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HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Senate

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 857–867, and S. Res. 111–115. **Page S1891**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled ''History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 113th Congress''. (S. Rept. No. 114–6) **Page S1891**

Measures Passed:

National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 115, designating April 2015 as ''National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month''. **Page S1957**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1835–86**

Adopted:

Burr Amendment No. 622, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to manageable Federal student loan repayment options.

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By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 87), Stabenow Amendment No. 755, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to keeping the Federal Water Pollution Control Act focused on protection of water quality, to establish bright lines for Federal jurisdiction, and to create clear and unambiguous exemptions for features that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, claim they are not seeking to regulate.

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By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 88), Barrasso Amendment No. 347, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund to keep the Federal Water Pollution Control Act focused on protection of water quality, to establish bright lines for Federal jurisdiction, and to create clear and unambiguous exemptions for features that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, claim they are not seeking to regulate. **Pages S1836–38, S1869–70**

Hatch Amendment No. 796, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to saving Medicare.

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By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 92), Cotton Amendment No. 481, to establish a deficit-neutral fund relating to supporting Israel.

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Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 86), Reed (for Warren) Amendment No. 652, to make college more affordable for middle-class families by allowing borrowers with outstanding Federal and private student loans to refinance at the equivalent interest rates that were offered to Federal student loan borrowers during the 2013–2014 school year and to fully offset the cost of such a program by requiring millionaires to pay at least a 30 percent effective Federal tax rate. **Pages S1839–44**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 89), Sanders/Whitehouse Modified Amendment No. 777, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to recognize that climate change is real and caused by human activity and that Congress needs to take action to cut carbon pollution. **Pages S1847–48, S1862–63, S1870**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 91), Murray Amendment No. 801, to build on the Bipartisan

Budget Act of 2013 by restoring a below-sequester level cut of $9,000,000,000 to nondefense discretionary spending in 2017, replacing sequestration in 2016 and 2017 and increasing funding above sequester levels by a total of $148,000,000,000 for the 2 years, increasing defense and nondefense discretionary spending above sequester levels by equal amounts, eliminating the overseas contingency operations gimmick contained in the committee-reported resolution, and offsetting the net increase in defense and nondefense discretionary spending by closing tax loopholes. **Pages S1863–64, S1871**

Withdrawn:

Blunt/Thune Amendment No. 350, to create a point of order against legislation that would create a Federal tax or fee on carbon emissions. **Pages S1846–47, S1868**

Pending:

Enzi (for Kirk) Amendment No. 545, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to reimposing waived sanctions and imposing new sanctions against Iran for violations of the Joint Plan of Action or a comprehensive nuclear agreement. **Page S1865**

Rounds/Inhofe Amendment No. 412, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service from engaging in closed-door settlement agreements that ignore impacted States and counties. **Page S1835**

Rubio Modified Amendment No. 423, to increase new budget authority fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and modify outlays for fiscal years 2016 through 2022 for National Defense (budget function 050). **Page S1835**

Daines Amendment No. 388, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the designation of national monuments. **Pages S1865–66**

Daines Amendment No. 389, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to holding Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives accountable for failing to pass a balanced budget. **Page S1885**

Moran Amendment No. 356, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing health care to veterans who reside more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides the care sought by the veteran. **Pages S1848–53**

Roberts/Flake Amendment No. 352, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to Federal employee performance awards. **Pages S1856–57**

Roberts Amendment No. 462, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to over-the-counter medications. **Page S1857**

Vitter Amendment No. 515, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to requiring the Federal Government to allow states to opt out of Common Core without penalty. **Pages S1857–58**

Vitter Amendment No. 811, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ending Washington's illegal exemption from Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Pages S1858–60**

Gardner Amendment No. 443, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting privately held water rights and permits. **Page S1862**

Coats/Warner Amendment No. 595, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve cybersecurity. **Page S1864**

Coats Amendment No. 368, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing States the Medicaid flexibility they need to implement innovative reforms to improve care and enhance access for our Nation's most vulnerable. **Pages S1864–65**

Daines Amendment No. 465, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to Second Amendment rights. **Page S1866**

Daines Amendment No. 387, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to postal reform. **Pages S1866–68**

Wyden/Crapo Amendment No. 434, to provide for an adjustment to committee allocations for wildfire suppression funding. **Page S1868**

Paul Amendment No. 940, to increase new budget authority for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and modify outlays for fiscal years 2016 through 2022 for National Defense (budget function 050) with offsets. **Pages S1872–73**

Sanders (for Murray/Alexander) Amendment No. 697, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation that reforms and strengthens elementary and secondary education. **Page S1873**

Sanders (for Murray) Amendment No. 798, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation to allow Americans to earn paid sick time. **Page S1873**

Sanders (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 800, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to a comprehensive approach to crude-by-rail safety. **Page S1873**

Sanders (for Murray) Amendment No. 812, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide women with affordable access to comprehensive health care, including preventive services (such as contraception and breast cancer screenings), improve maternal health, and ensure that a woman has the same benefits and services no matter what part of the United States she lives in, all of which is critical to improving the health and well-being of women, children, their families, and society as a whole, and is an essential part of a woman's economic security and opportunity. **Page S1873**

Sanders (for Murray) Amendment No. 951, to establish and fund a new Federal-State partnership to expand access to high-quality preschool programs for children from low-and moderate-income families, offset with revenue from closing loopholes.

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Sanders (for Durbin/Coons) Amendment No. 345, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing funding for Federal investments in biomedical and basic scientific research. **Pages S1873–74**

Sanders (for Durbin) Amendment No. 817, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide tax benefits to patriot employers that invest in American jobs and provide fair pay and benefits to workers and to eliminate tax benefits for corporations that ship jobs or profits overseas. **Pages S1873–74**

McCain/Flake Amendment No. 360, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to deterring the migration of unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. **Page S1874**

Wyden/Bennet Amendment No. 708, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to simplifying and expanding tax incentives for higher education to boost student attendance and completion.

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Wyden Amendment No. 791, to strike reconciliation instructions to the Committees on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and Finance and require regular order. **Page S1875**

Wyden Amendment No. 870, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to extending tax provisions expiring in 2013 or 2014 for 2 years, such as those contained in the EXPIRE Act of 2014.

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Heller Amendment No. 453, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that the Secretary of Transportation prioritizes the construction of projects that are of national and regional significance and projects in high priority corridors on the National Highway System, which will improve the safe, secure, and efficient movement of people and goods through the United States and facilitate economic development and create jobs in the United States. **Page S1875**

Heller Amendment No. 452, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that the Secretary of the Interior enters into candidate conservation agreements with each of the relevant 11 Western States before the United States Fish and Wildlife Service makes a listing determination on the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. **Page S1875**

Heller Amendment No. 457, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibition of Veterans Benefits Administration executive bonuses until the backlog of disability claims for veterans is eliminated. **Pages S1875–76**

Heller Amendment No. 456, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs meet the privacy, dignity, and safety needs of women veterans. **Pages S1875–77**

Coons/Bennet Amendment No. 343, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to preserving mandatory appropriations for agricultural conservation programs. **Pages S1877, S1882**

Coons Amendment No. 391, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the expansion of access to the income tax credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers.

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Coons/Rubio Amendment No. 392, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting the use of college savings accounts while students are in elementary school and secondary school.

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Coons Amendment No. 394, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to special treatment of the income tax credit for research expenditures for startup companies. **Pages S1877, S1882**

Coons Amendment No. 802, to offset the costs of the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

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Baldwin Amendment No. 432, to provide additional resources to create the opportunity for more Americans to obtain a higher education and advanced job skills by supporting two free years of community college paid for by raising revenue through requiring millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share. **Pages S1877–78**

Baldwin Amendment No. 436, to preserve the point of order against reconciliation legislation that would increase the deficit or reduce a surplus.

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Manchin Amendment No. 694, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to investing in advanced fossil energy technology research and development. **Page S1878**

Manchin Amendment No. 578, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to addressing methamphetamine abuse in the United States.

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Whitehouse Amendment No. 700, to ensure high-income earners pay a fair share in taxes and to use the revenue to invest in repairing our Nation's bridges, coastal infrastructure, and damage from widlfires. **Page S1879**

Whitehouse/Udall Amendment No. 867, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to making it more difficult for corporations and billionaires to

secretly influence elections by making unlimited undisclosed campaign expenditures, and to prevent such entities from evading campaign finance law, including through making false statements to government agencies. **Page S1879**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 895, to prohibit budget resolutions that support cutting over $1,000,000,000,000 in spending without identifying specific programmatic effects. **Page S1879**

Casey Amendment No. 632, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers. **Pages S1879–80**

Casey Amendment No. 633, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to enhancing the child and dependent care tax credit. **Page S1880**

Merkley/Coons Amendment No. 842, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to consumer financial protection. **Page S1880**

Merkley Amendment No. 843, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to restoring reductions in the Republican budget to the Stafford loan program that would mandate that students currently in college pay interest on their loans before they have received their education benefits, to make college more affordable, to reduce the debt burden of students, and to help graduates afford to pay back student loans. **Page S1880**

Merkley/Brown Amendment No. 952, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to establishing a more level playing field in trade agreements. **Page S1880**

Merkley Amendment No. 953, to save student financial aid and reduce the student loan debt levels in the Republican budget by 15 percent by eliminating new mandated interest charged while students are still in school. **Pages S1880–81**

Blumenthal Amendment No. 825, to expand the deficit-neutral reserve fund for veterans and servicemembers. **Page S1881**

Cassidy Amendment No. 341, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to the promotion of United States offshore energy production. **Page S1882**

Cassidy Amendment No. 539, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving Medicaid based on successful and bipartisan State demonstration projects. **Page S1882**

Cassidy Amendment No. 795, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to authorizing Federal permitting for manufacturing and energy construction projects relating to national primary or secondary ambient air quality standard for ozone lower than a certain existing standard. **Pages S1882–83**

Coons (for Bennet) Amendment No. 715, to create clean energy jobs through predictable and fair incentives for renewable energy. **Page S1883**

Murkowski (for Thune) Amendment No. 607, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to allow for the permanent elimination of the Federal estate tax. **Page S1883**

Murkowski (for Thune) Amendment No. 743, to reduce funding for the General Services Administration by $1,000,000 until 50 percent of counties in nonattainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone as of January 30, 2015, achieve the air quality standard set forth in the 1997 NAAQS, and direct those funds to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of helping municipalities reach attainment with the 2008 NAAQS for ground-level ozone, acknowledging that (1) given limited State and Federal resources and the delay of the Administrator in issuing to States implementation guidance for the 2008 ground-level ozone NAAQS, priority should be given to achieving the 2008 standard, (2) the Administrator has not sufficiently implemented that standard, (3) focusing by the Administrator on the most polluted areas that are in nonattainment with that standard would benefit public health, and (4) promulgating a lower standard at this time would impose undue costs on the economy and workforce of the United States. **Page S1883**

Murkowski/Sullivan Amendment No. 838, to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to the disposal of certain Federal land. **Pages S1883–84**

Murkowski Amendment No. 770, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the construction of Arctic polar icebreakers. **Pages S1883–85**

Gardner (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 485, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide equity in the tax treatment of public safety officer death benefits. **Page S1885**

Gardner (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 490, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to address the disproportionate regulatory burdens on community banks. **Page S1885**

Gardner (for Ayotte) Amendment No. 852, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing small business regulatory relief and preventing duplicative regulations for investment advisors. **Pages S1885–86**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 90), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline pursuant to Section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of

1974, with respect to Stabenow (for Bennet) Amendment No. 601, to create a point of order against legislation that would privatize Medicare, cut guaranteed benefits, increase out-of-pocket spending, or turn Medicare into a premium support plan. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S1844–45, S1870–71**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 26, 2015; and that all debate time on the concurrent resolution be considered expired at 12 noon. **Page S1957**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Dr. Steven Zink of Nevada. **Page S1957**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Kathleen Ann Doherty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—92) **Page S1842–43, S1869–72**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1957.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: THE DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Patricia Horoho, Surgeon General of the Army, Vice Admiral Matthew Nathan, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Thomas Travis, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Chris Miller, Program Executive Officer, Defense Health Management Systems, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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 Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary, and Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and Energy, both of the Department of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, USN, Principal Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisitions, Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, and Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98), all 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 the current state of readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Daniel B. Allyn, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Admiral Michelle J. Howard, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, General John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC,

Assistant Commandant, and General Larry O. Spencer, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral James D. Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Lieutenant General David L. Mann, USA, Commanding General, Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Army Forces Strategic Command, and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and J. Michael Gilmore, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) accountability, focusing on nonbank designations, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Gary E. Hughes, American Council of Life Insurers, Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., and Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 808, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment;

S. 650, to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 834, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 766, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders; and

The nominations of Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Dava J. Newman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and Katherine Simonds Dhanani, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CENTRAL AMERICAN MIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding and addressing the root causes of Central American migration to the United States, after receiving testimony from William Kandel, Analyst in Immigration Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Alan D. Bersin, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security and Chief Diplomatic Officer; Francisco Palmieri, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Lieutenant General Kenneth E. Tovo, USA, Military Deputy Commander, United States Southern Command, Department of Defense; Roger F. Noriega, former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, American Enterprise Institute, and Eric L. Olson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Latin American Program, both of Washington, D.C.; and Adolfo A. Franco, former Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, Alexandria, Virginia.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the fight against Alzheimer's disease, focusing on a treatment by 2025, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Ronald C. Petersen, Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Rochester, Minnesota; Kim Stemley, Rx Outreach, St. Louis, Missouri; Heidi Wierman, Maine Medical Center, Portland; and Barbara Smith, and Dan Gasby, both of Sag Harbor, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 1597–1640; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 29; and H. Res. 171–174, were introduced. **Pages H2031–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2035–36**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 173, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 27, 2015, through April 10, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–50). **Page H2031**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mooney (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1903**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Tim Crumpton, Cleburne County Baptist Church, Heber Springs, Arkansas. **Page H1903**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Pages H1903, H2021**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The House reconvened at 12:29 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives McCarthy, Scalise, McMorris Rodgers, Walden, Messer, Foxx, Rogers (KY), Royce, Thornberry, Nunes, Frelinghuysen, Granger, Pelosi, Hoyer, Becerra, Crowley, DeLauro, Edwards, Engel, Eshoo, Jackson Lee, Davis (CA), Schiff, Moulton; and Senators McConnell, Cornyn, Hatch, Barrasso, Blunt, Wicker, Corker, Durbin, Murray, Stabenow, Menendez, and Murphy. **Pages H1904–08**

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 27, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 142. **Pages H1909–H2021**

Agreed to:

Price (GA) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that increases new budget authority for the Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism function (Function 970) by $2 billion, from $94 billion to $96 billion in Fiscal Year 2016. The amendment increases the outlay amounts for OCO over the period of Fiscal Years 2016 to 2025. As a consequence of the increase in OCO/GWOT, conforming increases are made in total budget authority and outlays, deficits, interest, debt subject to limit, and debt held by the public. Even with the increase in overall budget and outlays, the budget resolution remains in balance in Fiscal Year 2024 and thereafter. The amendment also strikes a deficit-neutral reserve fund for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism in section 513 of the reported resolution (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 141). **Pages H1998–H2017, H2018–19**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that sought to establish funding levels to provide the opportunities American families need. The budget creates 8.4 million high quality jobs, while reducing the deficit and providing a boost to Americas long-term global competitiveness (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 330 noes, Roll No. 136); **Pages H1930–38, H1980**

Butterfield amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that sought to make investments in education, job training, transportation and infrastructure, and advanced research and development programs that will accelerate our economic recovery. It includes funding for a comprehensive jobs bill and targeted investments to reduce and eradicate poverty in America. Additionally, the amendment protects the social safety net without cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, or SNAP. The amendment raises new revenue by making our tax system fairer, saving more than $1.9 trillion on the deficit over the next decade. The amendment will reduce our annual budget deficit to 2.3% of GDP by FY 2025 (by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 306 noes, Roll No. 137); **Pages H1938–46, H1981**

Stutzman amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that sought to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025. Balances in six years, encourages pro-growth tax reform, and provides for our national defense (by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 138); **Pages H1946–63, H1981–82**

Van Hollen amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that reflects policies that will put the federal budget on a fiscally responsible path, with debt declining as a share of the economy. It sought to provide for tax policies that help the middle class and those working their way into the middle class by raising the take-home pay of hard-working Americans, and rejects the sequester caps to make needed investments that create jobs for those still seeking work, that educate our children and prepare them for success, and that sharpen the nations competitive edge (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 139); and **Pages H1963–80, H1982–83**

Price (GA) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that sought to retain the $94 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism function (Function 970) in Fiscal Year 2016. The amendment also retains a deficit-neutral reserve fund for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism in section 513. This section permits the Chair of the Committee on the Budget to adjust the 302(a) allocations to the Committee on Appropriations, and other appropriate levels, for any appropriations measure that provides new budget authority for Overseas Contingency Operations in excess of $73.5 billion up to $94 billion in Fiscal Year 2016 (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 319 noes, Roll No. 140). **Pages H1983–98, H2017–18**

H. Res. 163, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 27) was agreed to yesterday, March 24th.

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 172, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H2021**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 26. **Page H2031**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015: H.R. 1527, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos. **Pages H2021–23**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1909.

Senate Referral: S. 301 was held at the desk. **Page H1909**

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPLICATIONS OF POTENTIAL RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES IN RESPONSE TO MEAT LABELING REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to examine the implications of potential retaliatory measures taken against the United States in response to meat labeling requirements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING THE CFTC: MARKET PARTICIPANT VIEWS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit held a hearing on reauthorizing the CFTC: market participant views. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention budget. Testimony was heard from Thomas Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anne Schuchat, Assistant Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL THREAT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Intelligence Community and Global Threat budget. Testimony was heard from James R. Clapper, Director, National Intelligence. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AND FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Railroad Administration, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration budget. Testimony was heard from Sarah Feinberg, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Timothy P. Butters, Acting Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and T.F. Scott Darling, III, Acting Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND NAVAL REACTORS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on National Nuclear Security Administration, Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors budget. Testimony was heard from Frank Klotz, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Admiral John M. Richardson, Director, Naval Reactors.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigation budget. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

APPROPRIATIONS—STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—JUDICIARY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Judiciary budget. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Chair, Committee on the Budget, Judicial Conference of the United States; and James C. Duff, Director, Administrative Office, United States Courts.

STAKEHOLDER'S VIEWS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled ''Stakeholder's Views on the Recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION STRATEGY AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled ''Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Strategy and the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Chemical Biological Defense Program''. Testimony was heard from Eric Rosenbach, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security; Chris Hassell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense; John Burnham, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Threat Reduction and Arms Control; Kenneth Myers, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency and U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction; and Douglas Bryce, Deputy, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE HEARING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled ''Fiscal Year 2016 National Security Space Hearing''. Testimony was heard from General John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command; Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Department of Defense; Dyke Weatherington, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

of Defense for Space, Strategic, and Intelligence Systems, Department of Defense; Betty Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Cardillo, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; and Lieutenant General John ''Jay'' Raymond, USAF, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy concluded a markup on the ''Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015''. The ''Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015'' was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade concluded a markup on the ''Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015''. The ''Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015'' was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 299, the ''Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2015''; H.R. 601, the ''Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act''; H.R. 650, the ''Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015''; H.R. 685, the ''Mortgage Choice Act of 2015''; H.R. 1195, the ''Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act''; H.R. 1259, the ''Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act''; H.R. 1265, the ''Bureau Advisory Commission Transparency Act''; H.R. 1367, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 1408, the ''Mortgage Servicing Asset Capital Requirements Act of 2015''; H.R. 1480, the ''SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act''; H.R. 1529, the ''Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2015''; and a resolution to establish the Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing. The committee passed a resolution to establish the Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a markup on H.R. 237, to authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes. H.R. 237 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

THE GOLDMAN ACT TO RETURN ABDUCTED AMERICAN CHILDREN: REVIEWING OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled ''The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Reviewing Obama Administration Implementation''. Testimony was heard from Susan S. Jacobs, Special Advisor for Children's Issues, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

RISK-BASED SECURITY: ASSESSING THE PATH FORWARD FOR TSA PRE✔™.

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled ''Risk-Based Security: Assessing the Path Forward for TSA Pre✔™. Testimony was heard from John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Kenneth Fletcher, Chief Risk Officer, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

PATENT REFORM: PROTECTING AMERICAN INNOVATORS AND JOB CREATORS FROM ABUSIVE PATENT LITIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled ''Patent Reform: Protecting American Innovators and Job Creators from Abusive Patent Litigation''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WRECKING THE INTERNET TO SAVE IT? THE FCC'S NET NEUTRALITY RULE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Wrecking the Internet to Save It? The FCC's Net Neutrality Rule''. Testimony was heard from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Ajit Pai, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Joshua D. Wright, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Terrell McSweeny, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 707, the ''Restoration of America's Wire Act''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 152, the ''Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act''; H.R. 308, the ''Keep the Promise Act of 2015''; H.R. 373, the ''Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act''; H.R. 404, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 979, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as ''Sky Point''; H.R. 984, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 1168, the ''Native American Children Safety Act''; and H.R. 1324, the ''Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015''. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 308, H.R. 152, H.R. 373, H.R. 404, H.R. 533, H.R. 979, H.R. 984, H.R. 1168, and H.R. 1324.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 653, the ''FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2015''; H.R. 901, the ''Eliminating Pornography from Agencies Act''; H.R. 1069, the ''Presidential Library Donation Reform Act of 2015''; H.R. 1563, the ''Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2015''; H.R. 1562, the ''Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2015''; H.R. 1557, the ''Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act of 2015''; H.R. 1531, the ''Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act''; and H.R. 651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the ''Sister Ann Keefe Post Office''. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 901, H.R. 1069, H.R. 1563, H.R. 1562, H.R. 1557, H.R. 1531, and H.R. 651. H.R. 653 was ordered reported, as amended.

MEDICARE ACCESS AND CHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2, the ''Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015''. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 27, 2015, through April 10, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of this resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Ways and Means each may, at any time before 5 p.m. on April 6, 2015, file reports to accompany measures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pitts and Pallone.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1561, the ''Weather Research and Forecast Innovation Act of 2015''. H.R. 1561 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1481, the ''Small Contractors Improve Competition Act of 2015''. H.R. 1481 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1058, the ''Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2015''; H.R. 1152, to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business; H.R. 1026, the ''Taxpayer Knowledge of IRS Investigations Act''; H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations''; H.R. 1295, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section

501(c)(4) of such Code; H.R. 709, the ''Prevent Targeting at the IRS Act''; H.R. 1104, the ''Fair Treatment for All Donations''; and H.R. 1105, the ''Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015''. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1058, H.R. 1152, H.R. 1026, H.R. 1314, H.R. 1295, H.R. 709, H.R. 1104, and H.R. 1105.

BUDGET HEARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on NSA and Cybersecurity held a budget hearing. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine diplomacy, development, and national security, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Special Operations Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on defining the current population living in the shadows and addressing future flows, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and S. 125, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs opioid prescription policy, practice and procedures, 10 a.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 3 p.m., S–214, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: commodity policy and crop insurance, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security budget, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Army budget, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Investments in Neuroscience and Neurotechnology oversight, 10:30 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled ''The Department of Defense's Readiness Posture'', 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled ''Combat Aviation Modernization Programs and the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request'', 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled ''Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2016 Science and Technology Programs: Laying the Groundwork to Maintain Technological Superiority'', 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Examining the Growing Problems of Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse: State and Local Perspectives'', 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled ''Next Steps for Spectrum Policy'', 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 299, the ''Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2015''; H.R. 601, the ''Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act''; H.R. 650, the ''Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015''; H.R. 685, the ''Mortgage Choice Act of 2015''; H.R. 1195, the ''Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act''; H.R. 1259, the ''Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act''; H.R. 1265, the ''Bureau Advisory Commission Transparency Act''; H.R. 1367, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 1408, the ''Mortgage Servicing Asset Capital Requirements Act of 2015''; H.R. 1480, the ''SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act''; and H.R. 1529, the ''Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2015''(continued), 9 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Administration's Strategy to Confront ISIS'', 8:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, business meeting to consider rules change; hearing entitled ''Leadership Challenges at the Department of Homeland Security'', 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled ''Effect of the

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint hearing entitled ''Destruction of Records at EPA—When Records Must Be Kept'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on cyber legislation, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This markup will be closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 11, Budget Resolution, with all debate time on the concurrent resolution to expire at 12 noon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, March 26

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2—Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (Subject to a Rule).

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