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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3494–3502, and S. Res. 629–630.

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Measures Reported:

S. 3346, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–390)

Report to accompany S. 3183, to prohibit the circumvention of control measures used by Internet ticket sellers to ensure equitable consumer access to tickets for any given event. (S. Rept. No. 114–391)

S. 1403, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Geographic Targeting Orders: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5602, to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to include all funds when issuing certain geographic targeting orders, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Shelby/Brown) Amendment No. 5127, in the nature of a substitute. Page S6683 Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Subsequently, all action taken during today's session of the Senate on the bill was vitiated.

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Special Warfare Operator Master Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Louis 'Lou' J. Langlais Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1221 State Street, Suite 12, Santa Barbara, California, as the "Special Warfare Operator Master D1090

Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Louis 'Lou' J. Langlais Post Office Building'. Page S6684

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Richard Allen Cable Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4887, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23323 Shelby Road in Shelby, Indiana, as the "Richard Allen Cable Post Office".

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Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Leonard Montalto Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3031 Veterans Road West in Staten Island, New York, as the "Leonard Montalto Post Office Building". Page S6684 Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Subsequently, all action taken during today's session of the Senate on the bill was vitiated.

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Army First Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 McElroy Drive in Oxford, Mississippi, as the "Army First Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile Post Office Building".

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Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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E. Marie Youngblood Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5356, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14231 TX–150 in Coldspring, Texas, as the "E. Marie Youngblood Post Office".

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Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Zapata Veterans Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5591, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 N US Highway 83 in Zapata, Texas, as the "Zapata Veterans Post Office".

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Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Officer Joseph P. Cali Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5676, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6300 N. Northwest Highway in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Officer Joseph P. Cali Post Office Building".

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Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Abner J. Mikva Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5798, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Davis Street in Evanston, Illinois, as the "Abner J. Mikva Post Office Building".

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Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Segundo T. Sablan and CNMI Fallen Military Heroes Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5889, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Chalan Kanoa VLG in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as the "Segundo T. Sablan and CNMI Fallen Military Heroes Post Office Building".

Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Subsequently, all action taken during today's session of the Senate on the bill was vitiated.

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Installation Reutilization Authority: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 3336, to provide installation reutilization authority for arsenals, depots, and plants, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 5128, relating to installation reutilization authority.

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McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 5129, to amend the title.

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Subsequently, passage of the bill was vitiated.

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Correct the Enrollment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 174, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 34, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell/Reid Amendment No. 5137, to make additional corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 34.

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Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the message of the House to accompany H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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House Messages:

Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. Page S6686

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5117, to change the enactment date. Page S6686 McConnell Amendment No. 5118 (to Amendment No. 5117), of a perfecting nature. Page S6686

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

By 85 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 156), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 5119, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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McConnell Amendment No. 5120 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 5119) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer fell.

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McConnell Amendment No. 5121 (to Amendment No. 5120), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 5120 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 5119) of the motion to refer) fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the message of the

House to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 6, 2016; and that all time during adjournment and recess of the Senate count post-cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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Messages from the House: Page S6707

Enrolled Bills Presented: Pages S6707-08

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S6708-09

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: Page \$6707

Amendments Submitted: Pages S6710-16

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—156)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6716.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 6434–6438; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 179; and H. Res. 941–943, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 3711, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Chicano Park, located in San Diego, California, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–845).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H7146

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Hahn, the whole number of the House is 434.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Miller, wherein she resigned as Representative for the Tenth Congressional District of Michigan, effective midnight on December 31, 2016.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. Page H7147

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

Enhancing whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees: S. 795, to enhance whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees;

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Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2726, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the first manned landing on the moon; Pages H7149-52

Creating Financial Prosperity for Businesses and Investors Act: H.R. 6427, to improve the operation of United States capital markets, by a 2/3 yearand-nay vote of 391 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 602;

Pages H7152-56, H7176-77

Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016: H.R. 5015, amended, to restore amounts improperly withheld for tax purposes from severance payments to individuals who retired or separated from service in the Armed Forces for combat-related injuries, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote 392 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 601;

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Prescribed Burn Approval Act of 2016: S. 3395, to require limitations on prescribed burns; and

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Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016: S. 1635, amended, to authorize the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 603.

Pages H7160-75, H7177-78

Recess: The House recessed at 6:08 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7175**

Veto Message—Motion to Refer: Agreed by unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the order of the House of September 22, 2016, the veto message of the President on the bill, H.R. 1777, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, together with the accompanying bill, be referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Providing for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6415, to provide for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017.

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Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make certain corrections in the enrollment of S. 2943: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 179, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make certain corrections in the enrollment of S. 2943.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7146.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7176, H7176–77, H7177. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine emerging United States defense challenges and worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider H.R. 1150, 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, H.R. 2845, to promote access to benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, H.R. 4481, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the goal of all children in school and learning as an objective of the United States foreign assistance policy, H.R. 4939, to increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, S. Res. 537, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, S. Res. 535, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China, an original bill to provide for the approval of the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, an original concurrent resolution honoring in praise and remembrance the extraordinary life, steady leadership, and remarkable, 70year reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, S.

Con. Res. 30, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon, protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114–12), and the nomination of Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine defeating the Iranian threat network, focusing on options for countering Iranian proxies, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine whether additional firewalls are needed to protect Congressional oversight staff from retaliatory criminal referrals, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

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

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Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Volkswagen's Emissions Cheating Settlement: Questions Concerning ZEV Program Implementation", 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "American Compassion in India: Government Obstacles", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "Step or Stumble: The Obama Administration's Pivot to Asia", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining Decades of Data Manipulation at the United States Geological Survey", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled "The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 3.0: Measuring Agencies' Implementation", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5143, the "Transparent Insurance Standards Act of 2016", 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 6 through December 9, 2016

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the message of the House to accompany H.R. 34, Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act (the legislative vehicle for 21st Century Cures Act), post-cloture.

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 Armed Services: December 6, to hold hearings to examine emerging United States defense challenges and worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 7, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine assessing the security of our critical surface transportation infrastructure, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 6, business meeting to consider H.R. 1150, 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, H.R. 2845, to promote access to benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, H.R. 4481, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the goal of all children in school and learning as an objective of the United States foreign assistance policy, H.R. 4939, to increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, S. Res. 537, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, S. Res. 535, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China, an original bill to provide for the approval of the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, an original concurrent resolution honoring in praise and remembrance the extraordinary life, steady leadership, and remarkable, 70-year reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, S. Con. Res. 30, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon, protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114-12), and the nomination of Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine defeating the Iranian threat network, focusing on options for countering Iranian proxies, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

December 8, Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development, to hold hearings to examine State Department and United States Agency for International Development management challenges and opportunities for the next administration, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: December 7, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, four years later, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Judiciary: December 6, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine whether additional firewalls are needed to protect Congressional oversight staff from retaliatory criminal referrals, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

December 7, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the competitive impact of the AT&T–Time Warner transaction, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 6, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

December 7, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, December 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled "1890 Land-Grant Institutions: Recruitment Challenges and Scholarship Opportunities", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, December 7, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "California National Guard Bonus Repayment Issue", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight Review of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Program", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, December 7, Sub-committee on Health, hearing entitled "Waste and Duplication in the USDA Catfish Inspection Program", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Mixed Martial Arts: Issues and Perspectives", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, December 7, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Unconventional Monetary Policy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The Impact of Regulations on Short-Term Financing", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 7, Sub-committee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "Corruption: A Danger to Democracy in Europe and Eurasia", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, December 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Costs of Overclassification on Transparency and Security", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 7, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "Time and Attendance Abuse at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "DATA Act Implementation Check-In", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, December 7, Full Committee, hearing on S. 612, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse", 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 7, Full Committee, markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: December 7, to receive a briefing on Baltic security after the Warsaw NATO summit, 2 p.m., 340, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 6 Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the message of the House to accompany H.R. 34, Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act (the legislative vehicle for 21st Century Cures Act), post-cloture.

House Chamber

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