

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 23rd.

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Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Ms. Susan Dreyfus of Milwaukee, WI and Ms. Cassie Statuto Bevan of Derwood, MD.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2120.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 5 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2140, H2141, H2141–42, H2143–44, and H2144. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Agriculture: Ed Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulator Programs; Kevin Shea, Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Dave Shipman, Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service; Larry Mitchell, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—CENTRAL COMMAND/INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Central Command/International Security Assistance Force. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Veterans Affairs: Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary; Robert A. Patzel, MD., Under Secretary for Health; Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, W. Todd Grams, Executive in Charge, Office of Management, Chief Financial Officer; Steve L. Muro, Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs; and Stephen Warren, Acting Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Justice Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Eric Holder, Attorney General Department of Justice.

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND ITS FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "A Financial Review of the Department of Health and Human Services and Its FY 2014 Budget". Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

GLOBAL INVESTMENT IN AMERICAN JOBS ACT OF 2013

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing on discussion draft of the "Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013". Testimony was heard from Francisco J. Sanchez, Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

TIER RANKINGS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "Tier Rankings in the Fight Against Human Trafficking". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S FY 2014 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2014 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled “Private Property Rights Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

2014 BUDGET REQUEST—NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS, AND U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Office of Insular Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the President’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request for these Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Nancy H. Sutley, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Kathleen Sullivan, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Stephen D. Guertin, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Tom Bussanich, Director of Budget, Office of Insular Affairs.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on H.R. 657, the “Grazing Improvement Act”; H.R. 696, the “Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act”; H.R. 934, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 993, the “Fruit Heights Land Conveyance Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Labrador, Horsford, and McClintock; Leslie A. C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Mineral Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Todd Stevenson, Mayor, City of Fruit Heights, UT; and Bryan Kelly, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Merced, CA, Irrigation District.

SEQUESTRATION OVERSIGHT: PRIORITIZING SECURITY OVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AT TSA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Sequestration Oversight: Prioritizing Security over Administrative Costs at TSA”. Testimony was heard from John Halinski, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

OVERVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET PROPOSAL AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Proposal at the National Institute of Standards and Technology”. Testimony was heard from Patrick Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

INNOVATION AS A CATALYST FOR NEW JOBS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Innovation as a Catalyst for New Jobs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S AND OTHER BIPARTISAN ENTITLEMENT REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the President’s and Other Bipartisan Entitlement Reform Proposals. Testimony was heard from Erica L. Groshen, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; Jeffrey Kling, Associate Director for Economic Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; Charles P. Blahous III, Trustee, Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees.

Joint Meetings

FEDERAL RESERVE MONETARY POLICY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Reserve System at 100, focusing on monetary policy, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; and Adam S. Posen, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
APRIL 19, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform legislation, 10 a.m., SH-216.