Monday, February 23, 2015

CORRECTION

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Hoeven read Washington's Farewell Address.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1017–S1036

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 530–535, and S. Res. 83–84. **Page S1031**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 337, to improve the Freedom of Information Act. (S. Rept. No. 114–4)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1030–31**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. **Pages S1022–28**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 57), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1028**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1028**

Messages from the House: **Page S1030**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S1030, S1034**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1031–32**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1032–34**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1029–30**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—57) **Page S1028**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1034.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D35)*

H.R. 203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on February 12, 2015. (Public Law 114–2)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine Agricultural Act of 2014 implementation after one year, and the nominations of Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, both to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 527, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine United States human exploration goals and commercial space competitiveness, 2 p.m., SR–253.

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 the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax reform, growth and efficiency, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a review of resources, priorities and programs in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine recalibrating regulation of colleges and universities, focusing on a report from the Task Force on Government Regulation of Higher Education, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and independence of inspectors general, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine human trafficking in the United States, focusing on protecting the victim, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

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

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5, the "Student Success Act"; and H.R. 529, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 24 through February 27, 2015

Senate Chamber

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: February 24, to hold hearings to examine Agricultural Act of 2014 implementation after one year, and the nominations of Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, both to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: February 24, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–192.

February 25, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

February 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: February 24, to hold closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

February 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine regional nuclear dynamics, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

February 25, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine healthcare recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

February 26, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 24, business meeting to consider S. 527, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or in the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Budget: February 25, to hold hearings to examine America's debt, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 24, Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine United States human exploration goals and commercial space competitiveness, 2 p.m., SR–253.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine preserving the multistakeholder model of Internet governance, 10 a.m., SR–253.

February 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 24, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 25, to hold hearings to examine Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21) reauthorization, focusing on perspectives from owners, operators, and users of the system, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: February 24, to hold hearings to examine tax reform, growth and efficiency, 10 a.m., SD–215.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Congress and the United States tariff policy, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 24, to hold hearings to examine a review of resources, priorities and programs in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), focusing on building the coalition and ensuring military effectiveness, 1:30 p.m., SD–419.

February 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "End Modern Slavery and Trafficking Initiative Act of 2015", 9:30 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 24, to hold hearings to examine recalibrating regulation of colleges and universities, focusing on a report from the Task Force on Government Regulation of Higher Education, 10 a.m., SD–430.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine medical and public health preparedness and response, focusing on future threats, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 24, to hold hearings to examine improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and independence of inspectors general, 10 a.m., SD–342.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a 21st century regulatory system, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 25, business meeting to consider S. 230, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska, and S. 321, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for Indian programs, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 24, to hold hearings to examine human trafficking in the United States, focusing on protecting the victim, 10 a.m., SD–226.

February 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, S. 166, to stop exploitation through trafficking, and the nominations of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General, 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, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 24, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for Veterans' programs and fiscal year 2017 advance appropriations request, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 24, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

February 26, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 25, Full Committee, hearing to launch the top-to-bottom review of the SNAP program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing to better understand the SNAP population through published research, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 25, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on quality of life in the military, 9:30 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Internal Revenue Service oversight, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Department of Health and Human Services budget, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Justice, Department of Commerce, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration oversight, 10:30 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

February 25, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of the Interior budget, 1 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development budget, 1 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on House of Representatives, Government Accountability Office, and United States Capitol Police budgets, 2 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.

February 25, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Department of State and Foreign Operations budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy budget, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Navy budget, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, oversight hearing on the vital responsibility of serving the nation's aging and disabled communities, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Environmental Protection Agency budget, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Transportation budget, 1 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Architect of the Capitol and Library of Congress budgets, 1:30 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.

February 27, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Air Force budget, 9 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

February 27, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, Natural Resources Conservation Service budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education budgets; hearing on Bureau of Indian Education oversight, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''How Is DOD Responding to Emerging Security Challenges in Europe?'', 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled ''Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces'', 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled ''Information Technology Investments and Programs: Supporting Current Operations and Planning for the Future Threat Environment'', 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Outside Perspectives on the President's Proposed Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant'', 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled ''Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Strategic Forces'', 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Members' Day'', 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 26, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled ''The Blacklisting Executive Order: Rewriting Federal Labor Policies Through Executive Fiat'', 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled ''The Fiscal Year 2016 EPA Budget'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled ''The Uncertain Future of the Internet'', 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Examining the FY 2016 HHS Budget'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled ''Update: Patent Demand Letter Practices and Solutions'', 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled ''The Needs of Drinking Water Systems in Rural and Smaller Communities'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy'', 10 a.m., HVC–210.

February 26, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled ''The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration—Part II'', 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Advancing U.S. Interests in a Troubled World: The FY 2016 Foreign Affairs Budget'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled ''Across the Other Pond: U.S. Opportunities and Challenges in the Asia Pacific'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled ''The President's New Cuba Policy and U.S. National Security'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint hearing entitled ''The Shame of Iranian Human Rights'', 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 27, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 757, the ''North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2015'', 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Examining the President's Cybersecurity Information Sharing Proposal'', 11:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled ''Assessing DHS's Performance: Watchdog Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security'', 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 26, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled ''Addressing Remaining Gaps in Federal, State, and Local Information Sharing'', 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Unconstitutionality of Obama's Executive Actions on Immigration'', 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled ''ISIL in America: Domestic Terror and Radicalization'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on H.R. 870, the ''Puerto Rico Chapter 9 Uniformity Act of 2015'', 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

February 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The U.S. Copyright Office: Its Functions and Resources'', 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled ''The State of Class Actions Ten Years After the Enactment of the Class Action Fairness Act'', 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 25, Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled ''A Review of the Department of Homeland Security's Policies and Procedures for the Apprehension, Detention, and Release of Non-Citizens Unlawfully Present in the United States'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets, hearing entitled ''Preventing Another MH370: Setting International Standards for Airline Flight Tracking'', 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''FCC Process: Examining the Relationship Between the FCC and the White House'', 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, hearing entitled ''From Health Care Enrollment to Tax Filing: A PPACA Update'', 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on the Interior, hearing entitled ''Examining the Impacts of EPA Air and Water Regulations on the States and the American People'', 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''IRS: TIGTA Update'', 7 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled ''Ensuring Government Transparency Through FOIA Reform'', 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee On Rules, February 25, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5, the ''Student Success Act'', 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''An Overview of the Department of Energy's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2016'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 25, Full Committee, markup on the ''Secret Science Reform Act of 2015''; and the ''EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015'', 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled ''Overview of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposals for the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Standards and Technology'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled ''The Commercial Crew Program: Challenges and Opportunities'', 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee On Small Business, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The SBA Budget for FY 2016: Does it Meet the Needs of America's Small Businesses?'', 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 25, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled ''President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 25, Subcommittee on Social Security, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress; hearing on maintaining the Disability Insurance Trust Fund's solvency, 2 p.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''World Wide Threats'', 10 a.m., HVC–304. This hearing will be closed.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: February 25, to hold hearings to examine Serbia's leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on priorities and insights regarding the ongoing work of the OSCE, 2:30 p.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, February 24

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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