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### NORTHERN IRELAND

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Northern Ireland, focusing on Stormont, collusion, and the Finucane inquiry, including other issues of accountability for past government collusion in paramilitary crimes, after receiving testimony from Anne Cadwallader, *Lethal Allies: British Collusion in Ireland*, Armagh, Northern Ireland; and Kieran McEvoy, Queen's University School of Law, and Geraldine Finucane, both of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for the Veterans Benefits Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the United States Secret Service, 2 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Air Force force structure and modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to continue to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine the evolving cyber insurance marketplace, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. crude oil export policy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the Affordable Care Act at five years, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Africa leaders summit seven months later, focusing on progress and setbacks, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine Federal rulemaking challenges and areas of improvement within the existing regulatory process, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine reining in amnesty, focusing on *Texas v. United States* and its implications, 3:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine patent reform, focusing on protecting innovation and entrepreneurship, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 897, the "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2015", 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Land Management budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Inspector General oversight, 9:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States European Command budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Transportation Security Administration budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission budget, 11 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Surface Transportation Programs budget, 10 a.m., 2358—A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2016 Missile Defense Hearing”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2016 Ground Force Modernization and Rotorcraft Modernization Programs”, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 906, to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “FCC Reauthorization: Oversight of the Commission”, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Negotiations with Iran: Blocking or Paving Tehran’s Path to Nuclear Weapons?”, 8:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Agents of Opportunity: Responding to the Threat of Chemical Terrorism”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Child Exploitation Restitution Following

the *Paroline v. United States* Decision”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, joint hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Review of the Department of Homeland Security’s Policies and Procedures for the Apprehension, Detention, and Release of Non-Citizens Unlawfully Present in the United States—Part II”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Contracting and the Industrial Base III: Reverse Auctions, Verification and the SBA’s Role in Rule Making”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 571, the “Veterans Affairs Retaliation Prevention Act of 2015”; H.R. 593, the “Aurora VA Hospital Financing and Construction Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1015, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 1016, the “Biological Implant Tracking and Veteran Safety Act of 2015”; H.R. 1017, the “Veterans Information Security Improvement Act”; H.R. 1128, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Cyber Security Protection Act”; and H.R. 1129, the “Veterans’ Whistleblower and Patient Protection Act of 2015”, 8 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Growing Cyber Threat and Its Impact on American Business”, 9 a.m., HVC–210.