

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S2915–S3001

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2943–2951, and S. Res. 469–471.

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#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals For Fiscal Year 2017”. (S. Rept. No. 114–257)

S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 114–255)

S. 1724, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 114–256)

H.R. 3114, 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.

S. 2754, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Fannin Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the “Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, with amendments.

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#### Measures Passed:

**POLICE Act:** Senate passed S. 2840, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds for active shooter training.

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**National Public Works Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, designating the week of May 15 through May 21, 2016, as “National Public Works Week”.

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**Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic:** Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2814, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Sevierville, Tennessee, the Dannie A. Carr Veterans Outpatient Clinic, and the bill was then passed.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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##### Adopted:

Collins (for Paul) Amendment No. 3967 (to Amendment No. 3896), to provide for the identification of certain high priority corridors on the National Highway System and to include and designate certain route segments on the Interstate System.

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Collins (for Johnson) Amendment No. 3992 (to Amendment No. 3896), to ensure timely access for Inspectors General to records, documents, and other materials.

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Collins (for Nelson) Amendment No. 4011 (to Amendment No. 3896), to ensure the safety of properties covered under a housing assistance payment contract.

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Collins (for Isakson) Amendment No. 4024 (to Amendment No. 3896), to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a final rule requiring the use of speed limiting devices on heavy trucks not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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Collins (for Warner/Kaine) Amendment No. 4042 (to Amendment No. 3896), to provide additional funds for the National Park Service for certain projects.

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Collins (for Kirk) Amendment No. 3997 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the inspection of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Collins (for Tester/Moran) Amendment No. 3998 (to Amendment No. 3896), to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation.

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Collins (for Perdue) Amendment No. 3933 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require a report on modernizing and replacing hangers of the Army's Combat Aviation Brigade.

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Collins (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 4030 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide access to therapeutic listening devices to veterans struggling with mental health related problems, substance abuse, or traumatic brain injury.

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Collins (for Daines/Tester) Amendment No. 4008 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require a report on the use of defense access road funding to build alternate routes for military equipment traveling to missile launch facilities.

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Collins (for Brown) Amendment No. 3920 (to Amendment No. 3896), to extend the requirement of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for the specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of disabled veterans.

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Collins (for Inhofe/Lankford) Amendment No. 3969 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require that amounts be made available to Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks to assess, evaluate, and improve the health care delivery by and business operations of medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Collins (for Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 3935 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain marriage and family therapists as qualified to serve as marriage and family therapists in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Collins (for Flake) Amendment No. 4038 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct by the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs of an inspection or audit of the use of a grant to renovate a veteran's cemetery in Guam.

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Collins (for Manchin) Amendment No. 4043 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use amounts appropriated under this Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the veteran-to-staff ratio for each program of rehabilitation conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code.

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Collins (for Flake/McCain) Amendment No. 3980 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan on modernizing the system of the Veterans Health Administration for processing claims by non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers for re-

imbursement for health care provided to veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary.

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Collins (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3944 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016.

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Collins (for Johnson) Amendment No. 3993 (to Amendment No. 3896), to ensure timely access for Inspectors General to records, documents, and other materials.

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Collins (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 3910 (to Amendment No. 3896), to authorize the use of amounts for Medical Services to be used to furnish rehabilitative equipment and human-powered vehicles to certain disabled veterans.

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Collins (for Heller) Amendment No. 4005 (to Amendment No. 3896), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the progress of the Department of Veterans Affairs in completing the Rural Veterans Burial Initiative.

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Collins (for Durbin) Amendment No. 4029 (to Amendment No. 3896), to make funds available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire Medical Center Directors and employees for other management and clinical positions with vacancies.

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Collins (for Sasse) Amendment No. 4023 (to Amendment No. 3896), to protect congressional oversight of the executive branch by ensuring individuals may speak with Congress.

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Pending:

Collins Amendment No. 3896, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016 to respond to Zika virus.

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McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), Zika response and preparedness.

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Collins (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3946 (to Amendment No. 3900), to require the periodic submission of spending plan updates to the Committee on Appropriations.

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McCain/Blumenthal Amendment No. 4039 (to Amendment No. 3896), to extend and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish consistent criteria and standards relating to the use of amounts under the Medical Community Care account of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2016, that all post-closure time be considered expired on McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above); that if cloture is invoked on Collins Amendment No. 3896 (listed above), McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above), and McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above), be withdrawn, that it be in order for Senator Collins, or her designee, to call up Amendment No. 3970, and that there be no second-degree amendments in order to Amendment No. 3970, or to McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above). **Page S2969**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2016, with the time until 11:15 a.m., equally divided between the two managers, or their designees. **Page S2999**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–49) **Page S2972**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

9 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard and Foreign Service. **Pages S3000–01**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Frances Marie Tydingco-Gatewood, of Guam, to be Judge for the District Court of Guam for the term of ten years.

Carole Schwartz Rendon, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

34 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Foreign Service.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S2972–73**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2998–99.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Telephone Consumer Protection Act at 25, focusing on effects on consumers and business, after receiving testimony from Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller, Indianapolis; Becca Wahlquist, Snell and Wilmer L.L.P., Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform; Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, and Monica Desai, Squire Patton Boggs, both of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Lovich, American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management, Burbank, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2816, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program;

S. 2795, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants;

S. 921, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a nonregulatory program to build on and

help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region;

H.R. 3114, 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;

S. 2754, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Fannin Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the “Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, with amendments;

General Services Administration resolutions; and

The nomination of Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

## CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing the security of critical infrastructure, focusing on threats, vulnerabilities, and solutions, after receiving testimony from Major General Donald P. Dunbar, Wisconsin Adjutant General, Madison; Thomas L. Farmer, Partnership for Critical Infrastructure Security Cross-Sector Council, and Scott I. Aaronson, Edison Electric Institute, on behalf of the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Ted Koppel, *Lights Out: A Cyberattack, a Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath*, Potomac, Maryland.

## EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on perspectives from education stakeholders, after receiving testimony from Tony Evers, Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Madison; Lily Eskelsen Garcia, National Education Association, Randi Weingarten, American Federation of Teachers, Nora E. Gordon, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, and Janet Murguia, National Council of La Raza, all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas Ahart, Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines, Iowa; and Denise Marshall, Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Towson, Maryland.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2785, to protect Native children and promote public safety in Indian country, S. 2916, to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and S. 2920, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act

to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, after receiving testimony from Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Michael Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico; Dana Buckles, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana; and Alfred L. Urbina, Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, Tucson.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Donald Karl Schott, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Baldwin, Paul Lewis Abrams, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Stephanie A. Finley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Claude J. Kelly III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Winfield D. Ong, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, who was introduced by Senators Coats and Donnelly, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## RANSOMWARE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine ransomware, focusing on understanding the threat and exploring solutions, including S. 2931, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect Americans from cybercrime, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Downing, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Charles C. Hucks, Jr., Horry County Schools, Conway, South Carolina; Adam Meyers, CrowdStrike, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Charles Blauner, Citigroup, Inc., Warren, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

## SMALL BUSINESS AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business and the Affordable Care Act, including S. 1697, to provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements to allow small businesses to use pre-tax dollars to assist employees in the purchase of policies in the individual health insurance market, S. 379, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and modify the credit for employee health insurance expenses of small employers, S. 1099, to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide States with flexibility in determining

the size of employers in the small group market, and S. 1996, to streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy, after receiving testimony from Richard Frank, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human

Services for Planning and Evaluation; Tom Kunkel, Full House Marketing and Print, Edgewood, Maryland; Mike Brey, Hobby Works, Laurel, Maryland; and Kevin Kuhlman, National Federation of Independent Business, Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 5272–5281; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 132; and H. Res. 737–740 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H2845–46**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5077, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–573).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Patricia Venegas, Without Spot or Wrinkle Ministries, La Verne, California.

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**Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in Ireland's journey to independence:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 716, as amended by Representative King (NY), commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in Ireland's journey to independence.

**Pages H2712–13**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the deep and abiding friendship between the United States and Ireland and recommending actions to further strengthen those ties.”

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**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017:** The House passed H.R. 4909, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and to prescribe military per-

sonnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a recorded vote of 277 ayes to 147 noes, Roll No. 216. Consideration began yesterday, May 17th.

**Pages H2721–28, H2730–86, H2812–13**

Rejected the Clyburn motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 215.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.”

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Agreed to:

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569), as modified, that was debated on May 17th that inserts a proposed new text for Sec. 1048 (by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 205);

**Pages H2731–32**

Pearce amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that transfers, in accordance with BRAC 1988, specified lands of the former Fort Wingate Depot Activity in McKinley County, New Mexico to the Department of the Interior to be held in trust for the Zuni Tribe and the Navajo Nation;

**Pages H2735–37**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–571: Schweikert (No. 4) that directs that the Secretary of Defense may coordinate unmanned Aerial System training missions along our southern border in support of the Department of Homeland Security's counter narcotic trafficking efforts; Davis (CA) (No. 13) that allows dual military couples who adopt to split 36 days of leave according to family needs; Costello (PA) (No. 15) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to report to Congress on extending student loan protections for active duty borrowers under the Servicemember Civil Relief Act; Hastings

(No. 16) that excludes reimbursements for medical expenses from the VA's calculation of annual income when determining pension eligibility for veterans; Larson (CT) (No. 17) that preserves access to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for children with autism who are covered by TRICARE; Kelly (PA) (No. 19) that prohibits funds from being used to implement the UN Arms Trade Treaty unless the Senate approves a resolution of ratification for the Treaty and implementing legislation for the Treaty has been enacted into law; Mulvaney (No. 21) that codifies criteria developed by OMB in 2010 to clarify when military spending should be designated as contingency operations and properly be part of the Overseas Contingency Operation budget; Himes (No. 22) that requires a report from the Secretary of Defense on policies, doctrine, procedures and authorities governing Department of Defense activities in response to a malicious cyber activity carried out against the United States or United States persons by foreign states or non-state actors; Tsongas (No. 24) that requires the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the Congressional Defense Committees regarding future capabilities for the P-8 Poseidon aircraft; Blumenauer (No. 26) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the total cost of research, production and maintenance of the B-21 aircraft; Kildee (No. 29) that expresses as a Sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should work with State and local health officials to prevent human exposure to perflourinated chemicals; Poliquin (No. 30) that requires that the Department of Defense submit a report to Congress on the annual travel expenses incurred by members of the national guard and reservists for travel to monthly and annual training requirements; and Farenthold (No. 31) that encourages the Department of Defense to enter into contracts with third party vendors to provide free access to wireless high-speed internet to all members of the Armed Forces who are deployed overseas at any United States military facility; **Pages H2737–42**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–571: DeSantis (No. 8) that prohibits funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Defense may be used for any bilateral military-to-military contact, cooperation, or related security conferences between the Governments of the United States and Cuba until the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, certify to the appropriate congressional committees and Congress convincing assurances that the anti-American posture of the Castro regime has undergone a material change; DeSantis (No. 14) that creates a career military jus-

tice litigation track for United States Army & Air Force JAGs similar to what currently exists for United States Navy JAGs; LaMalfa (No. 25) that provides that no funds may be used by the Air Force to retire, prepare to retire, or place in storage or on backup aircraft inventory status any U-2 aircraft; Hudson (No. 27) that requires a briefing on the acquisition strategy for the Ground Mobility Vehicle program; Sanford (No. 28) that requires the Army and the Marine Corps to use the same variant of 5.56mm rifle ammunition within one year of the date of enactment; provides that the Secretary of Defense may waive the requirement in the event that he determines a state of emergency requires the use of different variants of 5.56mm rifle ammunition; Cartwright (No. 32) that establishes a formal process to provide Government agencies outside the Department of Defense with information on the availability of surplus, serviceable ammunition for the purpose of reducing the overall storage and disposal costs related to such ammunition; Forbes (No. 33) that increases the minimum active-duty end strength of the Navy from 322,900 to 324,615 to make it consistent with the end strength authorized in the HASC mark. A; Jones (No. 34) that states that the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that commissary stores accept as payment the Military Star Card; Allen (No. 35) that allows Colleges with ROTC programs currently selected for partnership by Cyber Institutes at Individual Service Academies to be included in Section 562; DeSaulnier (No. 38) that requires Transition Assistance Program (TAP) counselors to inform separating members of the U.S. Armed Forces that any separation pay received may reduce the amount of VA disability benefits received; Keating (No. 40) that expresses the Sense of Congress in support of fully implementing a service-wide expansion of the Army's Gold Star Installation Access Card; provides entry to military installations for events and memorials for the survivors of members of the Armed Forces who have died while serving on certain active or reserve duty; Kaptur (No. 41) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report detailing the quantity, composition, and lost income of survivors currently affected by the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset to the Survivor Benefit Program; Kildee (No. 42) that amends Sec. 741 to include veterans in the identification and resource availability for units with high rates of suicide; and Jackson Lee (No. 45) that requires increased collaboration with NIH to combat Triple Negative Breast Cancer; **Pages H2746–50**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–571: Thornberry (No. 20) that establishes a Global Engagement Center to lead and coordinate

efforts to track foreign propaganda and disinformation efforts intended to undermine U.S. national security interests, and to develop strategies for countering such campaigns; it would also create a fund that could be used to support outside groups in analyzing, reporting on, and refuting foreign disinformation efforts, and implements reforms to the Broadcasting Board of Governors; Comstock (No. 36) that requires the Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness to evaluate the effectiveness of transition programs in which civilian businesses and organizations provide internships, apprenticeships, and other on-the-job training in an effort to increase likelihood of employment for separating service members; requires the Undersecretary to issue guidance to unit commanders encouraging them to permit separating service members to engage in these programs, provided that unit readiness is not degraded; Farenthold (No. 37) that provides that when a nominee of a Senator, Representative, or Delegate is selected for appointment as a cadet at a Service Academy, the Senator, Representative, or Delegate shall be notified at least 48 hours before the official notification or announcement of the appointment is made; Hunter (No. 39) that strikes the second sentence of Title 38, Section 167, Paragraph (f)4, ensuring that the Service branch fulfills its obligation to notify a service member's spouse in the event that a service member declines SGLI Coverage; Meng (No. 48) that reauthorizes for one year an existing suicide prevention and resilience program for members of the National Guard and Reserves that is likely to expire prior to passage of the next NDAA; Maxine Waters (CA) (No. 49) that requires GAO to conduct a 5 year study and report to Congress on contracting by minority and women owned businesses with the DOD; Sanford (No. 52) that requires the Secretary of Defense to account for the total cost of National Guard flyovers at public events and publish them in a public report; Walz (No. 53) that includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any territory or possession of the United States as a state for purposes of State Adjutants General approval authority over all Army and Air Force National Guard flyover missions in their states; Polis (No. 59) that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on the impact potential changes to the existing carrier air wing force structure, and the impact a potential reduction would have on overall fleet readiness should personnel and aircraft be distributed through remaining air wings; and Courtney (No. 63) that amends the Occupational Safety and Health Act to

make permanent the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH);

**Pages H2753–58**

Zinke amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that prevents changes to the alert status or unilateral reduction in the quantity of deployed intercontinental ballistic missile forces; requires a report on the ability of the Air Force to ensure that the ICBM force is capable of deploying multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles (MIRVs) on Minuteman III ICBMs;

**Pages H2758–60**

Thornberry amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that assures the management of spectrum auctions and national security equities;

**Pages H2762–63**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–571: Rogers (AL) (No. 23) that updates current law concerning the management of spectrum auctions and the protection of Global Positioning System (GPS) adjacent frequency bands; Carter (GA) (No. 43) that clarifies that, under the Pilot Program for Operation of Network of Retail Pharmacy under TRICARE Pharmacy Benefits Program, retail pharmacies shall also include small business pharmacies; Comstock (No. 44) that directs the DOD secretary to study programs with locked vials; Lamborn (No. 46) that extends DoD technology transfer authority until Dec. 31, 2021; Jenkins (WV) (No. 47) that increases the funding authorized for National Guard Counter-Drug Programs, Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-Wide by \$30 million, offset by equivalent decreases to funding for the lines for Common Ground Equipment and Advanced Innovative Technologies; Guinta (No. 50) that increases funding to USNORTHCOM for Joint Task Force North by \$3,000,000 to be used for counter narcotics operations; Walberg (No. 51) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of efforts to combat the trafficking of heroin and fentanyl into the United States from Central America and Mexico; Ellmers (NC) (No. 54) that requires the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Army to report to HASC and SASC quarterly on Joint Airborne Air Transportability Training occurring at Fort Bragg to ensure there is no negative impact to military readiness; Jackson Lee (No. 64) that expresses the sense of Congress regarding the importance of increasing the effectiveness of the Northern Command (“NORTHCOM”) in fulfilling its critical mission of protecting the U.S. homeland in event of war and to provide support to local, state, and federal authorities in times of national emergency; Lewis (GA) (No. 65) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Internal

Revenue Service and the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, to post to cost of the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria to each American taxpayer on the Department of Defense's website; Bordallo (No. 66) that grants USCIS greater flexibility to approve H-2B visa application renewals for contractors performing work on Guam for the duration of the realignment construction plans; Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) (No. 67) that updates Department of Defense regulations to ensure service members receive adequate consumer protections with respect to collection of debt; and Langevin (No. 69) that expands the talent-exchange authorities of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, to allow DoD employees to gain experience at private companies and bring industry leaders to DoD;

**Pages H2763–68**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 5 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114-571: Gosar (No. 55) that requires the Secretary to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee on the status of DOD efforts to maintain a systems-based inventory of Department buildings, land, and other real property assets following recommendations made by GAO; Russell (No. 56) that provides that not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a briefing on the adjustment and diversification assistance authorized by subsections (b) and c) of section 2391 of title 10, United States Code; Pitts (No. 57) that brings accountability to countries granting consent to Russian naval vessels calling into port by amending Section 1238(a)(2)(B) to include transient Russian naval vessels' to the reporting requirement; Young (IA) (No. 58) that requires the DoD to brief Congress on the Department's efforts to protect our service members and their families' personal information from data breaches, including DoD employees; the DoD will also include any trends they are aware of on fraudulent activity targeting service members, their families, or employees of the DoD specifically; Fitzpatrick (No. 60) that recognizes the role played by the 16 million women known as Rosie the Riveters during World War Two; Forbes (No. 61) that authorizes the Army to recover firearms that were provided to a foreign country on a grant basis and subsequently became excess to the needs of such country; Young (IN) (No. 62) that adopts program management principles for government projects and requires formulation of program management standards and best practices to ensure on-time & on-budget projects; Young (AK) (No. 68) that provides DoD temporary direct hire authority for military technicians (dual-status), enabling units to fill critical manpower shortages and increase mission readiness;

Connolly (No. 70) that expresses a sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should develop an assessment, monitoring, and evaluation framework for security cooperation; Blumenauer (No. 74) that reforms the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program for at-risk Afghan allies; Welch (No. 77) that adds to the semiannual Report on Enhancing Security and Stability in Afghanistan the progress on implementing the Afghan Personnel and Pay System; and Kilmer (No. 82) that amends the existing security assistance authority titled "South China Sea Initiative" to "Southeast Asia Maritime Security Initiative"; additionally, the amendment would require DoD to include a description of China's activities in the South China Sea in their Congressionally-required annual report on Chinese military power;

**Pages H2768–74**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 6 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114-571: Rooney (FL) (No. 71) that requires a report on the Department of Defense's implementation of the prohibition on the provision of certain security assistance to foreign security forces implicated in gross human rights violations; Poe (TX) (No. 72) that adds a fourth condition that the Administration must certify Pakistan has met before releasing \$450 million in aid: "Pakistan has shown progress in arresting and prosecuting Haqqani network senior leaders and mid-level operatives"; Rohrabacher (No. 73) that adds an additional requirement that the Secretary of Defense certify to Congress that Pakistan is not using its military or any funds or equipment provided by the United States to persecute minority groups seeking political or religious freedom; Rohrabacher (No. 75) that adds a sense of the Congress that Dr. Shakil Afridi is an international hero and that the Government of Pakistan should release him immediately from prison; Walberg (No. 76) that requires the Department of Defense to submit to Congress a report on the extent to which the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan has adequate access to financial records of the Government of Afghanistan; Fortenberry (No. 78) that expresses the Sense of Congress that safe areas should be secured for the resettlement and reintegration of indigenous ethnic and religious minorities, including victims of genocide, into their homelands; affirms that this position is a critical component of a safe, secure, and sovereign Iraq; Fortenberry (No. 79) that empowers local security forces in Iraq—including ethnic and religious minority groups—to deter, hold, or roll back the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Iraq; Cicilline (No. 88) that requires a report be completed by the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments and the Secretary of State on efforts made to in-

form American manufacturers on procurement opportunities for equipping foreign military entities approved to receive U.S. assistance; this report should also include any plans or strategies to raise awareness of these opportunities among U.S. manufacturers; Cooper (No. 89) that requires a report on Open Skies Treaty and Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty; Frankel (FL) (No. 90) that expresses the sense of Congress that continued United States leadership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is critical to the national security of the United States; Higgins (No. 91) that authorizes assistance to Israel to improve maritime security and maritime domain awareness; Ted Lieu (CA) (No. 92) that expresses a sense of Congress that it is policy of the United States to support a denuclearized Korean peninsula;

Pages H2774–76

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 7 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–571: Pearce (No. 80) that expresses a sense of Congress encouraging the Administration and DOD to utilize all necessary capabilities to combat ISIS oil production and sale; Yoho (No. 81) that provides for a prohibition on transfer of man-portable air defense systems to any entity in Syria; Poe (TX) (No. 83) that prohibits government contracts with entities that have contributed to Russia's violation of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty; Pompeo (No. 84) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on cooperation between Iran and the Russian Federation and to what extent such cooperation affects United States national security and strategic interests; Roskam (No. 85) that establishes the sense of Congress that Israel should be able to defend its vital national interests and protect its territory and population against existential threats and mandates that the President report on the necessary defensive mechanisms required and requested by Israel to protect itself against existential threats and on the availability for sale or transfer of these items to Israel; Roskam (No. 86) that requires the President to report on the use by the Government of Iran of commercial aircraft and related services for illicit military or other activities; Walker (No. 87) that directs the Secretary of Defense to grant observer status to the military forces of Taiwan in any maritime exercise known as the Rim of the Pacific Exercise; Meng (No. 93) that authorizes the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, to enter into agreements with governments of foreign countries, such as Israel and other nations that excel in addressing water scarcity and water resource development issues, in order to develop land-based water resources in support of and in preparation for contingency operations; Meng (No. 94) that extends

the requirement for three years, consistent with the FY13 NDAA, that the President report to Congress on the use of certain Iranian seaports by foreign vessels and the use of foreign airports by sanctioned Iranian air carriers; Moulton (No. 95) that requires the President to officially notify Congress whenever Iran conducts a ballistic missile launch (including ballistic missile tests) and inform the Congress as to actions the President will take in response, including diplomatic efforts to pursue additional sanctions, including through passage of a United Nations Security Council resolution; Peters (No. 96) that expresses the Sense of Congress that the United States should work with our Gulf Cooperation Council allies to encourage and enable an integrated ballistic missile defense system to prevent an attack by Iran against such countries; and Ruiz (No. 97) that authorizes assistance and training to countries bordering the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, or Mediterranean Sea in an effort to deter and counter illicit smuggling and related maritime activity by Iran; the program will run through FY2020;

Pages H2776–79

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 8 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–571: Loretta Sanchez (CA) (No. 98) that expresses a Sense of Congress that increased military relations with Vietnam should be contingent on Vietnam's commitment to implement human rights reforms; Jackson Lee (No. 99) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress report on efforts to assist Nigeria security forces in combatting Boko Haram In Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin; Holding (No. 100) that enhances and promotes greater defense trade and military cooperation between the United States and India by encouraging and supporting a range of measures such as joint military planning and co-development; Smith (WA) (No. 101) that eases restrictions related to funding for development of rocket propulsion and launch systems to end reliance on the RD–180; Ted Lieu (CA) (No. 102) that requires a report on the use of space-craft assets of the Space-Based Infrared System's Wide-Field-of-View program for other space programs; Rogers (AL) (No. 103) that requires the Secretary of Defense to evaluate the security of defense information and to issue regulations to improve it; Meehan (No. 104) that expresses a sense of Congress that reiterates the importance of strong communications systems for the National Guard in the event of a cyber or terrorist attack; Hanna (No. 105) requires the Secretary of the Army to brief Congress on a strategy for incorporating Army National Guard Cyber Protection Teams into the Cyber Mission Force; Peters (No. 106) that expresses the Sense of Congress that DOD, when practical, should seek to maximize the hiring of veterans for MILCON

projects; Brat (No. 107) that creates a process for foreign governments to petition DOD to return surplus property to that government; expands use of residual value obtained from returned foreign property from facility maintenance and operations to readiness programs; Carter (GA) (No. 108) that relocates the Saint Marys Airport away from Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay because of security issues with civilian air traffic; codifies the Navy's steps in the relocation of the airport; Pearce (No. 109) that prohibits the Department of Defense from transferring administrative jurisdiction of Fillmore Canyon to the Department of the Interior; and Culberson (No. 110) that provides competitively awarded grant funding for the preservation of our nation's historic battleships in a manner that is self-sustaining and has an educational component; requires grantees to provide a 1:1 matching of any federal funding received pursuant to this grant program; the grant program sunsets on September 30, 2023; **Pages H2779–82**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 9 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–571: Newhouse (No. 111) that requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide a report detailing how the Corps acquired 34 miles of shoreline property along the Columbia River in the Tri-Cities region of Central Washington; the report will include specific legal documentation and information on the process by which the properties were acquired to discern how the federal government acquired the land, whether by paying Fair Market Value or through other means of procurement; Ben Ray Lujan (NM) (No. 112) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Energy should ensure that each laboratory operating contractor or plant or site manager of a National Nuclear Security Administration facility adopt generally accepted and consistent accounting practices for laboratory, plant, or site directed research and development; Foster (No. 113) that requires the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Energy to provide a briefing to the appropriate committees on the feasibility and potential benefits of a dialogue between the United States and France on the use of low-enriched uranium in naval reactors; Peters (No. 114) that clarifies that the definition of advanced nuclear reactor includes a nuclear fusion reactor; Donovan (No. 115) that expedites processing of applications for transportation security cards for separating members of the Armed forces and veterans to facilitate employment in the maritime industry; Frankel (FL) (No. 116) that classifies a vessel being repaired or dismantled to be a “recreational vessel” if the vessel shares elements of design and construction of traditional recreational vessels and is not normally engaged in a military or commercial undertaking when operating; Wilson (SC) (No. 117)

that provides a conforming name change for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund within sections 4102 and 4103 of H.R. 4909; Meng (No. 118) that makes conspiracy to commit rape or sexual assault an offense requiring dismissal or dishonorable discharge under the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and Rogers (AL) (No. 120) that provides authority for the Secretary of Energy to issue regulations to protect certain NNSA sites from potential threats posed by UAVs; **Pages H2782–85**

Bordallo amendment (No. 119 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that authorizes the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States to settle claims resulting from the occupation of Guam during World War II based on other war claims programs previously authorized by Congress for other Americans; and **Pages H2785–86**

Fleming amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that prohibits funds for Executive Orders 13653 and 13693 that require DOD to meet certain green energy mandates and to incorporate climate change reviews within DOD operations, acquisition, and planning (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 209). **Pages H2734–35, H2805–06**

Rejected:

McKinley amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that was debated on May 17th that sought to require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that every tactical missile program of the Department of Defense that uses solid propellant as the primary propulsion system shall have at least two fully certified rocket motor suppliers in the event that one of the rocket motor suppliers is outside the national technology and industrial base (by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 203); **Pages H2730–31**

Nadler amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–569) that was debated on May 17th that sought to remove funding prohibitions on the closure of the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 204); **Page H2731**

Buck amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that sought to require the DOD to evaluate the cost of different types of energy and purchase the most cost effective option available (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 208); **Pages H2732–34, H2804–05**

Lee amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that sought to repeal the 2001 AUMF after 90 days of enactment of this Act (by a recorded vote of 138 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 210); **Pages H2742–44, H2806–07**

Polis amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that sought to reduce the base Defense

Department budget by 1% excluding military/reserve/National Guard personnel, as well as Defense Health Program account (by a recorded vote of 63 ayes to 360 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 211);

Pages H2744–46, H2807

Ellison amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that sought to strike language that calls on the President to expand the scope of the mission in Afghanistan (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 292 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 212);

Pages H2750–52, H2807–08

Ellison amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that sought to reduce funding for base budget procurement items from Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funds to \$1,287,871,000, in accordance with the President’s request. \$9,440,300,000 is transferred to OCO Operations & Maintenance fund in order to fund operations overseas, with \$26 million designated for suicide prevention (by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 289 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 213); and

Pages H2752–53, H2808–09

Sanford amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that sought to require the Government Accountability Office to study the Maritime Security Fleet (by a recorded vote of 41 ayes to 383 noes, Roll No. 214).

Pages H2760–62, H2809

Withdrawn:

Lamborn amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–571) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck conditions on recognizing the National World War II Aviation Museum.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 735, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 200, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H2721–28

**Zika Response Appropriations Act, 2016:** The House passed H.R. 5243, making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, to strengthen public health activities in response to the Zika virus, by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 207.

Pages H2787–H2804

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Castor (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 206.

Pages H2800–04

H. Res. 736, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4974) and (H.R. 5243) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 202, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 201.

Pages H2728–30

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, May 19.

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**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017:** The House began consideration of H.R. 4974, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 19th.

Pages H2728–30, H2813–42

Agreed to:

Wagner amendment that redirects \$801,000 in funding within the Military Construction Defense-Wide fund;

Pages H2823–26

Gosar amendment that increases funding for Veterans Health Administration, Medical Services by \$4,000,000 and reduces funding for Departmental Administration, General Administration by \$5,500,000;

Pages H2826–27

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment that redirects \$10,000,000 in funding within Veterans Health Administration Medical Expenses;

Pages H2827–28

Keating amendment that redirects \$1,500,000 in funding within Departmental Administration, General Administration;

Pages H2828–29

Clawson (FL) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Informational Technology Systems, by \$5,000,000;

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Keating amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within Departmental Administration, General Administration;

Pages H2829–30

Ruiz amendment that redirects \$5,000,000 in funding within General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration;

Pages H2830–34

Ratcliffe amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2016) that prohibits the use of funds to propose, plan for, or execute a new or additional Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round; and

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Grayson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to prohibit the use of funds to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if the offeror certifies that the offeror or any of its principals have been convicted of or had a civil judgement against it for fraud.

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## Rejected:

Fitzpatrick amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to procure the birth control known as Essure. **Pages H2849–41**

## Point of Order sustained against:

Boustany amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay any bonus or monetary award under chapter 45 of 53 of title 5, United States Code, to an employee of the Chief Business Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is responsible for processing emergency medical care claims until the percentage of emergency medical care claims processed within 30 days reached 90 percent; and **Pages H2841–42**

Gohmert amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to establish, maintain, employ, or enter into any contract or agreement with any organization, including a political party, that endorsed, embraced, or encouraged any form of slavery, nor to display the name of such organization nor to have its name displayed in any facility in which or for funds made available in this act are used. **Page H2842**

## Proceedings Postponed:

Mulvaney amendment that seeks to strike Overseas Contingency Operations, Military Construction, Army; **Pages H2834–35**

Mulvaney amendment that seeks to strike Overseas Contingency Operations, Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps; **Pages H2835–36**

Mulvaney amendment that seeks to strike Overseas Contingency Operations, Military Construction, Air Force; **Page H2836**

Mulvaney amendment that seeks to strike Overseas Contingency Operations, Military Construction, Defense-Wide; **Pages H2836–37**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2016) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce any Veterans Health Administration Directive relating to the prohibition on VA providers from completing forms seeking recommendations on opinions regarding a Veteran's participation in a state marijuana program; **Pages H2837–38**

Fleming amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to modify a military installation in the United States, including construction or modification of a facility on a military installation, to produce housing for unaccompanied alien children; and **Pages H2838–39**

Huffman amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement section 8(d)(2) of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration Directive 3220 of November 22, 2005. **Pages H2839–40**

H. Res. 736, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4974) and (H.R. 5243) was agreed

to by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 202, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 201. **Pages H2728–30**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–137). **Page H2787**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2730.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2840 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 1335 was held at the desk. **Page H2842**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2728, H2728–29, H2729–30, H2730–31, H2731, H2731–32, H2803–04, H2804, H2805, H2805–06, H2806, H2807, H2807–08, H2808, H2809, H2811–12, H2812–13. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:56 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

## Committee Meetings

### SERVICE IN THE FIELD: VETERAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Service in the Field: Veteran Contributions to National Food Security". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.J. Res. 87, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of Labor relating to “Interpretation of the ‘Advice’ Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act”; and H.R. 5003, the “Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016”. H.J. Res. 87 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 5003 was ordered reported, as amended.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4775, the “Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4979, the “Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016”. H.R. 4775 and H.R. 4979 were ordered reported, as amended.

## EXAMINING THE CFPB’S PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON ARBITRATION: IS IT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS?

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining the CFPB’s Proposed Rulemaking on Arbitration: Is It in the Public Interest and for the Protection of Consumers?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 374, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Singaporean independence and reaffirming Singapore’s close partnership with the United States; H. Res. 650, providing for the safety and security of the Iranian dissidents living in Camp Liberty/Hurriya in Iraq and awaiting resettlement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and permitting use of their own assets to assist in their resettlement; H. Con. Res. 129, expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to reaffirm its commitment to this goal through a financial commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs; S. 284, the “Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act”; and S. 1252, the “Global Food Security Act of 2016”. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H. Res. 374, H. Res. 650, H. Con. Res. 129, and S. 284. S. 1252 was ordered reported, without amendment.

## DEMOCRACY SUPPORT STRATEGIES IN AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Democracy Support Strategies in Africa”. Testimony was heard from D. Bruce Wharton, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Thomas Staal, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Steven Feldstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 4289, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska, and for other purposes; and S. 246, the “Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act”. Testimony was heard from Senator Heitkamp; Gary Hartz, Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Cheryl Andrews-Malatais, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Lillian Sparks-Robinson, Commissioner, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

## EXAMINING EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT AT EPA

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Employee Misconduct at EPA”. Testimony was heard from Stanley Meiburg, Acting Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Patrick Sullivan, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

## THE FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REFORM ACT SCORECARD 2.0

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 2.0”. Testimony was heard from Steven I. Cooper, Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce; Dawn

Leaf, Chief Information Officer, Department of Labor; Michael M. Johnson, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; Renee P. Wynn, Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and David A. Powner, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### NEXT STEPS TO MARS: DEEP SPACE HABITATS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Next Steps to Mars: Deep Space Habitats”. Testimony was heard from Jason Crusan, Director, Advanced Exploration Systems, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

### BORDER STATION CONSTRUCTION: MINIMIZING COSTS AND LEVERAGING PRIVATE DOLLARS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Border Station Construction: Minimizing Costs and Leveraging Private Dollars”. Testimony was heard from Michael Gelber, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Eugene Schied, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Administration, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5178, the “Veterans Success on Campus Act of 2016”; H.R. 5229, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study to evaluate the effectiveness of programs, especially in regards to women veterans and minority veterans, in transitioning to civilian life, and for other purposes; H.R. 4138, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup relocation expenses paid to or on behalf of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3286, the “HIRE Vets Act”; H.R. 3471, the “Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2015”; H.R. 3974, the “Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2015”; H.R. 3989, the “Support Our Military Caregivers Act”; H.R. 2460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; H.R. 3956, the “VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act”; H.R. 4782, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2016”; H.R. 4087, the “Fair Treatment for Families of Veterans Act”; and H.R. 3715, the “Final Farewell Act

of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5178, H.R. 5229, H.R. 3286, H.R. 3471, H.R. 3974, H.R. 3956, H.R. 4782, H.R. 4087, H.R. 3715, and H.R. 3989. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4138 and H.R. 2460.

### PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY FROM WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Protecting Social Security from Waste, Fraud, and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O’Carroll, Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

### THE HEROIN EPIDEMIC AND PARENTAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE: USING EVIDENCE AND DATA TO PROTECT KIDS FROM HARM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “The Heroin Epidemic and Parental Substance Abuse: Using Evidence and Data to Protect Kids from Harm”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bass and Marino; and Tina Willauer, Director, Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams, Department for Community Based Services, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D480)

S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity. Signed on May 16, 2016. (Public Law 114–154)

S. 125, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020. Signed on May 16, 2016. (Public Law 114–155)

S. 2755, to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of firefighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty. Signed on May 16, 2016. (Public Law 114–156)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MAY 19, 2016***(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)***Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Farm Credit System, focusing on the outlook of the current economic climate, 10:15 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017”, and an original bill entitled, “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017”, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine improving communities’ and businesses’ access to capital and economic development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s 2017–2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110–19), and the Convention on the Law Applicable to Certain Rights in Respect of Securities Held with an Intermediary (the “Convention”), done at The Hague on July 5, 2006, and signed by the United States on that same day (Treaty Doc. 112–06), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2942, to extend certain privileges and immunities to the Gulf Cooperation Council, an original resolution entitled, “Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in the journey of Ireland to independence”, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 11:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* 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. 356, to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications, and the nominations of Ronald G. Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Inga S. Bernstein, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Suzanne Mitchell, and Scott L. Palk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s immigration policies, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

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*Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health:* hearing entitled “Examining H.R. 3299, Strengthening Public Health Response Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations:* hearing entitled “Settling the Question: Did Bank Settlement Agreements Subvert Congressional Appropriations Powers?”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice:* hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Promote the Effective Enforcement of the ADA’s Public Accommodation Provisions”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources:* hearing entitled “Examining Deficiencies in Transparency at the Department of the Interior”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Help Wanted: Small Business Providing Opportunities for All”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
9 a.m., Thursday, May 19

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**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2577, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. At 11:15 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to waive the budget with respect to McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), adoption of McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), and the motion to invoke cloture on Collins Amendment No. 3896.

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