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Valeant Pharmaceuticals’ business model, focusing on the repercussions for patients and the health care system, after receiving testimony from Frederick Askari, University of Michigan Wilson Disease Center of Excellence, Ann Arbor; Richard I. Fogel, St. Vincent, Indianapolis, Indiana; William A. Ackman, Pershing Square Capital Management, L.P., Wilmington, Delaware; J.

Michael Pearson, and Howard B. Schiller, both of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., Wash-

ington, D.C.; and Berna Heyman, Williamsburg, Virginia.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 5073–5087; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 707–708 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 706, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4901) to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 88) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”; and providing for proceedings during the period May 2, 2016, through May 9, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–533).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Wade Stevenson, Gideon Missionary Baptist Church, Waukegan, Illinois.

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**Helping Angels Lead Our Startups Act:** The House passed H.R. 4498, to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law, by a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 171.

**Pages H2008–14, H2037–46**

**Rejected:**

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–530) that sought to limit the types of fees “demo day” sponsors can collect, limit attendance at “demo days” to only individuals with financial sophistication, and require an issuer to be a real business (by a yea-and-nay vote of 139 yeas to 272 nays, Roll No. 170).

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H. Res. 701, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4498) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 169, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 168.

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

**American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016:** H.R. 4923, amended, to establish a process for the submission and consideration of petitions for temporary duty suspensions and reductions, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 166;

**Pages H2014–19, H2035**

**No Fly for Foreign Fighters Act:** H.R. 4240, amended, to require an independent review of the operation and administration of the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB) maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and subsets of the TSDB;

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**Email Privacy Act:** H.R. 699, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to update the privacy protections for electronic communications information that is stored by third-party service providers in order to protect consumer privacy interests while meeting law enforcement needs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 167; and

**Pages H2022–28, H2035–36**

**Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016:** S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 172.

**Pages H2028–30, H2046–47**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2035, H2035–36, H2036–37, H2037, H2045, H2046, H2046–47. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: FACTORS IMPACTING COST OF PRODUCTION

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: Factors Impacting Cost of Production”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017”.

## THE PERSUADER RULE: THE ADMINISTRATION’S LATEST ATTACK ON EMPLOYER FREE SPEECH AND WORKER FREE CHOICE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “The Persuader Rule: The Administration’s Latest Attack on Employer Free Speech and Worker Free Choice”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee continued a 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 of 2015”; H.R. 4981, the “Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act”; H.R. 3250, the “DXM Abuse Prevention Act of 2015”; H.R. 4969, the “John Thomas Decker Act of 2016”; H.R. 4586, the “Lali’s Law”; H.R. 4599, the “Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016”; H.R. 4976, the “Opioid Review Modernization Act of 2016”; H.R. 4982, the “Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016”; H.R. 4889, the “Kelsey Smith Act of 2016”; H.R. 4167, the “Kari’s Law Act of 2015”; 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 Act”; H.R. 2031, the “Anti-Swatting Act of 2015”; H.R. 2589, to amend the Communications Act of 1943 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; H.R. 2592, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission; H.R. 2593, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; and H.R. 5050,

the “Pipeline Safety Act of 2016”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5050, H.R. 4641, H.R. 4978, H.R. 1818, H.R. 4981, H.R. 4969, H.R. 4599, and H.R. 4982. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4976 and H.R. 3250.

## HOW CAN THE U.S. MAKE DEVELOPMENT BANKS MORE ACCOUNTABLE?

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “How Can the U.S. Make Development Banks More Accountable?”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Sheets, Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

## ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS: EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2017 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, held a joint hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests: Examining the President’s FY 2017 Budget Proposal for Afghanistan and Pakistan”. Testimony was heard from Richard Olson, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Donald L. Sampler, Jr., Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## EXAMINING FY 2017 FUNDING PRIORITIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Examining FY 2017 Funding Priorities in the Western Hemisphere”. Testimony was heard from Francisco Palmieri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Luis Arreaga, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## SOUTH SUDAN’S PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “South Sudan’s Prospects for Peace and Security”. Testimony was heard from Donald Booth, Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan, Department of State; Bob Leavitt, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian

Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

## ISIS IN THE PACIFIC: ASSESSING TERRORISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE THREAT TO THE HOMELAND

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “ISIS in the Pacific: Assessing Terrorism in Southeast Asia and the Threat to the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5046, the “Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act of 2016”; H.R. 5052, the “Opioid Program Evaluation Act”; H.R. 2137, the “Federal Law Enforcement Self-Defense and Protection Act of 2015”; H.R. 5048, to require a study by the Comptroller General of the United States on Good Samaritan laws that pertain to treatment of opioid overdoses, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3394, the “Clarifying Amendment to Provide Terrorism Victims Equity (CAPTIVE) Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5046, H.R. 5052, H.R. 2137, and H.R. 5048. H.R. 3394 was ordered reported, as amended.

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT’S REGULATORY OVERREACH INTO METHANE EMISSIONS REGULATION

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Land Management’s Regulatory Overreach into Methane Emissions Regulation”. Testimony was heard from Shawn Bolton, Commissioner, Rio Blanco County, Colorado; Lynn D. Helms, Director, North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources; Gwen Lachelt, Commissioner, La Plata County, Colorado; Amanda Leiter, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and Mark Watson, Oil and Gas Supervisor, Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

## REALIZING THE POTENTIAL OF HYDROPOWER AS A CLEAN, RENEWABLE AND DOMESTIC ENERGY RESOURCE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “Realizing the Potential of Hydropower as a Clean, Renewable and Domestic Energy Resource”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND MISCONDUCT AT TSA: PART I

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Management Practices and Misconduct at TSA: Part I”. Testimony was heard from the following Transportation Security Administration officials: Jay Brainard, Federal Security Director—Kansas, Office of Security Operations; Mark Livingston, Program Manager, Office of the Chief Risk Officer; and Andrew Rhoades, Assistant Federal Security Director, Office of Security Operations.

## THE BEST AND WORST PLACES TO WORK IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “The Best and Worst Places to Work in the Federal Government”. Testimony was heard from Lauren Leo, Chief Human Capital Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Angela Bailey, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Sydney Rose, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Labor; Towanda Brooks, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and a public witness.

## SOAR REAUTHORIZATION ACT; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “FIDUCIARY”

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4901, the “SOAR Reauthorization Act”; and H.J. Res. 88, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a structured rule for H.R. 4901. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.J. Res. 88. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides

one motion to recommit. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 2, 2016, through May 9, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. Finally, in section 5 the rule provides that the Committee on Armed Services may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, file a report to accompany H.R. 4909. Testimony was heard from Chairman Chaffetz and Representatives Norton, Roe of Tennessee, and Scott of Virginia.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5049, the “NSF Major Research Facility Reform Act of 2016”. H.R. 5049 was ordered reported, as amended.

## S IS FOR SAVINGS: PRO-GROWTH BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEE-OWNED S CORPORATIONS

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “S is for Savings: Pro-Growth Benefits of Employee-Owned S Corporations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine counter-ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) operations and Middle East strategy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of invasive species on the productivity, value, and management of land and water resources; to conduct oversight on the National Invasive Species Council’s new framework for early detection and rapid response; to examine improved cooperative tools for control and management, including S. 2240, to improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 2848, to provide for the conserva-

tion and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, S. 2808, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, S. 2824, to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue N.E., Washington, D.C., as the “Ariel Rios Federal Building”, Army Corps of Engineers Study Resolutions, and General Services Administration resolutions, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine mental health in America, 2 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of State, H.R. 2494, to support global anti-poaching efforts, strengthen the capacity of partner countries to counter wildlife trafficking, designate major wildlife trafficking countries, S. 2845, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, S. Res. 442, condemning the terrorist attacks in Brussels and honoring the memory of the United States citizens murdered in those attacks, and offering thoughts and prayers for all the victims, condolences to their families, resolve to support the Belgian people, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of Belgium and all our allies in the face of continuing terrorist attacks on freedom and liberty, S. Res. 340, expressing the sense of Congress that the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS or Da’esh) is committing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, and calling upon the President to work with foreign governments and the United Nations to provide physical protection for ISIS’ targets, to support the creation of an international criminal tribunal with jurisdiction to punish these crimes, and to use every reasonable means, including sanctions, to destroy ISIS and disrupt its support networks, S. Res. 418, recognizing Hafsat Abiola, Khanim Latif, Yoani Sanchez, and Akanksha Hazari for their selflessness and dedication to their respective causes, S. Res. 394, recognizing the 195th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, S. Res. 436, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, S. Res. 381, honoring the memory and legacy of Michael James Riddering and condemning the terrorist attacks in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on January 15, 2016, and the nominations of Swati A. Dandekar, of Iowa, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, R. David Harden, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Christine Ann Elder, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Kelly Keiderling-Franz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Elizabeth Holzhall Richard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, Stephen Michael Schwartz, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, Adam H. Sterling, of Virginia, to

be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*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. 2348, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, S. 2577, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, S. 2840, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds for active shooter training, and the nomination of Patrick A. Burke, to be United States Marshal for the District of Columbia, 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 Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled "To Review the Impact of Capital Margin Requirements on End-Users", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled "Focus on the Farm Economy: Food Prices and the Consumer", 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4843, the "Improving Safe Care for the Prevention of Infant Abuse and Neglect Act", 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, 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, as amended by the Subcommittee on Health; 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 of 2015"; H.R. 4981, the "Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act"; H.R. 3250, the "DXM Abuse Prevention Act of 2015"; H.R. 4969, the "John Thomas Decker Act of 2016"; H.R. 4586, the "Lali's Law"; H.R. 4599, the "Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016"; H.R. 4976, the "Opioid Review Modernization Act of 2016"; H.R. 4982, the "Examining

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*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "America as a Pacific Power: Challenges and Opportunities in Asia", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy Toward Lebanon", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled "Transferring Guantanamo Bay Detainees to the Homeland: Implications for States and Local Communities", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on H.R. 5063, the "Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled "Oversight of the False Claims Act", 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on a discussion draft of the "Locally-elected Officials Cooperating with Agencies in Land Management Act", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Consequences of Federal Land Management along the U.S. Border to Rural Communities and National Security", 2:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Criminal Aliens Released by the Department of Homeland Security", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining EPA’s Predetermined Efforts to Block the Pebble Mine, Part II”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3209, the “Recovering Missing Children Act”;

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**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2028, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

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