

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 2195–2232; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 44; and H. Res. 243–250 were introduced. **Pages H2790–94**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2794–95**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1890, to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–100, Part 1); and

H.R. 1891, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–101). **Page H2790**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Page H2775**

**Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016:** The House passed H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 240 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 215. Consideration began April 29th. **Pages H2776–83**

Rejected the Bera motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 214. **Pages H2781–82**

Agreed to:

Duncan (SC) amendment that appropriates additional funds for "Corps of Engineers, Civil, Department of the Army, Investigations" by reducing funds for Department of Energy, Energy Programs, Departmental Administration" by \$2,500,000; **Pages H2776–77**

Rothfus amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits use of funds to apply the report entitled "Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States" in any public interest determination under the Natural Gas Act (by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 208); **Page H2777**

Gosar amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds for the Department of Energy's Climate Model Development and Validation program (by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 209); **Pages H2777–78**

McClintock amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the purchase of water to supplement or enhance instream water flow requirements in California (by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 211); **Page H2779**

LaMalfa amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the requirement in the Code of Federal Regulations, that activities identified in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act must be established or ongoing in order to receive an exemption under the Act (by a recorded vote of 239 yeas to 174 noes, Roll No. 212); and **Pages H2779–80**

LaMalfa amendment that prohibits use of funds to deliver water to the Trinity River above the minimum requirements of the Trinity Record of Decision or to supplement flows in the Klamath River (by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 213). **Pages H2780–81**

Rejected:

Blackburn amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that reduces funding in the bill by 1 percent across-the-board (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 210). **Pages H2778–79**

H. Res. 223, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2028) and (H.R. 2029) was agreed to on April 29th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5th. **Page H2783**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2777, H2777–78, H2778–79, H2779, H2779–80, H2780–81, H2782, and H2783. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### WHAT IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOING TO COMBAT THE OPIOID ABUSE EPIDEMIC?

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “What is the Federal Government Doing to Combat the Opioid Abuse Epidemic?”. Testimony was heard from Michael Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Richard Frank, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Nora Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health; Douglas Throckmorton, M.D., Deputy Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; Debra Houry, M.D., Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Pamela Hyde, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Patrick Conway, M.D., Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality and CMS Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

### EXAMINING MICROBEADS IN COSMETIC PRODUCTS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining

Microbeads in Cosmetic Products”. Testimony was heard from Dan Wyant, Director, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; Linda R. Greenstein, Senator, New Jersey Legislature; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on H.J. Res. 45, the “Victims’ Rights Amendment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IS THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT AGAINST FRAUD?

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Is the Railroad Retirement Board Doing Enough to Protect Against Fraud?”. Testimony was heard from Martin J. Dickman, Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board; Michael S. Schwartz, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

### INNOVATIONS IN BATTERY STORAGE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Innovations in Battery Storage for Renewable Energy”. Testimony was heard from Imre Gyuk, Energy Storage Program Manager, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.