

McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Edward G. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; that if cloture is invoked on any of these nominations, the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, and that at 2:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; that following Senate action on these nominations, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Department of State; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote and all roll call votes after the first vote in each sequence be 10 minutes in length.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1740.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Steven L. Muro, Under

Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Stephen Warren, Executive in Charge for Information and Technology, and Helen Tierney, Executive in Charge for the Office of Management and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE, SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Kim C. Dine, Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

### MAINTAINING U.S. MILITARY TECHNOLOGY SUPERIORITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received a closed briefing on challenges to maintaining United States military technology superiority from Frank Kendall III, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and Alan R. Shaffer, Acting Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, both of the Department of Defense.

### IMPORTING ENERGY AND EXPORTING JOBS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine importing energy and exporting jobs, after receiving testimony from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Jaroslav Neverovic, The Republic of Lithuania Minister of Energy, Vilnius; and W. David Montgomery, NERA Economic Consulting, David L. Goldwyn, Brookings Institution, and Edward C. Chow, Center

for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

### TRANSPARENCY IN TRAINING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine transparency and training, focusing on preparing our first responders for emerging threats and hazards, after receiving testimony from Mike King, Acting Director of National Training and Education, Superintendent of the Center for Domestic Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Tim McLean, Casselton Fire Chief, Wheatland, North Dakota; and Lisa A. Stabler, Transportation Technology Center, Inc., Pueblo, Colorado, on behalf of the Association of American Railroads.

### TEACHER PREPARATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine teacher preparation, focusing on ensuring a quality teacher in every classroom, after receiving testimony from Jeanne M. Burns, Louisiana Board of Regents Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives, Baton Rouge; Edward Crowe, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey; Mary Brabeck, Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, and Timothy Daly, The New Teacher Project, both of New York, New York; and Mari Koerner, Arizona State University Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Tempe.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 4290–4297; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 94–95; and H. Res. 523 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4005, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–384) and

H. Res. 524, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1459) to ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 113–385).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend John Rosenberg, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Olympia, Washington.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 523, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America:** The House passed

H.R. 2824, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 141.

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Rejected the Bera (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 140.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–41, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–374, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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