

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S2949–S3007**

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1360–1367. **Page S2971**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 611, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems. (S. Rept. No. 114–47)

S. 653, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act. (S. Rept. No. 114–48) **Page S2971**

**Measures Passed:**

**Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol. **Page S3006**

**Measures Considered:**

**Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right To Appeal Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2951–68**

**Adopted:**

By a unanimous vote on 92 yeas (Vote No. 182), Hatch (for Lankford) Modified Amendment No. 1237 (to Amendment No. 1221), to establish consideration of the conditions relating to religious freedom of parties to trade negotiations as an overall negotiating objective of the United States. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S2960–62, S2963–64**

**Rejected:**

By 45 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 181), Brown Amendment No. 1242 (to Amendment No. 1221),

to restore funding for the trade adjustment assistance program to the level established by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 14, 2015, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2962–63**

**Pending:**

Hatch Amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2951**

Hatch (for Flake) Amendment No. 1243 (to Amendment No. 1221), to strike the extension of the trade adjustment assistance program. **Page S2951**

Hatch (for Inhofe/Coons) Modified Amendment No. 1312 (to Amendment No. 1221), to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to require the development of a plan for each sub-Saharan African country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements. **Pages S2966–67**

Hatch (for McCain) Amendment No. 1226 (to Amendment No. 1221), to repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program. **Pages S2966–67**

Stabenow (for Portman) Amendment No. 1299 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make it a principal negotiating objective of the United States to address currency manipulation in trade agreements. **Page S2967**

Brown Amendment No. 1251 (to Amendment No. 1221), to require the approval of Congress before additional countries may join the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. **Pages S2967–68**

Wyden (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1227 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make trade agreements work for small businesses. **Page S2968**

Wyden (for Warren) Amendment No. 1327 (to Amendment No. 1221), to prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures to an implementing bill submitted with respect to a trade agreement that includes investor-state dispute settlement. **Page S2968**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

**Page S3006**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma, received during adjournment of the Senate on May 15, 2015; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-17) **Page S2970**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2971**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2971**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**  
**Pages S2971, S3005**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2971-73**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Page S2973**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2968-70**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2973-S3005**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3005**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Pages S2963-64**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3006.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 2390-2404 and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54 and H. Res. 270 were introduced.

**Pages H3308-09**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H3310**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: Committee on Appropriations; Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2016 (H. Rept. 114-118);

H.R. 2262, to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-119); and

H. Res. 271, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1806) to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2250) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2353) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114-120). **Page H3308**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3257**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3257**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m. **Page H3258**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2015:** H.R. 474, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs; **Pages H3258-59**

**Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act:** H.R. 1038, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee; **Pages H3259-60**

**Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act:** H.R. 1313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 241; **Pages H3260-61, H3294**

**BRAVE Act:** H.R. 1382, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 242; **Pages H3261–63, H3294–95**

**Veteran's I.D. Card Act:** H.R. 91, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 240; **Pages H3263–64, H3293–94**

**Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2015:** H.R. 1816, to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance; and **Pages H3264–66**

**Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015:** H.R. 1987, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. **Pages H3284–93**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H3293**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015:** S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking. **Pages H3266–84**

**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S. Con. Res. 3, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. **Page H3295**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 114–39). **Page H3258**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3293–94, H3294, and H3294–95. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016; HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1806, the “America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2250, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016”; and H.R. 2353, the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1806. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–15 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent 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 part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 2250. The rule provides one hour of general 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 bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent 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 part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Lastly, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 2353. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster, Chairman Smith of Texas, and Representatives Graves of Georgia, Wasserman Schultz, Farr, Black, Gosar, Blum, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Veasey, Griffith, and Ted Lieu of California.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016", 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on air traffic control modernization and reform, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 562, to promote exploration for geothermal resources, S. 822, to expand geothermal production, S. 1026, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels, S. 1057, to promote geothermal energy, S. 1058, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1103, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, S. 1199, to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees

on a reimbursable basis, S. 1215, to amend the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 to provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy, S. 1222, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide for reports relating to electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address the procurement of electric capacity resources, S. 1224, to reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate, S. 1226, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to promote a greater domestic helium supply, to establish a Federal helium leasing program for public land, and to secure a helium supply for national defense and Federal researchers, S. 1236, to amend the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to trial-type hearings with respect to certain license applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 1264, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, S. 1270, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 1271, to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations in the United States, S. 1272, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms, S. 1276, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase energy exploration and production on the outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, S. 1278, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf region, to make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative, S. 1279, to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, S. 1280, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, S. 1282, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act, S. 1283, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal certain programs, to establish a coal technology program, S. 1285, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to enter into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relating to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology, S. 1294, to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture to collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy systems, and S. 1304, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot competitive grant program for the development of a skilled energy workforce, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold

hearings to examine S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term “waters of the United States”, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine how to safely reduce reliance on foster care group homes, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Ann Haverkamp, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, both of the Department of State, Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, focusing on examining EEOC's enforcement and litigation programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine body cameras, focusing on whether technology can increase protection for law enforcement officers and the public, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship*: to hold hearings to examine proposed environmental regulation's impacts on America's small businesses, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Addressing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Federal Child Nutrition Programs”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “Discussion Draft Addressing Energy Reliability and Security”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the “21st Century Cures Act”, 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Rural Housing Service”, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Protecting Critical Infrastructure: How the Financial Sector Addresses Cyber Threats”, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Trade Promotion Agencies and U.S. Foreign Policy”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “The Future of U.S.-Hungary Relations”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Examining DHS Science and Technology Directorate's Engagement with Academia and Industry”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Policing Strategies for the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Ongoing Oversight: Monitoring the Activities of the Justice Department's Civil, Tax and Environment and Natural Resources Divisions and the U.S. Trustee Program”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Empowering State Management of Greater Sage Grouse”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, markup on the “Inspector General Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1777, the “Presidential Allowance Modernization Act”; H.R. 1831, the “Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2015”; H.R. 451, the “Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act of 2015”; H.R. 1759, the “All Economic Regulations are Transparent (ALERT) Act of 2015”; H.R. 728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the “Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office”; H.R. 891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the “Floresville Veterans Post Office Building”; H.R. 1326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”; H.R. 1350, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the “Herman Badillo Post Office Building”; H.R. 1442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building”; H.R. 1524, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 880, the “American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2015”; H.R. 1335, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; and H.R. 2262, the “SPACE Act of 2015”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Improving Capital Access Programs within the SBA”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Pacific Northwest Seismic Hazards: Planning and Preparing for the Next Disaster”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Improving Competition in Medicare: Removing Moratoria and Expanding Access”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 18 through May 22, 2015

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1314, Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act.

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*: May 21, business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations*: May 19, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

May 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016”, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

May 20, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on Syria, 11 a.m., SVC-217.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the fiscal year 2016 302(b) allocations, an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016”, and an original bill entitled, “Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: May 21, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “The Financial Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget*: May 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: May 19, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Admin-

istration reauthorization, focusing on air traffic control modernization and reform, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1331, to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, S. 1326, to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, S. 1040, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, S. 806, to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for pre-employment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes, S. 1315, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, S. 1334, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 1251, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted by Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007, S. 1336, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and the nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019, and a routine list in the Coast Guard, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 20, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine improvements and innovations in fishery management and data collection, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: May 19, to hold hearings to examine S. 562, to promote exploration for geothermal resources, S. 822, to expand geothermal production, S. 1026, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels, S. 1057, to promote geothermal energy, S. 1058, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1103,

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thermally led wood energy systems, and S. 1304, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot competitive grant program for the development of a skilled energy workforce, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 21, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 160, and H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 365, to improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah, S. 472, to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, S. 583, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 814, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, S. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and S. 1240, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* May 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term “waters of the United States”, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 20, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine scientific advisory panels and processes at the Environmental Protection Agency, including S. 543, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* May 19, to hold hearings to examine how to safely reduce reliance on foster care group homes, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Ann Haverkamp, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, both of the Department of State, Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Cuban relations, focusing on the way forward, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, S. 868, to establish a fund to make payment to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (ESG) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, S. Res. 87, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism, the nominations of Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, and Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* May 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, focusing on examining EEOC's enforcement and litigation programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring institutional risk-sharing, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* May 20, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine 21st century ideas for the 20th century Federal civil service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine understanding America's long-term fiscal picture, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* May 20, to hold an oversight hearing to examine addressing the needs of Native communities through Indian Water Rights Settlements, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 19, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine body cameras, focusing on whether technology can increase protection for law enforcement officers and the public, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 20, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine taking sexual assault seriously, focusing on the rape kit backlog and human rights, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* May 19, to hold hearings to examine proposed environmental regulation's impacts on America's small businesses, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* May 20, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 19, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 21, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine solutions to the hospital observation stay crisis, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* May 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. —, a legislative response to the WTO decision; and the "National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The World of Nutrition, Government Duplication and Unmet Needs", 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* May 20, Subcommittee on Defense, markup on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This markup will be closed.

May 20, Full Committee, markup on Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for FY 2016, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* May 20, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Reforming the Workers' Compensation Program for Federal Employees", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* May 20, Full Committee, markup on the "21st Century Cures Act" (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on the "FCC Process Reform Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications



Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on improving the participation of small businesses in the proceedings of the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a quarterly report on pending requests for action by the Federal Communications Commission and pending congressional investigations of the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for publication on the Internet website of the Federal Communications Commission of certain policies and procedures established by the chairman of the Commission, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “Quadrennial Energy Review and Related Discussion Drafts”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “What are the State Governments Doing to Combat the Opioid Abuse Epidemic?”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, May 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 432, the “SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2015”; H.R. 686, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2015”; H.R. 1334, the “Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act of 2015”; H.R. 1525, the “Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2015”; H.R. 1675, the “Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2015”; H.R. 1723, the “Small Company Simple Registration Act of 2015”; H.R. 1847, the “Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2015”; H.R. 1965, the “Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act”; H.R. 1975, the “Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act”; H.R. 2064, the “Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act”; H.R. 2354, the “Streamlining Excessive and Costly Regulations Review Act”; H.R. 2356, the “Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2015”; H.R. 2357, the “Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2015”; and a resolution to name a new Republican Member of the Committee to subcommittees, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 21, Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing, hearing entitled “A Dangerous Nexus: Terrorism, Crime, and Corruption”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 20, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Egypt Two Years After Morsi: Part I”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 235, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015; hearing entitled “Everest Trembled: Lessons Learned from the Nepal Earthquake Response”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Developments in Rwanda”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 21, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2100, the “Girls Count Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2323, the “United States International Communications Reform Act of 2015”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, May 20, Full Committee, H.R. 1300, the “First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act”; H.R. 1615, the “DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015”; H.R. 1626, the “DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015”; H.R. 1633, the “DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1637, the “Federally Funded Research and Development Sunshine Act of 2015”; H.R. 1640, the “Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1646, the “Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”; H.R. 1738, the “Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2200, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2206, the “SWIC Enhancement Act”; and the “Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act”, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 21, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Admitting Syrian Refugees: The Intelligence Void and the Emerging Homeland Security Threat”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, May 20, Full Committee, hearing on the United States Capitol Police, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, May 20, Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, joint hearing on a discussion draft of a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on a discussion draft titled the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “State Perspectives on the Status of Cooperating Agencies for the Office of Surface Mining’s Stream Protection Rule”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, May 21, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Issues Facing Civilian and Postal Service Vehicle Fleet Procurement”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, May 20, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, May 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Across Town, Across Oceans: Expanding

the Role of Small Business in Global Commerce”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, May 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2322, the “Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2015”; H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the “J. Waties Waring Judicial Center”; and two General Services Administration Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, May 21, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, May 20, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Examining the Use of Administrative Actions in the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: May 20, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 19

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1314, Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 19

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 2353—Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 2250—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules: 1) H.R. 874—American Super Computing Leadership Act, 2) H.R. 1162—Science Prize Competitions Act, 3) H.R. 1119—Research and Development Efficiency Act, 4) H.R. 1156—International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015, 5) H.R. 1561—Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2015, and 6) H.R. 1158—Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015.

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