

Karen Gren Scholer, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Kathleen Marie Sweet, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

40 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1513.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: USAID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Gayle Smith, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, after receiving testimony from David Mao, Acting Librarian of Congress; and Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing

to examine the current state of readiness of United States forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Daniel Allyn, USA, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Admiral Michelle Howard, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, General John Paxton, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and General David L. Goldfein, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Raymond E. Mabus, Jr., Secretary of the Navy, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Matthew Rhett Jeppson, of Florida, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Lisa M. Fairfax, of Maryland, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SELF-DRIVING CARS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of self-driving cars, after receiving testimony from Chris Urmson, Google X, Mountain View, California; Michael F. Ableson, General Motors Co., Austin, Texas; Glen W. De Vos, Delphi Automotive, Auburn Hills, Michigan; Joseph Okpaku, Lyft, Inc., San Francisco, California; and Mary Cummings, Duke University Humans and Autonomy Laboratory, Durham, North Carolina.

IMPACTS ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the presidential memorandum issued on November 3, 2015 entitled, "Mitigating Impacts on Natural Resources from Development and Encouraging Related Private Investment", after receiving testimony from Michael Bean, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Brian

Ferebee, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture; Sara Longan, Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of Project Management and Permitting Executive Director, Anchorage; Shaun Sims, Sims Sheep Company, Evanston, on behalf of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts; Doug Lashley, GreenVest, Annapolis, Maryland; Laura Skaer, American Exploration and Mining Association, Spokane, Washington; and Lynn Scarlett, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia.

UKRAINIAN REFORMS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Ukrainian reforms two years after the Maidan Revolution and the Russian invasion, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Ian J. Brzezinski, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, and John E. Herbst, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center, both of the Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.

U.S. VISA PROGRAMS SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the security of United States visa programs, after receiving testimony from David T. Donahue, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; and Leon Rodriguez, Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Sarah R. Saldana, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and John Roth, Inspector General, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

LATE-TERM ABORTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine late-term abortion, including S.

1553, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, after receiving testimony from Melissa Ohden, The Abortion Survivors Network, Gladstone, Missouri; Colleen A. Malloy, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois; Diana Greene Foster, University of California San Francisco Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, San Francisco; Jodi Magee, Physicians for Reproductive Health, Clifton, New Jersey; Angelina B. Nguyen, Charlotte Lozier Institute, and Christy Zink, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kathi A. Aultman, Orange Park, Florida.

VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2646, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve health care provided to veterans by the Department, S. 2633, to improve the ability of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide health care to veterans through non-Department health care providers, and S. 2473, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide veterans the option of using an alternative appeals process to more quickly determine claims for disability compensation, after receiving testimony from Senator Burr; Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Louis J. Celli, Jr., The American Legion, Carlos Fuentes, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4739–4748; and 3 resolutions, and H. Res. 643–645 were introduced. **Pages H1388–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1389–90**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hardy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1347**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1353**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Tyrone M. Thomas, Charity Church Baltimore, MD. **Page H1353**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m. **Page H1362**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following