

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Ayotte read Washington's Farewell Address.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S793–S818*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 374–378, and S. Res. 38–41. **Page S813**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 38, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013.

S. Res. 40, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### Measures Passed:

*North Korea Nonproliferation and Accountability Act:* Senate passed S. 298, to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S816–17**

*National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 41, supporting the designation of March 2013, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. **Page S817**

**Hagel Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense, be agreed to; the motion to reconsider be agreed to; the time until 12 p.m., be equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, upon reconsideration. **Page S816**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked, the time during recess, morning business and adjournment count post-cloture on the nomination. **Pages S817–18**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 22), Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Pages S803–05, S818**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S813**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—22) **Page S805**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S817–18.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* On Tuesday, February 19, 2013, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 113th Congress:

*Subcommittee on AirLand:* Senators Manchin (Chair), Nelson, McCaskill, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Donnelly, Wicker, McCain, Sessions, Chambliss, and Blunt.

*Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities:* Senators Hagan (Chair), Reed, Nelson, Udall (CO),

Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Fischer, McCain, Wicker, Graham, Vitter, and Cruz.

*Subcommittee on Personnel:* Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Hagan, Blumenthal, Hirono, Kaine, King, Graham, Chambliss, Ayotte, Blunt, and Lee.

*Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support:* Senators Shaheen (Chair), McCaskill, Udall (CO), Manchin, Donnelly, Hirono, Kaine, Ayotte, Chambliss, Fischer, Blunt, Lee, and Cruz.

*Subcommittee on Seapower:* Senators Reed (Chair), Nelson, Hagan, Shaheen, Blumenthal, Hirono, Kaine, King, McCain, Sessions, Wicker, Ayotte, Graham, Vitter, and Cruz.

*Subcommittee on Strategic Forces:* Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Reed, McCaskill, Donnelly, King, Sessions, Fischer, Vitter, and Lee.

Senators Levin and Inhofe are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 113th Congress.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 113th Congress.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 803–818; and 4 resolutions, H.Res. 77–80 were introduced. **Pages H626–27**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H627–29**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H601**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 91 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 46. **Pages H601, H605–06**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H602**

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

**Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center Designation Act:** H.R. 667, to redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting "nay" and 1 answering "present", Roll No. 47. **Pages H602–05, H606–07**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H605**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H606, H606–07. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the

113th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the impact of Federal investments on people, communities, and long-term economic growth, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, Time to be announced, S-219, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2013 to 2023; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, and to consider the nominations of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary, and Christopher J. Meade, of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of the Treasury, and William B. Schultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine state leadership and innovation in disability employment, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, 3:45 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider electing the Chairwoman and Vice Chairman and committee rules during the 113th Congress, and any other organizational business items, 3 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans (DAV), 2 p.m., 345, Cannon Building.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 26 through March 1, 2013

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 12 noon, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense, upon reconsideration.

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:* February 26, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Readiness and Force Management, and Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 26, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine addressing the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA), financial condition and program challenges, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* February 26, to hold hearings to examine the impact of Federal investments on people, communities, and long-term economic growth, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 27, to hold hearings to examine the power of transparency, focusing on giving consumers the information they need to make smart choices in the health insurance market, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* February 26, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, Time to be announced, S-219, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance:* February 26, to hold hearings to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2013 to 2023; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, and to consider the nominations of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary, and Christopher J. Meade, of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of the Treasury, and William B. Schultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine delivery system reform, focusing on a progress report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* February 26, to hold hearings to examine state leadership and innovation in disability employment, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine animal drug user fee agreements, focusing on advancing animal health for the public health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* February 26, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, 3:45 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* February 26, organizational business meeting to consider electing the Chairwoman and Vice Chairman and committee rules during the 113th Congress, and any other organizational business items, 3 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 26, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the assault weapons ban of 2013, 10 a.m., SH-216.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, 2 p.m., SD-226.

February 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, S. 54, to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking, S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, and the nominations of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, Shelly Deckert Dick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, William H. Orrick, III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Nelson Stephen Roman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Michael J. McShane, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Luis Felipe Restrepo, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., SD-216.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* February 27, business meeting to markup the Omnibus Budget for Senate committees, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* February 26, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans (DAV), 2 p.m., 345, Cannon Building.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of Military Officer Association of America, Retired Enlisted Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Wounded Warrior Project, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and American Ex-Prisoners of War, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* February 26, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* February 27, to hold hearings to examine strengthening Medicare for today and the future, 3 p.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* February 26, Full Committee, meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2014, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 26, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "Fiscal Challenges", 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors, 1 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Government Accountability Office FY 2014 Budget, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Government Printing Office FY 2014 Budget, 11 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

February 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the Library of Congress FY 2014 Budget, 9:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

February 27, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Resources for Risk-Based Security, Transportation Security Administration Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Oversight of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Indian Education, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Congressional Budget Office FY 2014 Budget, 10:15 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, February 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Quadrennial Defense Review: Process, Policy, and Perspectives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on the Future of Seapower, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 27, Full Committee, hearing on the transition in Afghanistan: Views of Outside Experts, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the impact to military end strength in a budget constrained environment, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the role of intelligence in the Department of Defense, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on assuring viability of the sustainment industrial base, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Nuclear Security: Actions, Accountability and Reform, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on impacts of a continuing resolution and sequestration on acquisition, programming, and the industrial base, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, February 26, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled "Putting America Back to Work: Reforming the Nation's Workforce Investment System", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Protecting Students and Teachers: A Discussion on School Safety", 12:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Raising the Bar: How are Schools Measuring Teacher Performance?", 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, February 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "American Energy Security and Innovation: An Assessment of Private-Sector Successes and Opportunities in Energy Efficient Technologies", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Is the Broadband Stimulus Working?", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Fostering Innovation to Fight Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Health Care", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled "The Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Policy and Governance Challenges", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*; February 26, Full Committee, meeting to adopt the Committee's budget views and estimates for fiscal year 2014, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, February 26, Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Demonstrations in Tahrir Square: Two Years Later, What Has Changed?", 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "The Rebalance to Asia: Why South Asia Matters (Part I)" 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Anti-Semitism: A Growing Threat to All Faiths", 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, joint hearing entitled "Islamist Militant Threats to Eurasia", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "Overview of U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere: Opportunities and Challenges", 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, February 26, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "What Does a Secure Border Look Like?", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, February 26, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "Competition and Bankruptcy in the Airline Industry: The Proposed Merger of American Airlines and US Airways", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled "Agricultural Labor: From H-2A to a Workable Agricultural Guestworker Program", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Drones and the War On Terror: When Can the U.S. Target Alleged American Terrorists Overseas?", 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Protection, hearing entitled "How E-Verify Works and How it Benefits American Employers and Workers", 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "Obama Administration's Regulatory War on Jobs, the Economy, and America's Global Competitiveness", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, February 26, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing entitled "State Forest Management: A Model for Promoting Healthy Forests, Rural Schools and Jobs", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, February 26, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Bailout Rewards: The Treasury Department's Continued Approval of Excessive Pay for Executives at Taxpayer-Funded Companies", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Time to Reform Information Technology Acquisition: The Federal IT Acquisition Reform Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census, hearing entitled “The Road Less Traveled: Reducing Federal Travel and Conference Spending”, 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Failures in Managing Federal Real Property: Billions in Losses”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, February 26, Full Committee, hearing on S. 47, the “Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, February 26, Subcommittee on Technology; and Subcommittee on Research, joint hearing entitled “Cyber R&D Challenges and Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on the Environment, hearing entitled “Mid-Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “A Review of The Space Leadership Preservation Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Top Challenges For Science Agencies: Reports from the Inspectors General—Part 1”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, February 27, Full Committee, meeting on Committee’s Views and Estimates on the Small Business Administration FY 2014 Budget, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “Small Business Trade Agenda: Opportunities in the 113th Congress”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, February 26, Subcommittee Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Coast Guard Mission Balance”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Implementation of the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act: One Year Later” 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, February 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Electronic Health Record U-turn: Are VA and DoD Headed in the Wrong Direction?”, 9:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, February 26, Full Committee, meeting on the Committee on Ways and Means Views and Estimates Submission Letter, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Health, organizational meeting, 10:20 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Traditional Medicare’s Benefit Design”, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Social Security, organizational meeting of the Subcommittee on Social Security Agenda for the 113th Congress, 2:30 p.m., 1105 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Increasing Adoptions from Foster Care”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 28, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “The Proposed Waiver of Work Requirements in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States economy, focusing on economic growth and job creation, and what Congress can do to boost them, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Tuesday, February 26

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Tuesday, February 26

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Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense, and at approximately 12 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, upon reconsideration.

*(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, upon reconsideration, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

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House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of the following measure under suspension of the rules: H. Res. 77, establishing an academic competition in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics among students in Congressional districts.

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