

PITFALLS OF UNILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AT THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Pitfalls of Unilateral Negotiations at the Paris Climate Change Conference”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OECD BEPS PROJECT FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND ITS EFFECT ON WORLDWIDE AMERICAN COMPANIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Tax Policy held a hearing on the OECD BEPS Project final recommendations and its effect on worldwide American companies. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Stack, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Tax Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RESCUING TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on best practices for rescuing trafficking victims from Yaroslava Garcia, Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition, Bonita Springs; Kimberly Chang, Asian Health Services Community Health Clinic, Oakland, California; and Jordan Greenbaum, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Stephanie Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children, Atlanta, Georgia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1207)

H.R. 3996, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund. Signed on November 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–87)

H.R. 208, to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–88)

H.R. 639, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–89)

H.R. 2262, to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions.

Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–90)

S. 799, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–91)

S. 1356, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 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. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–92)

S. 2036, to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Signed on November 25, 2015. (Public Law 114–93)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine agriculture’s role in combating global hunger, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense personnel reform and strengthening the all-volunteer force, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and David McKean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, all of the Department of State, and Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action oversight, focusing on the International Atomic Energy Agency’s report on the possible military dimensions of the Iranian nuclear program, 4 p.m., SH–219.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfoot Tribe of the Blackfoot Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and S. 1879, to improve processes in the Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), focusing on whether the justice systems in Indian country have improved, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine protecting trade secrets, focusing on the impact of trade secret theft on American competitiveness and potential solutions to remedy this harm, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Administration's alien removal policies, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings to examine consolidating non-Department of Veterans Affairs care programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing to review the Farm Credit System, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Principles for Ensuring Retirement Advice Serves the Best Interests of Working Families and Retirees", 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 1641, the "Federal Spectrum Incentive Act of 2015"; and a discussion draft to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate that deployment of communications infrastructure by providing for an inventory of Federal assets for use in connection with such deployment, to streamline certain Federal approvals of communication facilities, to provide for measures to promote the use of utility poles in the deployment, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Improve the U.S. Capital Markets", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps: Fueling Middle East Turmoil", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "The Paris Attacks: A Strategic Shift by ISIS?", 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Assessing the President's Strategy in Afghanistan", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "U.S. Strategic Interests and the APEC and East Asia Summits", 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1670, the "National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015"; hearing entitled "Improving Customer Service for the Copyright Community: Ensuring the Copyright Office and the Library of Congress Are Able To Meet the Demands of the Digital Age", 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2831, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to provisions classified to chapters 44, 45, 46, and 47 of title 50, United States Code; H.R. 2832, to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 52, United States Code; and H.R. 1584, the "CARDER Act of 2015", 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on discussion draft of the "National Park Service Centennial Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on conference report to accompany H.R. 22, the "Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015", 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "Office of National Drug Control Policy: Reauthorization", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through November 30, 2015

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	156	145	..
Time in session	985 hrs, 30'	732 hrs, 14'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	8,196	8,647	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,679	..
Public bills enacted into law	28	65	93
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	3	3	..
Measures passed, total	391	484	875
Senate bills	80	32	..
House bills	70	302	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	1	..
House joint resolutions	1	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	11	6	..
House concurrent resolutions	22	26	..
Simple resolutions	203	114	..
Measures reported, total	*256	*346	602
Senate bills	195	6	..
House bills	30	269	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	3	..
Simple resolutions	30	65	..
Special reports	20	5	..
Conference reports	1	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	195	71	..
Measures introduced, total	2,697	4,851	7,548
Bills	2,325	4,137	..
Joint resolutions	25	74	..
Concurrent resolutions	25	99	..
Simple resolutions	322	541	..
Quorum calls	6	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	310	265	..
Recorded votes .....	..	378	..
Bills vetoed	2	1	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through November 30, 2015

Civilian nominations, totaling 349, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	136
Unconfirmed	204
Withdrawn	9
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,800, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,734
Unconfirmed	744
Withdrawn	322
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,562, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,326
Unconfirmed	233
Withdrawn	3
Army nominations, totaling 3,482, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,354
Unconfirmed	128
Navy nominations, totaling 3,936, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3,928
Unconfirmed	8
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,067, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,066
Unconfirmed	1
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	18,196
Total confirmed	16,544
Total unconfirmed	1,318
Total withdrawn	334
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 171 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 354 reports have been filed in the House.