

S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965;

An original bill entitled, “Strengthening Education Through Research Act”; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 44) authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Children and Families:* Senators Paul (Chair), Murkowski, Burr, Kirk, Hatch, Roberts, Cassidy, Casey, Mikulski, Sanders, Franken, and Bennet.

*Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety:* Senators Isakson (Chair), Paul, Scott, Kirk, Roberts, Cassidy, Franken, Casey, Whitehouse, and Baldwin.

*Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security:* Senators Enzi (Chair), Burr, Collins, Kirk, Scott, Hatch, Roberts, Cassidy, Murkowski, Sanders, Mikulski, Bennet, Whitehouse, Baldwin, Murphy, and Warren.

*Senators Alexander and Murray are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

#### INDIAN COUNTRY PRIORITIES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian country priorities for the 114th Congress, after receiving testimony from Aaron Payment, National Congress of American Indians, Melvin Monette, National Indian Education Association, and Stacy Bohlen, National Indian Health Board, all of Washington, DC; Gary Davis, National Center for American Indian Enter-

prise Development, Mesa, Arizona; and Vance Home Gun, Aspen Institute Center for Native American Youth, Arlee, Montana.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 49) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee began hearings to examine the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again at 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 45) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 46) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 578–621; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 11; and H. Res. 59–64 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 Hultgren to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act:** The House passed H.R. 351, to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas, by a

yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 50.

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Rejected the Garamendi motion to recommit 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 yea-and-nay vote of 175 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 49.

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H. Res. 48, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 351), was agreed to on January 27.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 30th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet

at 12 noon on Monday, February 2nd for Morning Hour debate. **Page H654**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H652–53, H653–54. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, subcommittee jurisdictions, and oversight report.

### A CASE FOR REFORM: IMPROVING DOD'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO THE PACE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Case for Reform: Improving DOD's Ability to Respond to the Pace of Technological Change". Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Mark Ramsay, USAF, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, Joint Staff.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules and oversight plan.

### SUPERCOMPUTING AND AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled "Supercomputing and American Technology Leadership". Testimony was heard from Roscoe Giles, Chairman, Department of Energy Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINING THE QUALITY AND COST OF VA HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining the Quality and Cost of VA Health Care". Testimony was heard from Matthew S. Goldberg, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security Division, Congressional Budget Office; James Tuchs Schmidt, M.D.,

Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine global challenges and the U.S. national security strategy, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act of 2015", 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine improving the performance of transportation networks, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 33, to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold closed hearings to examine the campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), 2 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine employer wellness programs, focusing on better health outcomes and lower costs, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, 12 noon, S–219, Capitol.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.