

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 73) authorizing the expenditures by committees of the Senate for March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 907–961; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 32; and H. Res. 108–110, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 644, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 80.

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Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 168 yeas to 245 nays, Roll No. 79.

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Pursuant to the rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–5 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 101, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 644) and (H.R. 636), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 163 nays, Roll

No. 78, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 77.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H993 and H1001.

Senate Referrals: S. 295 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1000, H1001, H1016, and H1016–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2016 and other organizational matters. The committee's views and estimates were adopted. The committee also amended its rules package.

REVIEW OF THE 2015 AGENDA FOR THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the 2015 Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Timothy Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation budget. Testimony was heard from Estevan R. Lopez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

UPDATE ON DETAINEE TRANSFERS FROM GTMO

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Update on Detainee Transfers from GTMO”. Testimony was heard from Paul Lewis, Special Envoy for the Closure of the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility, Department of Defense; and Charles Trumbull, Acting Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure, Department of State. A portion of the hearing was closed.

HOW EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AFFECTS STUDENT PRIVACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “How Emerging Technology Affects Student Privacy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 734, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2015”; H.R. 639, the “Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act”; H.R. 471, the “Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2015”; H.R. 647, the “Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act”; H.R. 648, the “Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act”; and H.R. 212, the “Drinking Water Protection Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 734, H.R. 471, H.R. 647, and H.R. 648. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 212 and H.R. 639.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ethics: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules of procedure and oversight plan for the 114th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a business meeting to adopt the committee’s views and estimates on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

THE GROWING STRATEGIC THREAT OF ISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Growing Strategic Threat of ISIS”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AZERBAIJAN: U.S. ENERGY, SECURITY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS INTERESTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Azerbaijan: U.S. Energy, Security, and Human Rights Interests”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE SYRIAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: FOUR YEARS LATER AND NO END IN SIGHT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, held a joint hearing entitled “The Syrian Humanitarian Crisis: Four Years Later and No End in Sight”. Testimony was heard from Kelly Tallman Clements, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and Thomas Staal, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EMERGING THREATS AND TECHNOLOGIES TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Emerging Threats and Technologies to Protect the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Andy Ozment, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate; Huban Gowadia, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Joseph Martin, Acting Director, Homeland Security Enterprise and First Responders Group, Science and Technology Directorate; and William Noonan, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, Secret Service; and William Painter, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a business meeting to adopt the committee’s oversight plan for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its oversight plan.

CONSUMERS SHORTCHANGED? OVERSIGHT OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S MORTGAGE LENDING SETTLEMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Consumers Shortchanged? Oversight of the Justice Department’s Mortgage Lending Settlements”. Testimony was heard from Geoffrey Graber, Deputy Associate Attorney General and Director, Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Working Group of the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING RECENT SUPREME COURT CASES IN THE PATENT ARENA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Examining Recent Supreme Court Cases in the Patent Arena”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. SECRET SERVICE: IDENTIFYING STEPS TO RESTORE THE PROTECTIVE AGENCY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Secret Service: Identifying Steps to Restore the Protective Agency”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Perrelli, Secret Service Protective Mission Panel; Mark Filip, Secret Service Protective Mission Panel; Danielle C. Gray, Secret Service Protective Mission Panel; and Joseph W. Hagin, Secret Service Protective Mission Panel.

THE PRESIDENT’S EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION AND THEIR IMPACT ON FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled, “The President’s Executive Actions on Immigration and Their Impact on Federal and State Elections”. Testimony was heard from Kris W. Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State; Jon A. Husted, Ohio Secretary of State; Matthew Dunlap, Maine Secretary of State; and a public witness.

BRIDGING THE GAP: AMERICA’S WEATHER SATELLITES AND WEATHER FORECASTING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Oversight, held a joint hearing entitled “Bridging the Gap: America’s Weather Satellites and Weather Forecasting”. Testimony was heard from David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ste-

phen Volz, Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Steven Clarke, Director, Joint Agency Satellite Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Alexander MacDonald, Director, Earth System Research Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Chief Science Advisor, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and John Murphy, Director, Office of Science and Technology, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

CAN AMERICANS TRUST THE PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF THEIR INFORMATION ON HEALTHCARE.GOV?

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, held a joint hearing entitled “Can Americans Trust the Privacy and Security of their Information on HealthCare.gov?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; CONTRACTING AND THE INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a hearing entitled “Contracting and the Industrial Base”. The committee adopted its rules and procedures, oversight plan, and views and estimates. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 749, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015”; the committee’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Views and Estimates; General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. The committee’s views and estimates and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved. H.R. 749 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 280, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 294, the “Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act”; H.R. 216, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act of 2015”; and H.R. 189, the “Servicemember Foreclosure Protections Extension Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 280, H.R.

294, and H.R. 216. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 189.

A REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S VETERAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled "A Review of the President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for the Department of Labor's Veteran Employment and Training Service". Testimony was heard from Teresa W. Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on the committee's Views and Estimates on the Fiscal Year 2016 Federal Budget; H.R. 529, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans; H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes; and H.R. 880, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit. The committee's views and estimates were ordered reported. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 529, H.R. 622, and H.R. 880.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider member access requests and views and estimates. Eight access

requests were granted, and the committee adopted its views and estimates. This meeting was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Inspector General budget, 10 a.m., 2362—A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "What Is the State of Islamic Extremism: Key Trends, Challenges, and Implications for U.S. Policy", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, meeting to adopt the committee's views and estimates on the budget for fiscal year 2016, 9:20 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act", 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets; Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled "D.C. Metro: Is There a Safety Gap?", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.