

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

and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, S. 242, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, S. 86, to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, and S. 136, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 4, to hold hearings to examine S. 438, to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Judiciary: March 3, Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold an oversight hearing to examine United States citizenship and immigration services, focusing on ensuring agency priorities comply with the law, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine whistleblower retaliation at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, focusing on improving protections and oversight, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 4, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation from the American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Blinded Veterans Association, and the National Council on Aging, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 5, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 5, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing to review the definition of "waters of the United States" proposed rule and its impact on rural America, 9:15 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee On Appropriations, March 3, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Africa Command budget, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

March 3, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on National Institutes of Health budget, 8:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on U.S. Forest Service budget, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC budget, 1 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Marketing and Regulatory Programs budget, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Commerce budget, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs budget, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Food and Drug Administration budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Department of Defense budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Department of Education budget, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities budget, 1 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Department of Treasury budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Park Service budget, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Research Agencies budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Central Command budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Committee on Armed Services, March 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The President's Proposed Authorization for Use of Military Force Against ISIL and U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in the Greater Middle East", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Alignment of Infrastructure Investment and Risk and Defense Strategic Requirements", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in Afghanistan: Post-2014 Transition, Risks, and Lessons Learned", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Air Force Projection Forces

Aviation Programs and Capabilities for Fiscal Year 2016”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Cyber Operations: Improving the Military Cyber Security Posture in an Uncertain Threat Environment”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Update on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 4, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing on H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “21st Century Energy Markets: How the Changing Dynamics of World Energy Markets Impact our Economy and Energy Security”, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Understanding the Cyber Threat and Implications for the 21st Century Economy”, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The 21st Century Electricity Challenge: Ensuring a Secure, Reliable, and Modern Electricity System”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission: The FCC’s FY 2016 Budget Request”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the 340B Drug Pricing Program”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the FY 2016 Performance Budget Request”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”, 2:30 p.m., HVC-210.

March 5, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ukraine Under Siege”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Prospects for Greater U.S. Trade”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Iran’s Noncompliance with its International Atomic Energy Agency Obligations”, 9:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 4, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security

Technologies, hearing entitled “Industry Perspectives on the President’s Cybersecurity Information Sharing Proposal”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 3, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1147, the “Legal Workforce Act”; H.R. 1149, the “Protection of Children Act of 2015”; H.R. 1153, the “Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1148, the “Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 4, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1147, the “Legal Workforce Act”; H.R. 1149, the “Protection of Children Act of 2015”; H.R. 1153, the “Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1148, the “Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act” (continued), 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 707, the “Restoration of America’s Wire Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 3, Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “Challenges Facing OIRA in Ensuring Transparency and Effective Rulemaking”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Rebuilding the Chemical Safety Board: Finding a Solution to the CSB’s Governance and Management Challenges”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: The Evolving Nature of Cyber Threats Facing the Private Sector”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, March 3, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1029, the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1030, the “Secret Science Reform Act of 2015”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 4, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1119, the “Research and Development Efficiency Act”; the “International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015”; the “Science Prize Competitions Act”; the “Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015”; and H.R. 874, the “American Super Computing Leadership Act”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Building an Opportunity Economy: The State of Small Business and Entrepreneurship”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Improving Capital Access Programs with the SBA”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 3, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Federal

Aviation Administration Reauthorization: Enabling a 21st Century Aviation System”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Growing Cyber Threat and Its Impact on American Business”, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President 2015, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.