

Monday, November 16, 2015

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7959–S7971

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2282–2283, and S. Res. 313.

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Measures Passed:

Condemning the Terrorist Attacks in Paris: Senate agreed to S. Res. 313, condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris and offering thoughts and prayers for the victims, condolences to their families, resolve to support the people of France, and the pledge to defend democracy and stand in solidarity with the country of France and all our allies in the face of this horrific attack on freedom and liberty.

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Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 305), LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—305)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7970–71.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 3996–4022; and 5 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 93 and H. Res. 524, 525, 527, 528, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on November 9, 2015 as follows:

H.R. 1737, to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending (H. Rept. 114–329).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1210, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–330);

H.R. 2912, to establish a commission to examine the United States monetary policy, evaluate alternative monetary regimes, and recommend a course for monetary policy going forward (H. Rept. 114–331);

H.R. 3189, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–332, Part 1);

H.R. 3859, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (H. Rept. 114–333);

H.R. 3875, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Department of Homeland Security a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives Office, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–334);

H.R. 2270, to redesignate the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Washington, as the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, to establish the Medicine Creek Treaty National Historic Site within the wildlife refuge, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–335);

H.R. 2360, 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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–336);

H.R. 3032, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal a certain reporting requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission (H. Rept. 114–337);

H.R. 1317, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain

affiliate transactions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–311, Part 2);

H.R. 1478, to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–338);

H.R. 2243, to suspend the current compensation packages for the senior executives of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and establish compensation for such positions in accordance with rates of pay for senior employees in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–339, Part 1); and

H. Res. 526, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1737) to nullify certain guidance of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and to provide requirements for guidance issued by the Bureau with respect to indirect auto lending; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 511) to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–340). **Pages H8238–39**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8157**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H8159**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Keep the Promise Act of 2015: H.R. 308, to prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 626. **Pages H8159–64, H8209–10**

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

Partners for Aviation Security Act: H.R. 3144, amended, to require consultation with the Aviation Security Advisory Committee regarding modifications to the prohibited item list, and require a report on the Transportation Security Oversight Board; **Pages H8170–71**

Critical Infrastructure Protection Act: H.R. 1073, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats; **Pages H8171–74**

Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015: H.R. 1338, amended, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans

in national cemeteries, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 627;

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Honor America’s Guard-Reserve Retirees Act: H.R. 1384, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 628;

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Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act: S. 599, amended, to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project;

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Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015: S. 799, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome;

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Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2015: H.R. 2583, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission;

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U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2262, to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions;

Pages H8185–96

Highway Trust Fund Extension: H.R. 3996, to provide and extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund;

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Policyholder Protection Act of 2015: H.R. 1478, amended, to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company’s assets;

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Securities and Exchange Commission Reporting Modernization Act: H.R. 3032, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal a certain reporting requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission;

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Amending the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions: H.R. 1317, amended, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Ex-

change Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions;

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Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2015: S. 2036, to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; and

Pages H8221–23

Superstorm Sandy Relief and Disaster Loan Program Improvement Act of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 208, to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.

Pages H8223–27

Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 90, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a technical correction in the enrollment of S. 1356.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks in France.

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Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 639, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

Pages H8212–13

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 24, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the marble bust of Vice President Richard Cheney on December 3, 2015.

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 93, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015: H.R. 1694, to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns; and **Pages H8164–69**

Providing funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities: H.R. 3114, amended, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities.

Pages H8169–70

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H8158–59.

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 22 was held at the desk. S. 1004 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. 2280 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 1203 was referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Education and the Workforce, and the Budget. **Pages H8235–36**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8209–10, H8210, and H8211. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TRIBAL LABOR SOVEREIGNTY ACT OF 2015; REFORMING CFPB INDIRECT AUTO FINANCING GUIDANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 511, the “Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1737, the “Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 1737. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 1737 printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand

for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 511. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, for the purposes of requesting a conference with the Senate, the rule provides that the House has taken S. 1177, the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015, from the Speaker’s table, adopts an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 5, as passed by the House, and adopts S. 1177, as amended. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or his designee is authorized to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 1177 and request a conference with the Senate thereon. In section 4, the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 3762, the Clerk shall strike title I and redesignate the subsequent titles accordingly. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline, Chairman Hensarling, and Representatives Scott of Virginia, and Maxine Waters of California.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense reform, focusing on overcoming obstacles to effective management, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine past wildfire seasons to inform and improve future Federal wildland fire management strategies, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine physician owned distributors, focusing on whether they are harmful to patients and payers, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine options for reforming United States overseas broadcasting, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency to examine ongoing challenges at the Secret Service and their government-wide implications, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine the relationship between the Federal government and state and local law enforcement, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

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

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine drug trafficking across the Southwest Border and oversight of U.S. counterdrug assistance to Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture; and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, joint hearing entitled “U.S. International Food Aid Programs: Transportation Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Regulation of Diagnostic Tests and Laboratory Operations”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1321, the “Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015”; H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”; H.R. 3014, the “Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R. 3537, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated Providers Are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”; H.R. 3821, the “Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act”; H.J. Res. 71, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; H.J. Res. 72, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; and S. 611,

the “Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Dodd-Frank Five Years Later: What Have We Learned from Conflict Minerals Reporting?”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Women and Technology: Increasing Opportunity and Driving International Development”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Terrorist Financing: Kidnapping, Antiquities Trafficking, and Private Donations”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, joint hearing entitled “Charting the Arctic: Security, Economic, and Resource Opportunities”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Assessing TSA’s Management and Implementation of the Screening Partnership Program”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Department of Justice”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “The State of Competition in the Pharmacy Benefits Manager and Pharmacy Marketplaces”, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Education: Information Security Review”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules: Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1210, the “Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act”; and H.R. 3189, the “FORM Act of 2015”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint hearing entitled “Exploring Commercial Opportunities to Maximize Earth Science Investments”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Entrepreneurs’ Day”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1319, the “Ask Veterans Act”; H.R. 1603, the “Military Sexual Assault Victims Empowerment Act”; H.R. 1904, the “Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement Act”; H.R. 2639, the “Marriage and Family Therapists for Veterans Act”; H.R. 3234, the “Failing VA Medical Center Recovery Act”; H.R. 3471, the “Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2015”; H.R. 3549, the “VA Billing Accountability Act”; draft of the “Promoting Responsible Opioid Management and Incorporating Medical Expertise Act”; and the “VA Purchased Health Care Streamlining and Modernization Act”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Moving America’s

Families Forward: Lessons Learned from Welfare Reforms in Other Countries", 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency to examine ongoing challenges at the Secret Service and their government-wide implications, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 17 through November 20, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016.

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: November 17, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense reform, focusing on overcoming obstacles to effective management, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

November 18, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on undersea critical infrastructure protection, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 18, 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. 1143, to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes, S. 1518, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, S. 1685, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private

land use restrictions on its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications, S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes, S. 1916, to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934, S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, S. 2206, to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years (Reappointment), and Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: November 17, to hold hearings to examine past wildfire seasons to inform and improve future Federal wildland fire management strategies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

November 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, S. 1592, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest, S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103-434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, S. 1941 and H.R. 2223, bills to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, S. 1942 and H.R. 1554, bills to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, S. 2069, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, H.R. 1324, to

adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and the nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary, John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, all of Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 18, to hold hearings to examine the international climate negotiations, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: November 17, to hold hearings to examine physician owned distributors, focusing on whether they are harmful to patients and payers, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 17, to hold hearings to examine options for reforming United States overseas broadcasting, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

November 19, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine democratic transitions in southeast Asia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: November 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

November 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, S. 1719, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and the nominations of Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2020 (Reappointment), and Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: November 17, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency to examine ongoing challenges at the Secret Service and their government-wide implications, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

November 19, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-342.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine lessons from the Paris terrorist attacks, focusing on ramifications for the homeland and refugee resettlement, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: November 18, business meeting to consider S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, and S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 410, to strengthen Indian education, S. 1163, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the sur-

vival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, and S. 1928, to support the education of Indian children, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Judiciary: November 17, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine the relationship between the Federal government and state and local law enforcement, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine National Adoption Month, focusing on stories of success and meeting the challenges of international adoptions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

November 19, 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, and S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: November 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 17, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

November 19, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: November 17, to hold hearings to examine drug trafficking across the Southwest Border and oversight of U.S. counterdrug assistance to Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture: November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The National Commission on Hunger", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services: November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Outside Views on the Strategy for Iraq and Syria", 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Effects of Reduced Infrastructure and Base Operating Support Investments on Readiness", 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Acquisition Efficiency and the Future Navy Force", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Advancing the Science and Acceptance of Autonomy for Future Defense Systems", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget: November 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Does Biennial Budgeting Fit in a Rewrite of the Budget Process?", 9:45 a.m., 210 Cannon.

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“Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R. 3537, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated Providers Are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”; H.R. 3821, the “Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act”; H. J. Res. 71, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; H.J. Res. 72, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; and S. 611, the “Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act” (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: At approximately 10 a.m., Senate will observe a moment of silence for the victims of the Paris attacks. Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m.

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