

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2797–S2832*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2931–2934, and S. Res. 465–467. **Page S2824**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 2808, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. (S. Rept. No. 114–254)

S. 1626, to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, streamline rail project delivery, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2921, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve health care and benefits for veterans. **Page S2824**

**Measures Passed:**

***Ariel Rios Federal Building:*** Senate passed 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”. **Page S2832**

***Congratulating the Historic Columbia River Highway:*** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 387, congratulating the Historic Columbia River Highway on its 100th year, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2832**

***National Industrial Assessment Center Week:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 403, designating the week beginning April 24, 2016 as “National Industrial Assessment Center Week” in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Industrial Assessment Centers, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2832**

***National Nurses Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 467, supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2016. **Page S2832**

**Measures Considered:**

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2814–19**

**Adopted:**

Collins (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 3903 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require a report on the economic and infrastructure effects on airports of collegiate aviation flight training operations. **Page S2814**

Collins (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 3909 (to Amendment No. 3896), to allow Indian tribes to use certain funds to construct housing for certain skilled workers. **Page S2814**

Collins (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 3917 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds for the Continuum of Care program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development unless the program allows for zero-tolerance recovery housing. **Page S2814**

Collins (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 3919 (to Amendment No. 3896), to provide for safety improvements on transit systems. **Pages S2814, S2815**

Collins (for Feinstein/Portman) Amendment No. 3922 (to Amendment No. 3896), to allow jurisdictions to maintain access to certain funds deposited in their HOME Investment Trust Fund that would otherwise expire. **Pages S2814, S2815**

Collins (for Franken/Tillis) Modified Amendment No. 3921 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to submit a report on improving health and housing outcomes for chronically homeless individuals, individuals with behavioral health conditions, and children. **Pages S2814, S2815**

**Pending:**

Collins Amendment No. 3896, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2814**

McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds

to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S2814**

McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016 to respond to Zika virus. **Page S2814**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Pages S2814–17**

McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), Zika response and preparedness. **Pages S2814, S2817–19**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, with the time until 12:30 p.m., and from 2:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., equally divided between the managers, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), and McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), at 2:30 p.m. **Page S2832**

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

By 53 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 72), Paula Xinis, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

**Pages S2805–12, S2832**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2824**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2824**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S2824**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2824–26**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2826–27**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2822–24**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2827–32**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—72) **Page S2812**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2832.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 5243–5257; and 2 resolutions, H.Res. 731, 733 were introduced. **Pages H2427–28**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2428–29**

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

H.R. 1887, to amend certain appropriation Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–568); and

H. Res. 732, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to

prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–569).

**Page H2427**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2389**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2390**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H2391**

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

*Directing the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska:* S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United

States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; **Pages H2391–92**

***Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Prevention Act of 2016:*** H.R. 3832, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent tax-related identity theft and tax fraud; **Pages H2392–95**

***Reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations:*** H. Con. Res. 88, amended, reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations; **Pages H2395–97**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as cornerstones of United States-Taiwan relations.” **Page H2397**

***Providing 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:*** 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; **Pages H2397–99**

***Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act:*** H.R. 1150, amended, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to improve the ability of the United States to advance religious freedom globally through enhanced diplomacy, training, counterterrorism, and foreign assistance efforts, and through stronger and more flexible political responses to religious freedom violations and violent extremism worldwide; **Pages H2399–H2406**

***Amending certain appropriation Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York:*** H.R. 1887, amended, to amend certain appropriation Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York; **Pages H2406–09**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Comptroller General of the United States to assess a study on the alternatives for the disposition of Plum Island Animal Disease Center, and for other purposes.” **Page H2409**

***National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016:*** H.R. 4743, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium,

by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 194; **Pages H2409–11, H2415–16**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, and for other purposes.” **Page H2416**

***Department of Homeland Security Strategy for International Programs Act:*** H.R. 4780, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive strategy for Department of Homeland Security operations abroad; and **Pages H2411–13**

***Counterterrorism Advisory Board Act of 2016:*** H.R. 4407, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a board to coordinate and integrate departmental intelligence, activities, and policy related to counterterrorism, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 195. **Pages H2413–15, H2416**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2415**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:19 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m. **Page H2427**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2415–16, H2416. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017” [general debate]. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 4909. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–51, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the

rule. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report or against amendments en bloc as described in section 3 of the rule. Section 3 of the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report not earlier disposed of. The rule provides that amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thornberry and Representative Smith of Washington.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017", 4 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the status of advanced nuclear technologies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2524, to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, S. 2533, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California and provide for long-term investments in drought resiliency throughout the Western United States, S. 2616, to modify certain cost-sharing and revenue provisions relating to the Arkansas Valley Conduit, Colorado, S. 2902, to provide for long-term water supplies, optimal use of existing water supply infra-

structure, and protection of existing water rights, and S. 2907, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to strike the termination date for funding for pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine marine debris and wildlife, focusing on impacts, sources, and solutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine integrating the corporate and individual tax systems, focusing on the dividends paid deduction considered, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the War in Syria, focusing on next steps to mitigate the crisis, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to receive a closed briefing on international cybersecurity strategy, 4 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine America's insatiable demand for drugs, focusing on assessing the Federal response, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine National Foster Care Month, focusing on supporting youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled "Focus on the Farm Economy: Impacts of Environmental Regulations and Voluntary Conservation Solutions", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Full Committee, markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; and the Revised Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Assessing the Department of Defense's Execution of Responsibilities in the U.S. Foreign Military Sales Program", 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Helping Students Succeed by Strengthening the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Obama Administration's Medicare Drug Experiment: The Patient and Doctor Perspective", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4775, the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016"; and H.R. 4979, the "Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016", 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Interest on Reserves and the Fed’s Balance Sheet”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation, Transparency, and Regulatory Accountability”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of State Counterterrorism Bureau: FY 2017 Budget”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Efforts to Address Electromagnetic Risks”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Flying Blind: What are the security risks of resuming U.S. Commercial Air Service to Cuba?”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, markup on a resolution on the House Safe Program; a resolution to Amend the Voucher Documentation Standards; H.R. 5160, to amend title 40, United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by the National Gallery of Art; H.R. 4511, the “Gold Star Families Voices Act”; H.R. 4092, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 4733, to permit the United States Capitol Police to accept certain property from other Federal agencies and to dispose of certain property in its possession; H.R. 5227, to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all forms, to establish a National Collection Stewardship Fund for the processing and storage of collection materials of the Library of Congress, and to provide for the continuation of service of returning members of Joint Committee on the Library at beginning of a Congress; and H.R. 4734, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate, 10:45 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Safeguarding our Symbol of Democracy: U.S. Capitol Police’s Management Plan for 2017 and Beyond”, 11:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Synthetic Drugs, Real Danger”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on H.R. 4768, the “Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2016”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled “The Implications of

President Obama’s National Ocean Policy”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “White House Narratives on the Iran Nuclear Deal”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5233, the “Clarifying Congressional Intent in Providing for DC Home Rule Act of 2016”; H.R. 24, the “Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2015”; H.R. 5199, the “Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2016”; H.R. 5226, the “Regulatory Integrity Act of 2016”; S. 1550, the “Program Management Improvement Accountability Act”; 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. 3218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 836 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, California as the “Special Warfare Operator Master Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Louis ‘Lou’ J. Langlais Post Office Building”; H.R. 3931, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the “Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office”; H.R. 3953, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4122 Madison Street, Elfers, Florida, as the “Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 4010, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 522 North Central Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, as the “Ed Pastor Post Office”; 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. 4747, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6691 Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, as the “Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building”; 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”; 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”; H.R. 4925, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 West Main Cross Street, in Findlay, Ohio, as the “Michael Garver Oxley Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 4960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 N Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the “Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building”; H.R. 4975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5720 South 142nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb

A. Nelson Post Office Building”; H.R. 4987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3957 2nd Avenue in Laurel Hill, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class William ‘Kelly’ Lacey Post Office”; and H.R. 5028, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10721 E Jefferson Ave in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Mary Eleanora McCoy Post Office Building”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017” [amendment consideration]; H.R. 4974, the “Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017”; and H.R. 5243, the “Zika Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2016”, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “A Review of Recently Completed United States Army Corps of Engineers Chief’s Reports”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Veterans in Tech: Innovative Careers for All Generations of Veterans”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, Member Day hearing entitled “Tax-Related Proposals to Improve Health Care”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 17 through May 20, 2016

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2577, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, with votes on the motions to invoke cloture on McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), and McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), at 2:30 p.m.

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

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: May 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Farm Credit System, focusing on the outlook of the current economic climate, 10:15 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations*: May 17, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017”, 4 p.m., SD-124.

May 19, Full Committee, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017”, and an original bill entitled, “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017”, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: May 19, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine improving communities’ and businesses’ access to capital and economic development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: May 18, to hold hearings to examine the Telephone Consumer Protection Act at 25, focusing on effects on consumers and business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: May 17, to hold hearings to examine the status of advanced nuclear technologies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 17, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2524, to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, S. 2533, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California and provide for long-term investments in drought resiliency throughout the Western United States, S. 2616, to modify certain cost-sharing and revenue provisions relating to the Arkansas Valley Conduit, Colorado, S. 2902, to provide for long-term water supplies, optimal use of existing water supply infrastructure, and protection of existing water rights, and S. 2907, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to strike the termination date for funding for pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead, 2 p.m., SD-366.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s 2017–2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: May 17, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine marine debris and wildlife, focusing on impacts, sources, and solutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2816, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, S. 2795, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, S. 2446, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, S. 921, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a non-regulatory program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, H.R. 3114, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, S. 2754, to designate the Federal building and United States

courthouse located at 300 Fannin Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the “Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, the nominations of Thomas A. Burke, and Jane Toshiko Nishida, both of Maryland, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and General Services Administration resolutions, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* May 17, to hold hearings to examine integrating the corporate and individual tax systems, focusing on the dividends paid deduction considered, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 17, to hold hearings to examine the War in Syria, focusing on next steps to mitigate the crisis, 11 a.m., SD–419.

May 17, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to receive a closed briefing on international cybersecurity strategy, 4 p.m., SVC–217.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc.110–19), and the Convention on the Law Applicable to Certain Rights in Respect of Securities Held with an Intermediary (the “Convention”), done at The Hague on July 5, 2006, and signed by the United States on that same day (Treaty Doc.112–06), 10 a.m., SD–419.

May 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill extending certain privileges and immunities to the Gulf Cooperation Council, and a routine list in the Foreign Service, 11:30 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* May 18, to hold hearings to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on perspectives from education stakeholders, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* May 17, to hold hearings to examine America’s insatiable demand for drugs, focusing on assessing the Federal response, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine assessing the security of critical infrastructure, focusing on threat, vulnerabilities, and solutions, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* May 18, to hold hearings to examine S. 2785, to protect Native children and promote public safety in Indian country, S. 2916, to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and S. 2920, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 17, to hold hearings to examine National Foster Care Month, focusing on supporting youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, 10 a.m., SD–226.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald Karl Schott, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit,

Paul Lewis Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Stephanie A. Finley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Claude J. Kelly III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Winfield D. Ong, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD–226.

May 18, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine ransomware, focusing on understanding the threat and exploring solutions, 3 p.m., SD–226.

May 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 356, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, and the nominations of Ronald G. Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 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, and Suzanne Mitchell, and Scott L. Palk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, 10 a.m., SD–226.

May 19, Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s immigration policies, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* May 18, to hold hearings to examine small business and the Affordable Care Act, 2 p.m., SR–428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 17, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* May 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Service in the Field: Veteran Contributions to National Food Security”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* May 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, markup on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 11:30 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* May 18, Full Committee, markup on H.J. Res. 87, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of Labor relating to “Interpretation of the ‘Advice’ Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act”; and H.R. 5003, the “Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016”, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, May 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4775, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4979, the “Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016” (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining H.R. 3299, Strengthening Public Health Response Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, May 18, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining the CFPB’s Proposed Rulemaking on Arbitration: Is It in the Public Interest and for the Protection of Consumers?”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Settling the Question: Did Bank Settlement Agreements Subvert Congressional Appropriations Powers?”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 18, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 374, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Singaporean independence and reaffirming Singapore’s close partnership with the United States; H. Res. 650, providing for the safety and security of the Iranian dissidents living in Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq and awaiting resettlement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and permitting use of their own assets to assist in their resettlement; H. Con. Res. 129, expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs; S. 284, the “Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act”; and S. 1252, the “Global Food Security Act of 2016”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Democracy Support Strategies in Africa”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, May 19, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Promote the Effective Enforcement of the ADA’s Public Accommodation Provisions”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, May 18, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4289, 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, and for other purposes; and S. 246, the “Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining Deficiencies in Transparency at the Department of the Interior”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, May 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Employee Misconduct at EPA”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 2.0”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, May 18, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Next Steps to Mars: Deep Space Habitats”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, May 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Help Wanted: Small Business Providing Opportunities for All”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, May 18, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Border Station Construction: Minimizing Costs and Leveraging Private Dollars”, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, May 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5178, the “Veterans Success on Campus Act of 2016”; H.R. 5229, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study to evaluate the effectiveness of programs, especially in regards to women veterans and minority veterans, in transitioning to civilian life, and for other purposes; H.R. 4138, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup relocation expenses paid to or on behalf of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3286, the “HIRE Vets Act”; H.R. 3471, the “Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2015”; 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”; 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. 4782, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2016”; H.R. 4087, the “Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act”; and H.R. 3715, the “Final Farewell Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, May 18, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Protecting Social Security from Waste, Fraud, and Abuse”, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “The Heroin Epidemic and Parental Substance Abuse: Using Evidence and Data to Protect Kids from Harm”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2577, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, with votes on the motions to invoke cloture on McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), and McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), at 2:30 p.m.

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

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 17

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Begin consideration of H.R. 4909—National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the rules.

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