

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2015*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on April 13, 2015, I missed Roll Call Votes No. 145–147. Had I been present I would have voted “nay” on Roll Call Votes No. 145 and 146. I would have voted “yea” on 147.

Mr. Speaker, on April 14, 2015, I missed Roll Call Votes No. 148–153. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call

Votes No. 150 and 153. I would have voted “nay” on Roll Call Votes No. 148, 149, 151 and 152.

## OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took of-

fice, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,967,217,887.84. We’ve added \$7,525,090,168,974.76 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 28

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine United States security policy in Europe. SD-G50

10 a.m. Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the state of the insurance industry and insurance regulation. SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  
To hold hearings to examine the resources and priorities of the U.S. Coast Guard. SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review. SD-366

Committee on Finance  
To hold hearings to examine creating a more efficient and level playing field, focusing on audit and appeals issues in Medicare. SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the future of medical innovation for patients. SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management  
To hold hearings to examine the proper role of judicial review in the federal regulatory process. SD-342

## Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security. SD-226

2:30 p.m.

## Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on aviation safety and general aviation. SR-253

## Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on biometric entry and exit at our ports of entry. SD-342

APRIL 29

9 a.m.

## Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Guard and Reserve. SD-192

## Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Homeland Security. SD-342

9:30 a.m.

## Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development  
To hold hearings to examine opportunities for private investment in public infrastructure. SD-538

## Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the King vs. Burwell Supreme Court case and congressional action that can be taken to protect small businesses and their employees. SR-428A

2 p.m.

## Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Homeland Security. SD-138

2:30 p.m.

## Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Environmental Protection Agency. SD-124

## Committee on Armed Services

## Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SR-222

## Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 248, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act. SD-628

## Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's High Risk List and the Veterans Health Administration. SR-418

APRIL 30

9:30 a.m.

## Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States European Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program. SD-G50

10 a.m.

## Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the National Institutes of Health. SD-124

## Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 703, to re-authorize the weatherization and State energy programs, S. 720, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and S. 858, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities. SD-366

2:30 p.m.

## Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

## Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Land Management's final rule on hydraulic fracturing. SD-366

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10 a.m.

## Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal government's role in wildfire management, the impact of fires on communities, and potential improvements to be made in fire operations. SD-366