

Eastern Europe, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; and Julianne Smith, Center for a New American Security, Ian J. Brzezinski, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, and Edward C. Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies Energy and National Security Program, all of Washington, DC.

OVERSIGHT OF SMALL AGENCIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine small agencies, including an original bill entitled “Small Agency Inspector General Act”, after receiving testimony from Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration, on behalf of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; Osvaldo Luis Gratacos, Inspector General, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Hubert Sparks, Inspector General, Appalachian Regional Commission; Michael Carroll, Acting Inspector General, United States Agency for International

Development; and Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

STRONG START FOR AMERICA’S CHILDREN ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding access to quality early learning, focusing on the “Strong Start for America’s Children Act”, after receiving testimony from Mayor Angel Taveras, Providence, Rhode Island; John E. Pepper, Jr., Proctor and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of ReadyNation/America’s Edge; Steven Barnett, Rutgers University National Institute for Early Education Research, New Brunswick, New Jersey; and Grover J. Whitehurst, Brookings Institution Brown Center on Education Policy, Washington, DC.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 4445–4485; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 114; H. Con. Res. 97; and H. Res. 550–554 were introduced. **Pages H3195–98**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3198–99**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 863, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–411, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2657, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–412); and

H.R. 4032, to exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–413, Pt. 1). **Page H3195**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3147**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H3147**

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 96, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and to set forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 177. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, April 8th. **Pages H3149–84**
Rejected:

Woodall amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that sought to balance the budget in four years and cut discretionary spending to FY2008 levels (by a recorded vote of 133 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 175) and

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Van Hollen amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that

sought to pursue investments in job creation and education, tax reform that promotes the growth of American businesses and tax fairness, and policies that support access to health care, retirement security, and a safe and secure nation (by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 176).

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H. Res. 544, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to on Tuesday, April 8th.

Denying admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 2195, to deny admission to the United States to any representative to the United Nations who has been found to have been engaged in espionage activities or a terrorist activity against the United States and poses a threat to United States national security interests.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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National Commission on Hunger—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the National Commission on Hunger: Mr. Jeremy Everett of Waco, Texas; Dr. Susan Finn of Columbus, Ohio; and Mr. Robert Doar of Brooklyn, New York.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3164.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 33 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3165–66, H3180–81, and H3183–84. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 1:45 p.m., pursuant to S. Con. Res. 35, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a

hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public and outside witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF PRISONS FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled Bureau of Prisons FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Charles E. Samuels, Jr., Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Intelligence Community Overview. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled "Readiness Posture". Testimony was heard from General John F. Campbell, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral Mark Ferguson, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; General John M. Paxton Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; and General Larry O. Spencer, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a markup on H.R. 4342, the "Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2014". The bill was forwarded, without amendment, to the Full Committee.

ICANN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Should the Department of Commerce Relinquish Direct Oversight Over ICANN?". Testimony was heard from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.