

Families Forward: Lessons Learned from Welfare Reforms in Other Countries”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency to examine ongoing challenges at the Secret Service and their government-wide implications, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 17 through November 20, 2015

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense reform, focusing on overcoming obstacles to effective management, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

November 18, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on undersea critical infrastructure protection, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 18, business meeting to consider S. 571, to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, S. 1143, to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes, S. 1518, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, S. 1685, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private

land use restrictions on its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications, S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes, S. 1916, to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934, S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, S. 2206, to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years (Reappointment), and Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 11 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine past wildfire seasons to inform and improve future Federal wildland fire management strategies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

November 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, S. 1592, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest, S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103-434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, S. 1941 and H.R. 2223, bills to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, S. 1942 and H.R. 1554, bills to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, S. 2069, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, H.R. 1324, to

adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and the nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary, John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, all of Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 18, to hold hearings to examine the international climate negotiations, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine physician owned distributors, focusing on whether they are harmful to patients and payers, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine options for reforming United States overseas broadcasting, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

November 19, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine democratic transitions in southeast Asia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

November 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, S. 1719, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and the nominations of Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2020 (Reappointment), and Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* November 17, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency to examine ongoing challenges at the Secret Service and their government-wide implications, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

November 19, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-342.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine lessons from the Paris terrorist attacks, focusing on ramifications for the homeland and refugee resettlement, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* November 18, business meeting to consider S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, and S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 410, to strengthen Indian education, S. 1163, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the sur-

vival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, and S. 1928, to support the education of Indian children, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Judiciary:* November 17, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine the relationship between the Federal government and state and local law enforcement, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine National Adoption Month, focusing on stories of success and meeting the challenges of international adoptions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

November 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* November 17, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

November 19, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine drug trafficking across the Southwest Border and oversight of U.S. counterdrug assistance to Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The National Commission on Hunger", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Outside Views on the Strategy for Iraq and Syria", 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Effects of Reduced Infrastructure and Base Operating Support Investments on Readiness", 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Acquisition Efficiency and the Future Navy Force", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Advancing the Science and Acceptance of Autonomy for Future Defense Systems", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Does Biennial Budgeting Fit in a Rewrite of the Budget Process?", 9:45 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* November 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1321, the "Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015"; H.R. 2017, the "Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015"; H.R. 3014, the

“Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R. 3537, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated Providers Are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”; H.R. 3821, the “Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act”; H. J. Res. 71, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; H.J. Res. 72, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; and S. 611, the “Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act” (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “U.S. Public Health Preparedness for Seasonal Influenza: Has the Response Improved?”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “The Disrupter Series: The Fast-Evolving Uses and Economic Impacts of Drones”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Agenda, Operations, and FY 2017 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council: Due Process and Transparency in Non-Bank SIFI Designations”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 19, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Ensuring Administration Action”, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, November 18, Full Committee; and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, joint hearing entitled “The Rise of Radicalism: Growing Terrorist Sanctuaries and the Threat to the U.S. Homeland”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, November 19, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled “The Syrian Refugee Crisis and Its Impact on the Security of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, November 18, Full Committee, hearing on discussion draft of the “Protecting

America’s Recreation and Conservation Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, November 18, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing entitled “Federal Student Aid: Performance-Based Organization Review”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 18, Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets; and Subcommittee on Information Technology, joint hearing entitled “The Internet of Cars”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Empty Promises for the International Climate Treaty”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 18, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Recommendations of the Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, November 18, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Continuing Challenges for Small Contractors”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “Improving Size Standards for Small Farmers and Ranchers”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Choice Consolidation: Assessing VA’s Plan to Improve Care in the Community”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

November 18, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Examining VA’s On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Program”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, November 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider changes to the Committee’s rules, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: November 18, to hold hearings to examine millennial voices on advancing the American dream, 2 p.m., SD–106.

*Joint Hearing*: November 17, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency to examine ongoing challenges at the Secret Service and their government-wide implications, 10 a.m., HVC–210.