

Department of Agriculture, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, Natural Resources Conservation Service budget. Testimony was heard from Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION; BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education budgets and a hearing on Bureau of Indian Education oversight. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; Charles “Monty” Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education; and Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

#### THE NEEDS OF DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS IN RURAL AND SMALLER COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “The Needs of Drinking Water Systems in Rural and Smaller Communities”. Testimony was heard from J. Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLENEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 400, the “Trafficking Prevention in Foreign Affairs Contracting Act”; H.R. 757, the “North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2015”; and H. Res. 53, condemning the cowardly attack on innocent men, women, and children in the northeastern Nigerian town of Baga. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 400. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 757 and H. Res. 53.

#### THE STATE OF CLASS ACTIONS TEN YEARS AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled “The State of Class Actions Ten Years After the Enactment of the Class Action Fairness Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### ENSURING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY THROUGH FOIA REFORM

*Committee on Oversight And Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Government Transparency Through FOIA Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### THE COMMERCIAL CREW PROGRAM: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “The Commercial Crew Program: Challenges and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Bill Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Vice Admiral Joseph Dyer, USN (Ret.), Chairman, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission budget, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on H.R. 348, the “Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2015”; H.R. 712, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1155, the “Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015”, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 749, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 5 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 2 through March 6, 2015

## Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 240, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act. At 5:30 p.m., Senate expects to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to agree to the House request to go to a conference on the bill.

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 4, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 4, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

March 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 5, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Capitol Police, 3 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine a review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

March 4, 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 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 4, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine United States nuclear weapons policy, programs, and strategy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the postures on the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine Federal Reserve accountability and reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine wasteful duplication in the Federal government, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation, 9 a.m., SR-253.

March 4, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on oversight and reform of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 5, to hold hearings to examine opportunities for the United States to build on its status as an Arctic nation for the betterment of the nation and those who live in the Arctic, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 4, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine fairness in taxation, 9 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 3, to receive a closed briefing on an update on the campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), 4 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 5, to hold hearings to examine America's health information technology (IT) transformation, focusing on translating the promise of electronic health records into better care, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 4, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2015", S. 280, to improve the efficiency, management, and inter-agency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, H.R. 460, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, H.R. 615, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, an original bill entitled, "Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act", an original bill entitled, "Presidential Library Donations Act", an original bill entitled, "Federal Vehicle Repair Costs Savings Act", S. 546, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training