

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 4825–4840; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 657–659 were introduced. **Page H1552**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1553–54**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1497**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1505**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi John Linder, Temple Solel, Paradise Valley, Arizona. **Page H1505**

**Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 653, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2745) to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 24, 2016, through April 11, 2016, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 154 noes, Roll No. 132, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 131. **Pages H1509–13, H1532–33**

**Moment of silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Brussels. **Page H1532**

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

**Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act:** H.R. 4742, to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 133; **Pages H1514–16, H1533–34**

**Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act:** H.R. 4755, to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote 380 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 134; **Pages H1516–18, H1534**

**Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2016:** H.R. 482, amended, to redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary; **Pages H1518–22**

**Facilitating the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park:** H.R. 2857, amended, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park; **Pages H1522–23**

**Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2016:** H.R. 4119, amended, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; **Pages H1523–24**

**Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act:** H.R. 4472, amended, to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require

States to adopt a centralized electronic system to help expedite the placement of children in foster care or guardianship, or for adoption, across State lines, and to provide grants to aid States in developing such a system; and

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**Women Airforce Service Pilot Arlington Inurnment Restoration Act:** H.R. 4336, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the burial of the cremated remains of persons who served as Women's Air Forces Service Pilots in Arlington National Cemetery, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 385 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 135.

**Pages H1528–31, H1534–35**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the burial in Arlington National Cemetery of the cremated remains of certain persons whose service has been determined to be active service."

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 23.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1532, H1532–33, H1533, H1534, and H1534–35. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and David Bloom, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Defense Health Program. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono, Director, Defense Health Agency; Lieutenant General Nadja West, Surgeon General, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Clinton F. Faison, III, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; and Lieutenant General Mark A. Ediger, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from John King, Secretary, Department of Education.

### APPROPRIATIONS—SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Securities and Exchange Commission. Testimony was heard from Mary Jo White, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the National Guard and Reserve. Testimony was heard from General Frank J. Grass, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Major General Timothy Kadavy, Director, Army National Guard; Major General Brian Neal, Acting Director, Air National Guard; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, Chief, Army Reserve.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration. Testimony was heard from Chuck Rosenberg, Acting Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration.

### THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2017 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense". Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Mike McCord, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense.

### LOGISTICS AND SEALIFT FORCE REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled "Logistics and Sealift Force Requirements". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Stephen Lyons, USA, Deputy Commander, Transportation