

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code. Signed on March 8, 2012. (Public Law 112–98)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
MARCH 13, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Consultant's Review with Respect to the Department of Energy Loan and Loan Guarantee Portfolio, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, and William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, both of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aveli, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on safeguarding critical infrastructure information and the public's right to know, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 13 through March 16, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, and vote on or in relation to DeMint Amendment No. 1756 and Bingaman Amendment No. 1759, at 12 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to up to 20 amendments and passage of the bill.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 14, to hold hearings to examine risk management and commodities in the 2012 farm bill, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Appropriations: March 14, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal onshore and offshore energy development programs in the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

March 14, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 14, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

March 14, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, 9 a.m., SD–138.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD–124.

March 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SH–219 following the open session, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 15, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 13, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 14, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR–232A.

March 14, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management in review of the Department of Energy budget request for fiscal year 2013; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine issues in the prepaid card market, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

March 15, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, with the Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold joint hearings to examine strengthening the housing market and minimizing losses to taxpayers, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Consultant's Review with Respect to the Department of Energy Loan and Loan Guarantee Portfolio, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 15, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold joint hearings to examine lessons from Fukushima one year later, focusing on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 15, to hold hearings to examine Russia's World Trade Organization (WTO) accession-implications for the United States, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, and William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, both of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Sudan and South Sudan, focusing on independence and insecurity, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, and Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, all of the Department of State, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 14, to hold hearings to examine Congress, focusing on reform proposals for the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 14, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine managing inter-agency nuclear nonproliferation efforts, focusing on if nuclear materials around the world are effectively secured, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian water rights, focusing on promoting the negotiation and implementation of water settlements in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on safeguarding critical infrastructure information and the public's right to know, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Kevin McNulty, and Michael A. Shipp, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Stephanie Marie Rose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, 2:45 p.m., SD-226.

March 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Gregory K. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 14, to hold hearings to examine ending homelessness among veterans, focusing on Veterans' Affairs progress on its five year plan, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 15, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.