

Development, to hold hearings to examine inequality, opportunity, and the housing market, 11 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, Time to be announced, S-219, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine Social Security, focusing on if there is a key foundation of economic security working for women, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), focusing on confronting the growing humanitarian crisis in Iraq and Syria, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the authorization for the use of military force against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine campus sexual assault, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine the state of civil and human rights in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Setting Fiscal Priorities", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining ObamaCare Transparency Failures", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled "Timeless Honor: Reviewing Current Operations of our National Cemeteries", 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 9 through December 12,  
2014

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. If cloture is in-

voked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 6 p.m.

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:* December 10, to hold hearings to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, focusing on the effective enforcement and the future of derivatives regulation, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* December 9, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine inequality, opportunity, and the housing market, 11 a.m., SD-538.

December 10, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine cybersecurity, focusing on enhancing coordination to protect the financial sector, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* December 9, business meeting to consider the nominations of Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Tho Dinh-Zarr, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Carlos A. Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, Time to be announced, S-219, Capitol.

December 10, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine passenger rail, focusing on investing in our nation's future, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* December 10, business meeting to consider the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* December 11, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the President's executive order on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* December 9, to hold hearings to examine Social Security, focusing on if there is a key foundation of economic security working for women, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* December 9, Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), focusing on confronting the growing humanitarian crisis in Iraq and Syria, 10 a.m., SD-419.

December 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the authorization for the use of military force

against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), 2 p.m., SD-106.

December 10, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Ebola epidemic, focusing on the keys to success for the international response, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

December 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original resolution entitled, “to authorize the limited use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

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December 9, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine the state of civil and human rights in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

December 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President’s executive action on immigration and the need to pass comprehensive reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

December 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Joan Marie Azrack, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Copeland Biggs, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Elizabeth K. Dillon, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House Committees

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* December 10, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining FDA’s Role in the Regulation of Genetically Modified Food Ingredients”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

December 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The Energy Policy and Conservation

Act of 1975: Are We Positioning America for Success in an Era of Energy Abundance?”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* December 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Countering ISIS: Are We Making Progress?”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 10, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-proliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services, joint hearing entitled “Russian Arms Control Cheating and the Administration’s Responses”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

December 10, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “The United States as an Arctic Nation: Opportunities in the High North”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

December 10, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing entitled “After the Withdrawal: The Way Forward in Afghanistan and Pakistan (Part III)”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* December 10, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled “The Impact on Local Communities of the Release of Unaccompanied Alien Minors and the Need for Consultation and Notification”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* December 10, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “Examining EPA’s Management of the Renewable Fuel Standard Program”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 10, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled “Addressing the Backlog in the Federal Employee Retirement Process”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* December 10, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “An Update on the Space Launch System and Orion: Monitoring the Development of the Nation’s Deep Space Exploration Capabilities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

December 11, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Future of Nuclear Energy”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 10, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “U.S. Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Integration, Oversight, and Competitiveness”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* December 11, Full Committee, business meeting to approve the second annual activities report for the 113th Congress; hearing entitled “Evaluating Federal and Community Efforts to Eliminate Veteran Homelessness”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Select Committee on Benghazi,* December 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing 2”, relating to reviewing efforts to secure U.S. diplomatic facilities and personnel, 10 a.m., HVC-210.