

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, April 18, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4954–4973; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 87; H. Con. Res. 128; and H. Res. 684–685 were introduced. **Pages H1764–65**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1766–67**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4240, to require an independent review of the operation and administration of the Terrorist Screening Database (TSDB) maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and subsets of the TSDB, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–495);

H.R. 4678, to prohibit modification, abrogation, abandonment, or other related actions with respect to United States jurisdiction and control over United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without congressional action (H. Rept. 114–496); and

H.R. 4974, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–497). **Page H1764**

No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act: The House passed H.R. 2666, to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from regulating the rates charged for broadband Internet access service, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 152. **Pages H1741–54**

Point of order sustained against the Yarmuth motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment. **Pages H1753–54**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1748**

Rejected:

Yarmuth amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–490) that sought to clarify that nothing in H.R. 2666 would prevent the FCC from requiring that TV broadcast stations, AM or FM radio broadcast stations, cable operators, direct broadcast satellite service providers, or satellite digital audio radio service providers to upload the public inspection file in a format that is machine-readable, to the extent such station, operator, or provider is required to make material in its public inspection file available on, or upload such material to, an Internet website (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 150); and **Pages H1749–50, H1751–52**

McNerney amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–490) that sought to state that nothing in H.R. 2666 shall affect the authority of the Commission to act in the public interest, convenience, and necessity (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 151). **Pages H1750, H1752–53**

H. Res. 672, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2666) was agreed to Wednesday, April 13th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, April 18th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1763**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1758.

Senate Referral: S. 1436 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1751–52, H1752, H1754. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EVALUATING DOD INVESTMENTS: CASE STUDIES IN AFGHANISTAN INITIATIVES AND U.S. WEAPONS SUSTAINMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Evaluating DOD Investments: Case Studies in Afghanistan Initiatives and U.S. Weapons Sustainment”. Testimony was heard from John Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; Jacqueline L. Wicecarver, Acting Deputy Inspector General for Auditing, Department of Defense; and Charlie Lilli, Deputy Director of Aviation and Head of Aviation Contracting Activity, Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency.

UNLAWFUL REINSURANCE PAYMENTS: CMS DIVERTING \$3.5 BILLION FROM TAXPAYERS TO PAY INSURANCE COMPANIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Unlawful Reinsurance Payments: CMS Diverting \$3.5 Billion from Taxpayers to Pay Insurance Companies”. Testimony was heard from Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

THE TAXPAYER ADVOCATE ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hear-

ing entitled “The Taxpayer Advocate Annual Report to Congress”. Testimony was heard from Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service; and James Buttonow, Chairman, Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee, Internal Revenue Service.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 4889, the “Kelsey Smith Act of 2016”; H.R. 4167, the “Kari’s Law Act of 2015”; H.R. 4884, the “Controlling the Unchecked and Reckless Ballooning of the Lifeline Fund Act (CURB Lifeline)”; H.R. 4111, the “Rural Health Care Connectivity Act of 2015”; H.R. 4190, the “Spectrum Challenge Prize Act of 2015”; H.R. 3998, the “Securing Access to Networks in Disasters (SANDy) Act”; and H.R. 2031, the “Anti-Swatting Act of 2015”, 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1206, the “No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act”, H.R. 3724, the “Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act of 2015”, H.R. 4885, the “IRS Oversight While Eliminating Spending (OWES) Act of 2016”, H.R. 4890, to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, April 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 636, America's Small Business Tax Relief Act (the legislative vehicle for the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act). At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, April 18

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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