

affirming the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act; and H. Res. 418, urging the Government of Burma to end the persecution of the Rohingya people and respect internationally recognized human rights for all ethnic and religious minority groups within Burma, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The First One Thousand Days: Development Aid Programs to Bolster Health and Nutrition”, 1:30 p.m. 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “U.S. Disengagement from Latin America: Compromised Security and Economic Interests”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s FY 2015 Budget Request: Ensuring Effective Preparedness, Response, and Communications”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 863, the “Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum Act of 2013”; H.R. 3006, to authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4017, to designate a peak located in Nevada as “Mount Reagan”; H.R. 4120, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date; and H.R. 4253, to permanently withdraw, reserve, and transfer Bureau of Land Management lands used for military purposes in Alaska, Nevada, and New Mexico to the appropriate Secretary of the military department concerned, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Four Power Marketing Administrations and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Program”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1459, the “Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, meeting to consider the views and estimates on the Small Business Administration’s FY 2015 budget request, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “The Role of Trading in Achieving Clean Water Objectives”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 3593, the “VA Construction Assistance Act of 2013”; H.R. 4261, the “Gulf War Health Research Reform Act of 2014”; and

H.R. 4281, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2942, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3056, the “Warriors’ Peer-Outreach Pilot Program Act”; H.R. 3614, the “Military Skills to Careers Act”; H.R. 4031, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes; H.R. 4037, the “Improving Veterans’ Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Act of 2014”; H.R. 4038, the “Veterans Benefits Administration Information Technology Improvement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4147, the “Student Veterans IT Upgrade Act”; H.R. 4150, the “Veterans Employment and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4151, the “Veterans Education Survey Act of 2014”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 25 through March 28, 2014

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2124, Support for the Sovereignty, Integrity, Democracy, and Economic Stability of Ukraine Act, post-cloture.

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 Appropriations*: March 25, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Veterans Affairs’, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 25, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Capitol Police, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Secretary of the Senate, 3:30 p.m., SD-192.

March 26, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Interior, 9:15 a.m., SD-124.

March 26, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget

estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 27, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217 at approximately 11:15 a.m., 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 27, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 25, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 25, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on challenges to maintaining United States military technology superiority, 2:15 p.m., SVC-217.

March 26, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 26, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 26, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the the current readiness of United States forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 26, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine if alternative financial products are serving consumers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 26, to hold hearings to examine protecting personal consumer information from cyber attacks and data breaches, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 25, to hold an oversight hearing to examine importing energy and exporting jobs, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, both of the Department

of the Interior, and subcommittee assignments, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 26, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine MAP-21 reauthorization, focusing on state and local perspectives on transportation priorities and funding, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 26, to hold hearings to examine Syria after Geneva, focusing on the next steps for United States policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 27, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine powering Africa's future, focusing on the Power Africa Initiative, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 25, to hold hearings to examine teacher preparation, focusing on ensuring a quality teacher in every classroom, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for borrowers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 25, Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine transparency and training, focusing on preparing our first responders for emerging threats and hazards, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine strengthening public-private partnerships to reduce cyber risks to our nation's critical infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sherry Moore Trafford, and Steven M. Wellner, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 26, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for Tribal Programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 26, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of, "The Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act", 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and the nominations of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Tanya S. Chutkan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Hannah Lauck, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for

the Southern District of Illinois, John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 27, Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action, to hold hearings to examine access to justice for those who serve, 3 p.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 25, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

March 27, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 26, to hold hearings to examine preventing Medicare fraud, focusing on the best way to protect seniors and taxpayers, 2:15 p.m., SD–562.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* March 26, to hold hearings to examine America's addiction to opioids, focusing on heroin and prescription drug abuse, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 26, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing to Review the impacts of Endangered Species Act and related litigation on National Forest System management, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigation's Post 9/11 Reform Efforts FY 2015 Budget and Oversight, 9 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Research, Education and Economic FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Air Force Budget FY 2015, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education oversight hearing entitled "Future of Biomedical Research", 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

March 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Bureau of Reclamation FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on the Judiciary FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on Food and Drug Administration FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on the National Science Foundation FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 27, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Army FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

March 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Veterans Affairs FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services* March 26, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Interim Report of the Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Combat Aviation Programs, 12:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2015 Science and Technology Programs: Pursuing Technology Superiority in a Changing Security Environment, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Operation and Maintenance without OCO Funds: What Now?, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* March 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Department of Labor", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* March 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Where Have All the Patients Gone? Examining the Psychiatric Bed Shortage", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* March 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Geopolitical Potential of the U.S. Energy Boom", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "The Shocking Truth about North Korean Tyranny", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* March 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, markup on H.R. 4228, the "DHS Acquisition Accountability and Efficiency Act", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 27, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, markup on H.R. 3283, the "Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2013"; H.R. 4263, the "Social Media Working Group Act of 2014"; and legislation on the "Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* March 26, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations,

hearing entitled “Innocence for Sale: Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Exploring Chapter 11 Reform: Corporate and Financial Institution Insolvencies; Treatment of Derivatives”, 4 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 27, Over-Criminalization Task Force, hearing on Over-federalization, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Collision Course: Oversight of the Obama Administration’s Enforcement Approach for America’s Wildlife Laws and Its Impact on Domestic Energy”, 10 a.m., 1324 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Advances in Earthquake Science: 50th Anniversary of the Great Alaskan Quake”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 27, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3822, the “Fort Wingate Land Division Act of 2014”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the IRS Response to the Targeting Scandal”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Science Agencies”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “A Review of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget for Fiscal Year 2015”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 26, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Barriers to Opportunity: Do Occupational Licensing Laws Unfairly Limit Entrepreneurship and Jobs?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 26, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, March 26, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2018, the “Honor Those Who Served Act of 2013”; H.R. 2088, H.R. 2119, the “Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act”; H.R. 2529, the “Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act”; H.R. 3671, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for a medallion furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to signify the veteran status of a deceased

individual; H.R. 3876, the “Burial with Dignity for Heroes Act of 2014”; H.R. 4095, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 4102, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; H.R. 4141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for excess property of the National Cemetery Administration that is unsuitable for burial purposes; and H.R. 4191, the “Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act”, 3:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

March 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 183, the “Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act”; H.R. 2527, the “Veterans Access to Timely Medical Appointments Act”; H.R. 2661, the “Veterans Access to Timely Medical Appointments Act”; H.R. 2974, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility for beneficiary travel for veterans seeking treatment or care for military sexual trauma in specialized outpatient or residential programs at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3508, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the qualifications of hearing aid specialists of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3180, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects; H.R. 3387, the “Classified Veterans Access to Care Act”; H.R. 3831, the “Veterans Dialysis Pilot Program Review Act of 2014”; H.R. 4198, the “Appropriate Care for Disabled Veterans Act”; and legislation to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., 304–HVC. This is a closed hearing.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: March 26, to hold hearings to examine unwinding quantitative easing, focusing on how the Fed should promote stable prices, economic growth, and job creation, 2 p.m., SH–216.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: March 27, to receive a briefing on the highs and lows in United States-Russia relations, 1 p.m., 2103, Rayburn Building.

*Joint Hearing*: March 26, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD–G50.