

and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from February 15, 2016, through February 22, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Finally, in section 4, the rule provides that the Committee on the Judiciary may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, file a report to accompany H.R. 3624. Testimony was heard from Representatives McMorris Rodgers and Pallone.

MIDNIGHT REGULATIONS: EXAMINING EXECUTIVE BRANCH OVERREACH

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Midnight Regulations: Examining Executive Branch Overreach”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT CONTROL REFORM: CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESS? PART I

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Export Control Reform: Challenges for Small Business? (Part I)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL OMBUDSMAN AT THE SBA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Advocacy and the Office of the National Ombudsman at the SBA”. Testimony was heard from Darryl L. DePriest, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; and Rear Admiral Earl L. Gay, USN (Retired), Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman, Small Business Administration.

REVIEW OF ATC REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of ATC Reform Proposals”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

A REVIEW OF VA'S LOAN GUARANTY AND SPECIALLY ADAPTIVE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of VA's Loan Guaranty and Specially Adaptive Housing Grant Programs (SAH)”. Testimony was heard from Mike Frueh, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D79)

H.R. 515, to protect children and others from sexual abuse and exploitation, including sex trafficking and sex tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–119)

H.R. 4188, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–120)

S. 2152, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–121)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine emerging health threats and the Zika supplemental request, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the National Commission on the Future of the United States Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Karen Brevard Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Robert Annan Riley III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, and Matthew John Matthews, of Oregon, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, all of the Department of State, Swati A. Dandekar, of Iowa, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, and Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency discretion in setting and enforcing regulatory fines and penalties, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use, and the nominations of Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmann, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing to consider the impacts of the Environmental Protection

Agency's actions on the rural economy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled "Foot and Mouth Disease: Are We Prepared?", 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, oversight hearing entitled "U.S. Engagement in Central America", 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, budget hearing on Bureau of Reclamation, 1:30 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for Atomic Energy Defense Activities", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Carrier Air Wing and the Future of Naval Aviation", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 2666, the "No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act"; H.R. 1301, the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015"; and the "Small Business Broadband Deployment Act" (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup on H.R. 3021, the "AIR Survey Act of 2015"; H.R. 3797, the "Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act"; the "Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act"; H.R. 4444, the "EPS Improvement Act"; H.R. 2984, the "Fair RATES Act"; H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 4238, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities; H.R. 2080, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; H.R. 2081, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; H.R. 3447, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; and H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project (continued), 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "The Future of Housing in America: Examining the Health of the Federal Housing Administration", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.