

Charleston, West Virginia, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Caren P. Sencer,

Weinberg, Roger and Rosenfeld, Alameda, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 860–906; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 31; and H. Res. 104–107, 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 Jolly to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 156 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 73.

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

Awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March: H.R. 431, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 76.

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Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act: The House passed S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, by a ye-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 75.

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Rejected the Capps motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 74.

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H. Res. 100, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (S. 1), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 72, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 71.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he authorized the use of military force with respect to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–9).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H945, H945–46, H946–47, H959–60, H960, and H960–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the state of the rural economy. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Indian Health Service budget. Testimony was heard from Yvette Roubideaux, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for American Indians and Alaska Natives; and Robert McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission budget. Testimony was heard from Timothy Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CIVIL WORKS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Army Corps of Engineers, Civil Works budget. Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary,

Army for Civil Works; and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers.

FUNDING TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAK

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on oversight of funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Ebola virus disease outbreak. Testimony was heard from Steve Browning, Special Coordinator for Ebola, Department of State; Dirk Dijkerman, Executive Coordinator, Ebola Task Force, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Jeremy M. Konyndyk, Director, Office of United States Foreign Disaster Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

THE FY16 BUDGET REQUEST: A VIEW FROM OUTSIDE EXPERTS: "ALTERNATIVE BUDGETS AND STRATEGIC CHOICES"

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The FY16 Budget Request: A View from Outside Experts: 'Alternative Budgets and Strategic Choices'". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled "Final Recommendations from the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission". Testimony was heard from Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Chairman, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; Stephen E. Buyer, Commissioner, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; Michael R. Higgins, Commissioner, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA (Retired), Commissioner, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; and Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN (Retired), Commissioner, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5, the "Student Success Act". H.R. 5 was ordered reported, as amended.

FEDERAL EFFORTS ON MENTAL HEALTH: WHY GREATER HHS LEADERSHIP IS NEEDED

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Federal Efforts on Mental Health: Why Greater HHS Leadership Is Needed". Testimony was heard from Linda T. Kohn, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Richard G. Frank, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services.

EXAMINING ICD-10 IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining ICD-10 Implementation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2016 Department of Energy Budget". Testimony was heard from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began 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 FUTURE OF HOUSING IN AMERICA: OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration". Testimony was heard from Julian Castro, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

STATE SPONSOR OF TERROR: THE GLOBAL THREAT OF IRAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled "State Sponsor of Terror: The Global Threat of Iran". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COUNTERING VIOLENT ISLAMIST EXTREMISM: THE URGENT THREAT OF FOREIGN FIGHTERS AND HOMEGROWN TERROR

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Countering Violent Islamist Extremism: The Urgent Threat of Foreign Fighters and Homegrown Terror”. Testimony was heard from Francis X. Taylor, Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Michael B. Steinbach, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE 114TH CONGRESS

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing on committee funding for the 114th Congress. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah, Chairman Royce, Chairman Upton, Chairman Chaffetz, Chairman Thornberry, Chairman McCaul, Chairman Hensarling, Chairman Dent, and Representatives Grijalva, Engel, Pallone, Cummings, Smith of Washington, Thompson of Mississippi, Maxine Waters of California, and Linda T. Sánchez of California.

FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE: USES AND REFORMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Federal Asset Forfeiture: Uses and Reforms”. Testimony was heard from Kenneth A. Blanco, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Keith Henderson, Prosecuting Attorney, Floyd County, Indiana; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing on a bill to improve immigration law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes; a bill to modify the treatment of unaccompanied alien children who are in Federal custody by reason of their immigration status, and for other purposes; and a bill to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to provide for the expedited removal of unaccompanied alien children who are not victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons and who do not have a fear of returning to their country of nationality or last habitual residence, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Sam S. Page, Sher-

iff, Rockingham County, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR THE 114TH CONGRESS; GAO'S HIGH RISK REPORT: 25 YEARS OF PROBLEMATIC PRACTICES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on the committee's oversight plan for the 114th Congress and a hearing entitled “GAO's High Risk Report: 25 Years of Problematic Practices”. The committee's oversight plan for the 114th Congress was adopted. Testimony was heard from John J. MacWilliams, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Energy; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Robert M. Lightfoot, Jr., Associate Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Shantanu Agrawal, M.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Alan F. Estevez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense; and John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL: LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR U.S. ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION PART I

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill: Laying the Foundation for U.S. Economic Growth and Job Creation Part I”. Testimony was heard from Anthony Foxx, Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting to designate Rep. Jerry McNerney and Rep. Tim Walz to subcommittees and a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2016”. Representative Jerry McNerney and Representative Tim Walz were designated to subcommittees. Testimony was heard from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; IRS'S USE OF CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE LAWS TO SEIZE THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF LAW ABIDING SMALL BUSINESSES, AND THE SETTLEMENT TACTICS EMPLOYED BY THE AGENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a hearing on the IRS's use of civil asset forfeiture laws to seize the bank accounts of law abiding small businesses, and the settlement tactics employed by the agency. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; CHALLENGES FACING LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN TODAY'S ECONOMY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a hearing on challenges facing low-income individuals and families in today's economy. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup S. 165, to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine regulatory relief for community banks and credit unions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure and subcommittee assignments for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive

Office of the President, Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, and Armando Omar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to markup an original resolution authorizing the expenditures by committees of the Senate for March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, 9:45 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, 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, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing to review the 2015 Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Bureau of Reclamation budget, 10:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Update on Detainee Transfers from GTMO", 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn. This hearing will close.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "How Emerging Technology Affects Student Privacy", 11:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, 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", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Ethics, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 1015 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, meeting to adopt the committee's views and estimates on the budget for fiscal year 2016, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Growing Strategic Threat of ISIS", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.