

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions to authorize 12 lease prospectuses, including three alteration projects and nine leases, included in the General Services Administration's FY2015 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 12, 2015.

Pages H1299–H1362

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1179–80.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1181–82, H1191–92, H1192, H1193, H1266–67, H1267, H1268, H1268–69, and H1269–70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SNAP RECIPIENT CHARACTERISTICS AND DYNAMICS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing to review SNAP recipient characteristics and dynamics. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy budget. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service budget. Testimony was heard from Al Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Navy budget. Testimony was heard from Ray Mabus, Secretary, United States Navy; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief

of Naval Operations; and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

VITAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVING THE NATION'S AGING AND DISABLED COMMUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held an oversight hearing on the vital responsibility of serving the nation's aging and disabled communities. Testimony was heard from Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration; and Kathy Greenlee, Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Environmental Protection Agency budget. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and David Bloom, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Transportation budget. Testimony was heard from Anthony Foxx, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Architect of the Capitol and Library of Congress budgets. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol; and James H. Billington, Librarian of the Congress.

OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE AGAINST THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a 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". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR STRATEGIC FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year

2016 Budget Request for Strategic Forces”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Cecil D. Haney, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command; and Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

THE BLACKLISTING EXECUTIVE ORDER: REWRITING FEDERAL LABOR POLICIES THROUGH EXECUTIVE FIAT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “The Blacklisting Executive Order: Rewriting Federal Labor Policies Through Executive Fiat”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE FY 2016 HHS BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the FY 2016 HHS Budget”. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

UPDATE: PATENT DEMAND LETTER PRACTICES AND SOLUTIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Update: Patent Demand Letter Practices and Solutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN AMERICA: OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION—PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration—Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACROSS THE OTHER POND: U.S. OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Across the Other Pond: U.S. Opportunities and Challenges in the Asia Pacific”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT’S NEW CUBA POLICY AND U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “The President’s New Cuba Policy and U.S. National Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE SHAME OF IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint hearing entitled “The Shame of Iranian Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING DHS’S PERFORMANCE: WATCHDOG RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Assessing DHS’s Performance: Watchdog Recommendations to Improve Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

ADDRESSING REMAINING GAPS IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Addressing Remaining Gaps in Federal, State, and Local Information Sharing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISIL IN AMERICA: DOMESTIC TERROR AND RADICALIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “ISIL in America: Domestic Terror and Radicalization”. Testimony was heard from Michael B. Steinbach, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Richard W. Stanek, Sheriff, Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 870, the “Puerto Rico Chapter 9 Uniformity Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE: ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESOURCES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Copyright Office: Its Functions and Resources”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FROM HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT TO TAX FILING: A PPACA UPDATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules held a hearing entitled “From Health Care Enrollment to Tax Filing: A PPACA Update”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Counihan, Director

and Marketplace CEO, the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight.

EXAMINING THE IMPACTS OF EPA AIR AND WATER REGULATIONS ON THE STATES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “Examining the Impacts of EPA Air and Water Regulations on the States and the American People”. Testimony was heard from Tim Fox, Attorney General, State of Montana; Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General, State of Arkansas; and public witnesses.

IRS: TIGTA UPDATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “IRS: TIGTA Update”. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; and Timothy Camus, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Department of the Treasury.

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 35, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 35. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

OVERVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Overview of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposals for the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Standards and Technology”. Testimony was heard from France Córdoba, Director, National Science Foundation; Daniel Arvizu, Chairman, National Science Board; and Willie E. May, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1021, the “Protecting the Integrity of Medicare Act of 2015”; H.R. 284, the “Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 876, the “NOTICE Act”; and H.R. 887, the “Electronic Health Fairness Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1021, H.R. 284, H.R. 876, and H.R. 887.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Air Force budget, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

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.

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 Energy and Commerce, 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 Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 400, the “Trafficking Prevention in Foreign Affairs Contracting Act”; H.R. 757, the “North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2015”; and H. Res. 53, condemning the cowardly attack on innocent men, women, and children in the northeastern Nigerian town of Baga, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 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, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Ensuring Government Transparency Through FOIA Reform”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “The Commercial Crew Program: Challenges and Opportunities”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.