

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1449.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, Donald Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Admiral John Richardson, United States Navy, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, and Deputy Administrator for Office of Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Yvette Roubideaux, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and Robert G. McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Julian Castro, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Army, after receiving testimony

from John McHugh, Secretary of the Army, and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ABROAD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine protecting religious freedom abroad, after receiving testimony from David N. Saperstein, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Bishop Oscar Cantu, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Tony Perkins, Family Research Council, and Jay Sekulow, American Center for Law and Justice, both of Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Dee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), and Lieutenant General Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine military construction, environmental, energy, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John C. Conger, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations and Environment, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Dennis V. McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy, all of the Department of Defense.

BENEFITS OF A BALANCED BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine benefits of a balanced budget, after receiving testimony from former Michigan Governor John Engler, Business Roundtable, and Maya MacGuineas, Committee for a Responsible Federal

Budget, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark Blyth, Brown University Watson Institute for International Studies, Providence, Rhode Island.

NATIONWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY WIRELESS BROADBAND NETWORK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a nationwide public safety wireless broadband network, including preliminary information on FirstNet's efforts to establish a nationwide broadband network, after receiving testimony from Bruce H. Andrews, Deputy Secretary, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; G. Keith Bryant, Oklahoma City Fire Department Chief, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; and Sue Swenson, First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), Reston, Virginia.

CLEAN POWER PLANT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine state regulators' perspectives on the clean power plan, after receiving testimony from Ellen Nowak, Wisconsin Public Service Commission Chairperson, Madison; Todd Parfitt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director, Cheyenne; Thomas Easterly, Indiana Department of Environmental Management Commissioner, Indianapolis; Mary Nichols, California Air Resources Board Chairman, Sac-

ramento; and Michael J. Myers, Office of New York State Attorney General Environmental Protection Bureau Assistant Attorney General, Albany.

USE OF FORCE AGAINST ISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's request for authorization to use force against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), focusing on military and diplomatic efforts, after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State; and Ash Carter, Secretary, and General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Roseann A. Ketchmark, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, who was introduced by Senators Blunt and McCaskill, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: 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, 9:45 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed