

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 4841–89; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 126 and H. Res. 660–668 were introduced.

Pages H1581–84

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1585–86

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4724, to repeal the program of block grants to States for social services, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–462);

H.R. 4618, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the “Sidney Oslin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 114–463);

H.R. 3937, to designate the building utilized as a United States courthouse located at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina, as the “Judge Randy D. Doub United States Courthouse”, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–464);

H.R. 223, to authorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–465);

H.R. 3030, to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey certain property from the United States to the City of Baudette, Minnesota, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–466);

H. Con. Res. 120, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 3rd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony (H. Rept. 114–467);

H. Con. Res. 119, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 114–468);

H. Con. Res. 117, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (H. Rept. 114–469);

H. Con. Res. 125, establishing the congressional budget of the United States Government for fiscal year 2017 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2018 through 2026 (H. Rept. 114–470);

H.R. 1671, to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects (H. Rept. 114–471);

H.R. 3023, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–472);

H.R. 3340, to place the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Office of Financial Research under the regular appropriations process, to provide for certain quarterly reporting and public notice and comment requirements for the Office of Financial Research, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–473);

H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–474);

H.R. 4723, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the recovery of improper overpayments resulting from certain Federally subsidized health insurance, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-475);

H.R. 4722, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require inclusion of the taxpayer's social security number to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-476); and

H.R. 2947, to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-477). **Page H1581**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1555**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Brussels on March 22, 2016, which murdered more than 30 innocent people, and severely wounded many more: H. Res. 658, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Brussels on March 22, 2016, which murdered more than 30 innocent people, and severely wounded many more, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 138.

Pages H1557-60, H1569-70

Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act: The House passed H.R. 2745, to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority, by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 171 noes, Roll No. 137.

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Rejected the Doggett motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 136. **Pages H1567-68**

H. Res. 653, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2745) was agreed to yesterday, March 22nd.

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 34, providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Pages H1573-74**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1568, H1569, H1569-70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 12:52 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, pursuant to S. Con. Res. 34.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a markup on Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017 was ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from David Skorton, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

APPROPRIATIONS—CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testimony was heard from Thomas Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

UPDATE ON THE F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled "Update on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Christopher C. Bogdan, USAF, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office; Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Michael Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Issues, Governmental Accountability Office; and Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO CLOSE THE GUANTANAMO BAY DETENTION FACILITY: AT WHAT FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY COST?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Plan to Close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility: At What

Foreign Policy and National Security Cost?”. Testimony was heard from Lee Wolosky, Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure, Department of State; and Paul M. Lewis, Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4482, the “Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016”; H.R. 4509, the “State and High-Risk Urban Area Working Group Act”; H.R. 4549, the “Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016”; H.R. 4698, the “Securing Aviation from Foreign Entry Points and Guarding Airports Through Enhanced Security Act of 2016”; H.R. 4780, the “Department of Homeland Security Strategy for International Programs Act”; H.R. 4785, the “DHS Stop Asset and Vehicle Excess Act”; and H.R. 4820, the “Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended H.R. 4482, H.R. 4549, H.R. 4698, H.R. 4780, and H.R. 4820. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment H.R. 4509 and H.R. 4785.

EFFECT OF THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2017 BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING ON PRIVATE SECTOR JOB CREATION, DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION, STATE PROGRAMS AND DEFICIT REDUCTION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY 2017 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement, Department of the Interior.

EXAMINING THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PUBLIC LANDS LEASING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “Examining the Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Leasing”. Testimony was heard from Neil

Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

NATIONAL SECURITY: THREATS AT OUR BORDERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “National Security: Threats at Our Borders”. Testimony was heard from Ronald D. Vitiello, Acting Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection; Brandon Judd, President, National Border Patrol Council; and Steven C. McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING EPA’S REGIONAL HAZE PROGRAM: REGULATIONS WITHOUT VISIBLE BENEFITS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Examining EPA’s Regional Haze Program Regulations Without Visible Benefits”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4783, the “Commercializing on Small Business Innovation Act of 2016”; and H.R. 207, the “Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2015”. H.R. 4783 and H.R. 207 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, March 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3:30 p.m., Monday, April 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

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