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*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Prompt Global Strike: American and Foreign Developments", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "An Overdue Checkup Part II: Examining the ACA's State Insurance Marketplaces", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2187, the "Fair Investment Opportunities for Professional Experts Act"; H.R. 2205, the "Data Security Act of 2015"; H.R. 2287, the "National Credit Union Administration Budget Transparency Act"; H.R. 3700, the "Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015"; H.R. 3784, the "SEC Small Business Advocate Act of 2015"; H.R. 3791, to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes; H.R. 4168, the "Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act"; and Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing Resolution of 2016, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "Civil Nuclear Cooperation with Pakistan: Prospects and Consequences", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing

entitled "Drug Resistant Tuberculosis: The Next Global Health Crisis?", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "Examining TSA's Global Efforts to Protect the Homeland from Aviation Threats and Enhance Security at Last Point of Departure Airports", 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Ensuring Certainty for Royalty Payments on Federal Resource Production", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3764, the "Tribal Recognition Act of 2015" (Part II), 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Review of the New London Embassy Project", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Interior; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled "Examining the Stream Protection Rule", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets, hearing entitled "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Program Consolidation", 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2130, the "Red River Private Property Protection Act", 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "The Future of Biotechnology: Solutions for Energy, Agriculture and Manufacturing", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 3262, to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois; H.R. 3484, the "Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015"; H.R. 4056, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to convey to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs all right, title, and interest of the United States to the property known as "The Community Living Center" at the Lake Baldwin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Orlando, Florida; draft of a bill to amend the Veterans' Benefits Programs Improvement Act of 1991 to authorize VA to sell Pershing Hall; and VA's legislative proposal regarding fiscal year 2016 construction projects, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 8 through December 11,  
2015

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1177, Every Child Achieves Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany the bill at 11:30 a.m.

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 Armed Services:* December 8, to hold hearings to examine improving the Pentagon's development of policy, strategy, and plans, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

December 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States strategy to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and United States policy toward Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

December 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law, and the following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Vice Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral, all of the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SD-106.

December 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine increasing effectiveness of military operations, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on the Budget:* December 9, to hold hearings to examine moving to a stronger economy with a regulatory budget, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* December 8, Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine promoting open inquiry in the debate over the magnitude of human impact on earth's climate, 3 p.m., SR-253.

December 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 571, to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, S. 2276, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, H.R. 2843, to require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck expedited screening program, S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, S. 1935, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, S. 2058, to require the Secretary of Commerce to maintain and operate at least one Doppler weather radar site within 55 miles of each city in the United States that has a population of more than 700,000 individuals, S. 2319, to amend the Communications Act of 1934, an original bill entitled, "Airport Security Enhancement and Oversight Act", the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015 (Reappointment), and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* December 8, to hold hearings to examine S. 2257, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of protecting our national parks' natural, historic, and cultural resources for present and future generations, 10 a.m., SD-366.

December 10, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine terrorism and global oil markets, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* December 8, business meeting to consider S. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia, an original resolution celebrating the 135th Anniversary of the United States and Romania Diplomatic Relations, and routine lists in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Millennium Challenge Corporation, focusing on lessons learned after a decade and outlook for the future, 10 a.m., SD-419.

December 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United Nations peacekeeping and opportunities for reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

December 9, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine the political and security crisis in Burundi, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

December 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine independent South Sudan, focusing on a failure of leadership, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* December 8, to hold hearings to examine opioid abuse in America, focusing on facing the epidemic and examining solutions, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* December 9, business meeting to consider S. 2171, to reauthorize the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, S. 2127, to provide appropriate protections to probationary Federal employees, to provide the Special Counsel with adequate access to information, to provide greater awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, S. 1915, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and antimicrobials available to emergency response providers, S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, H.R. 1557, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal government, an original bill entitled, "Federal Asset Sale and Transfer Act", an original bill entitled, "Federal Real Property Management Reform Act of 2015", and an original bill entitled, "Administrative Leave Act of 2015", 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

December 10, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the importance of following through on GAO and OIG recommendations, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Judiciary:* December 8, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to

hold hearings to examine the AB InBev/SABMiller merger and the state of competition in the beer industry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 9, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Paradise Baxter, Robert John Colville, and Marilyn Jean Horan, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and John Milton Younge, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2 p.m., SD-226.

December 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse, S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, and the nominations of Dana J. Boente, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years, Robert Lloyd Capers, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years, John P. Fishwick, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years, and Emily Gray Rice, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* December 9, business meeting to consider the nomination of Darryl L. DePriest, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* December 9, business meeting to markup S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 425, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* December 8, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

December 10, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* December 9, to hold hearings to examine sudden price spikes in off-patent drugs, focusing on perspectives from the front lines, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* December 9, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled "Commodity in Focus: Stress in Cotton Country", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

December 9, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing on oversight of USDA's use of Census of Agriculture authority to acquire farmers' personal financial information, 2 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* December 9, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Concurrent Receipt of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

December 9, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Game Changing Innovations and the Future of Surface Warfare", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* December 9, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "How the Administration's Regulatory Onslaught is Affecting Workers and Job Creators", 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* December 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Legislation to Improve Health Care and Treatment", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* December 9, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1654, to authorize the direct provision of defense articles, defense services, and related training to the Kurdistan Regional Government, and for other purposes; H.R. 3654, the "Combat Terrorist Use of Social Media Act of 2015"; and H.R. 4154, the "Taiwan Naval Support Act", H. Res. 346, condemning the use of toxic chemicals as weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic; and H. Res. 536, supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 9, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "Year in Review: U.S. Policy Toward a Changing Western Hemisphere", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

December 9, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Fulfilling the Humanitarian Imperative: Assisting Victims of ISIS Violence", 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* December 9, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled "Oversight of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services", 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* December 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Department of the Interior's Role in the EPA's Animas Spill", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

December 9, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 1838, the "Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act"; and H.R. 3668, the "California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, December 9, Full Committee, markup on committee report entitled “United States Secret Service: An Agency in Crisis”; H.R. 4180, to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies’ development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments; S. 1698, the “Treatment of Certain Payments in Eugenics Compensation Act”; H.R. 1132, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the “W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 2458, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5351 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero, Louisiana, as the “Lionel R. Collins, Sr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 3735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Town Run Lane in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the “Maya Angelou Memorial Post Office”; and H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 East Oak Street, Glenwood City, Wisconsin, as the Second Lt. Ellen Ainsworth Memorial Post Office, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Casino in Every Smartphone—Law Enforcement Implications”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 10, Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled “Terrorism and the Visa Waiver Program”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, December 10, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “An Overview of the Nation’s Weather Satellite Programs and Policies”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, December 9, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Supporting Success: Empowering Small Business Advocates”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, December 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fact Check: An End of Year Review of Accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, December 10, Full Committee, meeting on Member access request, 9 a.m., HVC-304.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: December 11, to receive a briefing on human rights violations in Russian-occupied Crimea, 2 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.