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Legislative Summary  
from  
the Legislative Counsel  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**  
To: All Interested Interior Offices

Attached for your information is today's Legislative Summary.

In order to keep the Summary as up-to-date as possible, we request that any bureau or office contacted directly regarding hearings or markups notify this office immediately.

New information about scheduled hearings and business meetings appears shaded in yellow. Hearings printed in ***bold italic*** type indicate DOI involvement.

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**2017 Congressional Recess Schedule**

| <i>Senate</i>                                 | <i>Holidays &amp; Special Days</i> | <i>House</i> |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>State Work Period</b><br>Dec. 18 – Dec. 29 | <b>Christmas Day</b><br>Dec. 25    |              |

## **Scheduled Floor Action**

### **House**

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 12, Noon**

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. The chamber is also expected to consider a bill (HR 3971) that would expand to somewhat larger companies certain exemptions from home mortgage escrow requirements under the 2010 Dodd-Frank law

#### **Agenda**

**HR 2880** — Promoting Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Act

**HR 2872** — Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act

**HR 1733** — A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil

**HR 4171** — A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the authority to conduct telework travel expenses test programs, and for other purposes

**HR 2815** — A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant John Basilone Post Office"

**HR 1208** — A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9155 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas, as the "Converse Veterans Post Office Building"

**HR 3638** — A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Kings Road in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Rutledge Pearson Post Office Building"

**HR 3655** — A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Main Street in Belmar, New Jersey, as the "Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building"

**HR 4042** — A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1415 West Oak Street, in Kissimmee, Florida, as the "Borinqueneers Post Office Building"

**HR 4285** — A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 Bridgeton Pike in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, as the "James C. 'Billy' Johnson Post Office Building"

**H Res 407** — A resolution condemning the persecution of Christians around the world

**H Res 336** — A resolution reaffirming a strong commitment to the United States-Mexico partnership

**H Res 357** — A resolution reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada, recognizing bilateral cooperation that advances United States national interests, and urging increased bilateral cooperation on security, economic issues, and energy, and for other purposes

**HR 3971** — Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act

**Wednesday, Dec. 13, Noon**

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 1638) that would require the Treasury secretary to compile and submit to Congress a report detailing the known assets in U.S. and foreign institutions that are controlled by the top political and military leaders of Iran and a bill (HR 4324) that would require the Treasury secretary to regularly report to Congress on any U.S. or foreign financial institutions that are involved with the financing of Treasury-authorized purchases and export of aircraft on behalf of Iran.

**Agenda**

**HR 1638** — Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act

**HR 4324** — Strengthening Oversight of Iran's Access to Finance Act

**Thursday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.**

The House reconvenes at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 2396) that would exempt any financial services company that has not changed its privacy policies -- including companies that share or sell information on consumers to unaffiliated third parties -- from the requirement that it provide annual written privacy notices to consumers, as long as such disclosures are available online and the availability of those notices is noted to consumers by other means, such as on billing statements.

**Agenda**

**HR 2396** — Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act

**Friday, Dec. 15**

No votes are expected

**Senate**

During the balance of the week, the Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

## **Recent Legislative Activity of Interest**

### **Senate**

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 2196. A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. Menendez, and Mr. Whitehouse):

S. 2198. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the financing for the Hazardous Substance Superfund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FLAKE:

S. 2199. A bill to authorize appropriations for border infrastructure construction, to provide conditional resident status to certain aliens, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include grounds of inadmissibility and deportability for alien members of criminal gangs and cartels, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. Nelson):

S. 2200. A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COONS:

S. 2201. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve college access and college completion for all students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. Heller):

S. 2205. A bill to improve access by Indian tribes to support from the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support program (E-rate) of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 2206. A bill to release certain wilderness study areas in the State of Montana; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, and Ms. Heitkamp):

S. 2207. A bill to allow qualified volunteer first responders to qualify for public service loan forgiveness; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. Udall):

S. 2210. A bill to ensure the Chief Information Office of the Federal Communications Commission has a significant role in decisions related to information technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. Schatz):

S. 2213. A bill to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Urban Indian Health Parity Act--Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2146, to extend the full Federal medical assistance percentage to urban Indian organizations, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Measures Passed:

Further Continuing Appropriations Act: By 81 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 311), Senate passed H.J. Res. 123, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2018.

Nominations Confirmed:

By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 310), Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.



**House**

By Mr. STEWART (for himself, Mr. Bishop of Utah, Mrs. Love, and Mr. Curtis):

H.R. 4558. A bill to provide greater conservation, recreation, economic development and local management of Federal lands in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LABRADOR (for himself and Mr. Gosar):

H.R. 4568. A bill to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. VELA (for himself, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, and Mr. Katko):

H.R. 4578. A bill to authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. McNERNEY (for himself and Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas):

H.R. 4586. A bill to provide for the National Academies to study and report on a research agenda to advance the understanding of albedo modification strategies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4599. A bill to redesignate Rock Creek Park in the District of Columbia as Rock Creek National Park; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAULSEN (for himself and Ms. Moore):

H.R. 4601. A bill to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Reports Filed:

S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund (H. Rept. 115 441);

H.R. 4300, to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115 450).

**The Department has been invited to the following hearings:**

**Tues., Dec 12 Markup Pending Nominations**

**Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Murkowski)**

**Full Committee markup on the nominations of**

*Timothy Petty to be Assistant Interior Secretary for Water and Science*

*Linda Capuano to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration*

**10:00 a.m.; Room 366 Dirksen**

**No request for DOI witness**

**Tues., Dec 12 Energy/Resource Infrastructure Projects Permit Process**

**Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Murkowski)**

**Full Committee oversight hearing on Interior Department's and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Permitting Processes for Energy and Resource Infrastructure Projects and Opportunities to Improve the Efficiency, Transparency, and Accountability of Federal Decisions for such Projects**

**10:00 a.m.; Room 366 Dirksen**

**Hearing Noticed 12.5.17**

**Witness: James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary**  
**(Testimony Received)**

**Tues., Dec 12 Markup Pending Legislation**

**House Natural Resources Committee (Bishop)**

**Full Committee markup on**

**H.R. 200 (Young), Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act**

**H.R. 1675 (DelBene), National Landslide Preparedness Act**

**H.R. 2888 (Smith), Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Establishment Act**

**H.R. 3400 (Bishop), Recreation Not Red-Tape Act**

**H.R. 3588 (Graves), RED SNAPPER Act**

***H.R. 4033 (Lamborn), National Geologic Mapping Act Reauthorization Act***

***H.R. 4264 (Bishop), Hyde Park Land Conveyance Act***

***H.R. 4266 (Poliquin), Acadia National Park Boundary Clarification Act***

***H.R. 4465 (Curtis), Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017***

***H.R. 4475 (Young), National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System Act***

***H.R. 4568 (Labrador), Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act***

***S. 825 (Murkowski), Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2017***

***S. 1285 (Merkley), Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act***

***5:00 p.m.; Room 1324 Longworth  
No request for DOI witness***

***Tues., Dec 12 America's Dependence on Foreign Minerals***

***House Natural Resources S/C Energy and Mineral Resources (Gosar)  
Subcommittee hearing on Examining Consequences of America's Growing  
Dependence on Foreign Minerals***

***2:00 p.m.; Room 1324 Longworth  
Hearing Noticed 12.5.2017***

***Witness: Murray Hitzman, Associate Director for Energy and Minerals, U.S.  
Geological Survey  
(Testimony Received)***

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**Wed., Dec 13 Markup Pending Legislation**

**House Natural Resources Committee (Bishop)**

***Full Committee markup on***

***H.R. 200 (Young), Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act***

***H.R. 1675 (DelBene), National Landslide Preparedness Act***

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***S. 1285 (Merkley), Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act***

***10:00 a.m.; Room 1324 Longworth***

***No request for DOI witness***

**POSTPONEMENTS**

*N/A*

## **Hearings of Interest:**

### **Tues., Dec 12      Benefits of Artificial Intelligence**

**Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation S/C on Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet (Wicker)**

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Digital Decision-Making: The Building Blocks of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence

10:00 a.m.; Room 253 Russell  
No request for DOI witness

### **Tues., Dec 12      Markup – Pending Legislation**

**House Judiciary Committee (Goodlatte)**

Full Committee markup on

**H.R. 1865**, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017

**H.R. 2595**, Strengthening the Department of Homeland Security Secure Mail Initiative Act

10:00 a.m.; Room 2128 Rayburn  
No request for DOI witness

### **Tues., Dec 12      Markup Affordable Postsecondary Education Support**

**House Education and the Workforce Committee (Foxx)**

Full Committee markup on

**H.R. 4508**, A bill to support students in completing an affordable postsecondary education that will prepare them to enter the workforce with the skills they need for lifelong success

10:00 a.m.; Room 2175 Rayburn  
No request for DOI witness

### **Tues., Dec 12      Auto Fuel Economy/Greenhouse Gas Standards**

**House Energy and Commerce S/C on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection (Latta)**  
**House Energy and Commerce S/C on Environment (Shimkus)**

Joint Subcommittee oversight hearing on Update on the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program (CAFE) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Motor Vehicles

10:00 a.m.; Room 2123 Rayburn  
No request for DOI witness

**Tues., Dec 12      European Energy Security****Senate Foreign Relations – Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation (Johnson)**

Subcommittee oversight hearing on “European Energy Security: U.S. Interests and Coercive Russian Diplomacy.”

10:00 a.m.; Room 419 Dirksen

No request for DOI witness

**Tues., Dec 12      National Ocean Policy****Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation S/C on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard (Sullivan)**

Subcommittee oversight hearing on National Ocean Policy

2:30 p.m.; Room 253 Russell

No request for DOI witness

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Wed., Dec 13      Markup - James Nomination****Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Barrasso)**

Full Committee markup on the nomination of

**R.D. James** to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

9:45 a.m.; Room 406 Dirksen

No request for DOI witness

**Wed., Dec 13      Nuclear Regulatory Commission****Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Barrasso)**

Full Committee oversight hearing on Oversight of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

10:00 a.m.; Room 406 Dirksen

No request for DOI witness

**Wed., Dec 13      Markup – Pending Business****Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Thune)**

Full Committee markup on

**S. 1768**, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act

**S. 2200**, A bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System

**S. 2202**, A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board

10:00 a.m.; Room 216 Hart

No request for DOI witness

**Wed., Dec 13      North American Energy Trade****House Energy and Commerce S/C on Energy (Upton)**

Subcommittee oversight hearing on The Impacts of Future of North American Energy Trade

10:15 a.m.; Room 2322 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

**Wed., Dec 13      Advancing Solar Energy Technology****House Science, Space and Technology S/C on Energy (Weber)**

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Advancing Solar Energy Technology: Research Trumps Deployment

2:00 p.m.; Room 2318 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

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**Thurs., Dec 14      Grand Staircase Escalante Enhancement****House Natural Resources S/C on Federal Lands (McClintock)**

Subcommittee hearing on

**H.R. 4558**, A bill to provide greater conservation, recreation, economic development and local management of Federal lands in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah

9:30 a.m.; Room 1334 Longworth

No request DOI witness



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| USGS                   | Hitzman        | H NR             | Foreign Minerals Dependency        | Mahan               | 12.12.17               | 12.5.17                  |                   | USGS                   | 12.7.17                  | 12.8.17                |
| BLM                    | Cason          | S ENR            | Energy Permitting                  | Quinn               | 12.12.17               | 12.5.17                  |                   | BLM                    | 12.7.17                  | 12.7.17                |

**The following requests for comments have been received  
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