

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:05 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:39 a.m. until 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4815–4824; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 654–656 were introduced. **Page H1495**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1496**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4336, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the burial of the cremated remains of persons who served as Women's Air Forces Service Pilots in Arlington National Cemetery, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–459, Part 1);

H.R. 4472, to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to adopt a centralized electronic system to help expedite the placement of children in foster care or guardianship, or for adoption, across State lines, and to provide grants to aid States in developing such a system, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–460); and

H. Res. 653, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2745) to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 24, 2016, through April 11, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–461). **Page H1494**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1465**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1467**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H1469**

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

National POW/MIA Remembrance Act: H.R. 1670, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action; **Pages H1469–72**

Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act: S. 192, amended, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965; **Pages H1472–80**

Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act of 2016: H.R. 4314, amended, to require a plan to combat international travel by terrorists and foreign fighters, accelerate the transfer of certain border security systems to foreign partner governments, establish minimum international border security standards, and authorize the suspension of foreign assistance to countries not making significant efforts to comply with such minimum standards, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 371 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 130; **Pages H1480–84, H1491–92**

Foreclosure Relief and Extension for Servicemembers Act: S. 2393, to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction; **Pages H1484–85**

Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2016: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4721, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund; and **Pages H1485–87**

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: S. 1180, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States. **Pages H1487–91**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1491**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1469.

Senate Referrals: S. 2512 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 2143 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. S. 483 and S. Con. Res. 34 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1491–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING USDA ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION—PART II

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing on March 18, 2016, entitled “Examining USDA Organization and Program Administration—Part II”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Alexis Taylor, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; and Ed Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on March 18, 2016, for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STANDARD MERGER AND ACQUISITION REVIEWS THROUGH EQUAL RULES ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2745, the “Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 6–3, a closed

rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 24, 2016, through April 11, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that the Committee on Energy and Commerce may, at any time before 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016, file a report to accompany H.R. 2666. Testimony was heard from Representatives Marino and Johnson of Georgia.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee On Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Securities and Exchange Commission, 11 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the National Guard and Reserve, 1:30 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration, 2 p.m., H–309 Capitol.