

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; IRS'S USE OF CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE LAWS TO SEIZE THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF LAW ABIDING SMALL BUSINESSES, AND THE SETTLEMENT TACTICS EMPLOYED BY THE AGENCY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a hearing on the IRS's use of civil asset forfeiture laws to seize the bank accounts of law abiding small businesses, and the settlement tactics employed by the agency. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; CHALLENGES FACING LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN TODAY'S ECONOMY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a hearing on challenges facing low-income individuals and families in today's economy. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup S. 165, to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to resume hearings to examine regulatory relief for community banks and credit unions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure and subcommittee assignments for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive

Office of the President, Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alfred H. Bennett, George C. Hanks, Jr., and Jose Rolando Olvera, Jr., each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Jill N. Parrish, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, and Armando Omar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* business meeting to markup an original resolution authorizing the expenditures by committees of the Senate for March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, 9:45 a.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, business meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2016 and other organizational matters, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing to review the 2015 Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Bureau of Reclamation budget, 10:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Update on Detainee Transfers from GTMO", 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn. This hearing will close.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "How Emerging Technology Affects Student Privacy", 11:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 734, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2015"; H.R. 639, the "Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act"; H.R. 471, the "Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2015"; H.R. 647, the "Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act"; H.R. 648, the "Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act"; and H.R. 212, the "Drinking Water Protection Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ethics,* Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 1015 Longworth.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, meeting to adopt the committee's views and estimates on the budget for fiscal year 2016, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Growing Strategic Threat of ISIS", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Azerbaijan: U.S. Energy, Security, and Human Rights Interests”, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, joint hearing entitled “The Syrian Humanitarian Crisis: Four Years Later and No End in Sight”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Emerging Threats and Technologies to Protect the Homeland”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, meeting to adopt the committee’s oversight plan for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Consumers Shortchanged? Oversight of the Justice Department’s Mortgage Lending Settlements”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Examining Recent Supreme Court Cases in the Patent Arena”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Secret Service: Identifying Steps to Restore the Protective Agency”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled, “The President’s Executive Actions on Immigration and Their Impact on Federal and State Elections”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Bridging the Gap: America’s Weather Satellites and Weather Forecasting”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Can

Americans Trust the Privacy and Security of their Information on HealthCare.gov?”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress; hearing entitled “Contracting and the Industrial Base”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 749, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015”; the committee’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Views and Estimates; General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 280, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 294, the “Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act”; H.R. 216, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act of 2015”; and H.R. 189, the “Servicemember Foreclosure Protections Extension Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for the Department of Labor’s Veteran Employment and Training Service”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on the committee’s Views and Estimates on the Fiscal Year 2016 Federal Budget; H.R. 529, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans; H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes; H.R. 880, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, business meeting to consider member access requests and views and estimates, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting will be closed.