

Friday, February 13, 2015

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 4:45 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 962–1011; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 33–34, and H. Res. 111–118, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 158 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 83.

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America's Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limitations, by a recorded vote of 272 ayes to 142 noes, Roll No. 82.

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Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 173 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 81.

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Pursuant to the rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–6 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 101, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 644) and (H.R. 636), was agreed to on February 12.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17th, and that the order of the House of January 6, 2015, regarding morning-hour debate not apply on that day.

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United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Turner, Chairman; Representatives Johnson (OH), Miller (FL), Marino, Guthrie, Cook, and Kinzinger (IL).

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Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Pompeo and Womack.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representatives Young (IN) and Rooney.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following

Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representative Smith (NE). **Page H1052**

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Representatives Lamborn and McSally. **Page H1052**

Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representative King (NY). **Page H1052**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1049–50, H1050–51, and H1051. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Inspector General budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Phyllis Fong, Inspector General; Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General for Audits; and Ann Coffey, Acting Assistant Inspector General, Investigations.

WHAT IS THE STATE OF ISLAMIC EXTREMISM: KEY TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "What Is the State of Islamic Extremism: Key Trends, Challenges, and Implications for

U.S. Policy". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded a business meeting to adopt the committee's views and estimates on the budget for fiscal year 2016. The committee's views and estimates passed, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT AND THE RELIGIOUS LAND USE AND INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

D.C. METRO: IS THERE A SAFETY GAP?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets; Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled "D.C. Metro: Is There a Safety Gap?". Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Hart, Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Edward R. Mills, Assistant Fire Chief—Operations, District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.