

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 3504–3510; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 419 were introduced. **Page H5980**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5980–81**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rooney (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5977**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REVIEW OF USDA ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, PART I

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing to review USDA organization and program administration, part I. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Alexis Taylor, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary, Research Education, and Economics.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to ensure the safety of the food supply and protect American consumers, 2 p.m., SD–192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States military operations to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217, following the open session, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the cause, response, and impacts of EPA's Gold King Mine spill, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Syria, Iraq, and the fight against ISIS, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine achieving the promise of health information technology, focusing on improving care through patient access to their records, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine regulatory reform proposals, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine EPA's Gold King Mine disaster, focusing on the harmful impacts to Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine reforming the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 10:15 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 563, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians

at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times, S. 564, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1450, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1451, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, S. 1460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, S. 1693, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment, S. 1856, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, S. 1938, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Full Committee, hearing to review USDA organization and program administration, Part II, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Facility Cleanup under CERCLA" (continued), 4 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the "North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015"; and H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions, 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 348, the "RAPID Act"; H.R. 758, the "Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015"; H.R. 3134, the "Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015"; and H.R. 3504, the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act", 7 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 16 through September 18, 2015

#### Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 61, Hire More Heroes Act.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: September 17, business meeting to consider H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price reporting requirements, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations*: September 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to ensure the safety of the food supply and protect American consumers, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services*: September 16, to hold hearings to examine United States military operations to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session, 10 a.m., SD-106.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine maritime security strategy in the Asia-Pacific region, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: September 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: September 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sarah Elizabeth Feinberg, of West Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: September 17, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: September 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the cause, response, and impacts of EPA's Gold King Mine spill, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: September 16, to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Syria, Iraq, and the fight against ISIS, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 17, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on State Department processes in establishing tier rankings for the 2015 trafficking in persons report, 11:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: September 16, to hold hearings to examine achieving the