

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4777–S4838*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3126–3136, and S. Con. Res. 42. Page S4828

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 2375, to decrease the deficit by consolidating and selling excess Federal tangible property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–291)

S. 2450, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address administrative leave for Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–292)

Report to accompany S. 1470, to amend the Small Business Act to provide additional assistance to small business concerns for disaster recovery. (S. Rept. No. 114–293)

S. 3136, to reauthorize child nutrition programs. Page S4827

#### **Measures Passed:**

*North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO Summit:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 506, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Warsaw, Poland from July 8–9, 2016, and in support of committing NATO to a security posture capable of deterring threats to the Alliance, after agreeing to the committee amendments. Pages S4836–37

*United States-Taiwan Relations:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38, reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as cornerstones of United States-Taiwan relations. Page S4837

*Hizballab:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 482, urging the European Union to designate Hizballab in its entirety as a terrorist organization and to increase pressure on the organization and its members to the fullest extent possible. Page S4837

*Fulbright Program 70th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Fulbright Program. Pages S4837–38

#### **Measures Considered:**

*Sanctuary Cities:* Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3100, to ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 119), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. Page S4799

*Kate's Law:* By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 120), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2193, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed. Page S4799

#### **House Messages:**

*National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act—Agreement:* Senate resumed consideration of the House amendment to S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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#### **Pending:**

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 4935, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4936 (to Amendment No. 4935), to change the enactment date.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 65 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 121), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 4935 (listed above).

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McConnell Motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 4937, in the nature of a substitute, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 4935.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4938 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4937), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 4937 (listed above), fell.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4939 (to Amendment No. 4938), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 4938 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4937) (listed above) fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House amendment to the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 7, 2016; and that all time during morning business, recess, or adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with McConnell (for Roberts) Amendment No. 4935.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 118), Brian R. Martinotti, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S4824–25**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S4825**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S4777, S4825**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—121)

**Pages S4798–S4800**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4838.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### CORRUPTION

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Committee concluded a hearing to examine corruption, focusing on violent extremism, kleptocracy, and the dangers of failing governance, after receiving testimony from Gayle E. Smith, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development; Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; and Carl Gershman, National Endowment for Democracy, and Sarah Chayes, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Democracy and Rule of Law Program, both of Washington, D.C.

### AGENCY REGULATORY GUIDANCE

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the use of agency regulatory guidance, after receiving testimony from Clyde Wayne Crews, Jr., Competitive Enterprise Institute, Paul R. Noe, American Forest and Paper Association and American Wood Council, and Amit Narang, Public Citizen, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Andrew Mayock, of Illinois, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

### ISIS ONLINE

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine ISIS online, focusing on countering terrorist radicalization and recruitment

on the internet and social media, after receiving testimony from Michael Steinbach, Executive Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; George Selim, Director, Office for Community Partnerships, Department of Homeland Security; Meagen M. LaGraffe, Chief of Staff, Global Engagement Center, Department of State; and Peter Bergen, New America, and Alberto M. Fernandez, Middle East Media Research Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Carole Schwartz Rendon, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio.

#### DHS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after

receiving testimony from Jeh Charles Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### SMALL BUSINESS FLOOD INSURANCE RATES

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business survival amidst flood insurance rate increases, including S. 1679, to amend the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 to require that certain buildings and personal property be covered by flood insurance, after receiving testimony from Roy Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin Robles, Domain Homes, Tampa, Florida; Ceil Strauss, Association of State Floodplain Managers, St. Paul, Minnesota; David McKey, National Association of Realtors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Randy Noel, Reve Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 5628–5633, 5635–5650; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 141; and H. Res. 808 were introduced.

**Pages H4465–66**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H4467–68**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2646, to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–667, Part 1);

H.R. 5634, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–668);

Conference report on S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use (H. Rept. 114–669); and

H. Res. 809, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 524) to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–670).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend James R. Shaw, Agnus Dei Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, VA.

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**Committee Leave of Absence:** Read a letter from Representative Castro (TX) wherein he notified the House that he is taking a leave of absence from the Committee on Armed Services.

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**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Castro (TX).

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

**Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act:** H.R. 2646, amended, to make available needed psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 422

yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 355.

Pages H4301–25,  
H4333–34

**Restoring Access to Medication Act:** The House passed H.R. 1270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements, by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 351.

Pages H4325–31

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–60 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 793, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1270) was agreed to yesterday, July 5th.

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 5th:

**Global Food Security Act of 2016:** S. 1252, to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 354.

Pages H4332–33

**Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Extension Act of 2016:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 2845, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014.

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**Expressing condolences for the killing of the British Member of Parliament (MP) Jo Cox:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 806, expressing condolences for the killing of the British Member of Parliament (MP) Jo Cox.

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**Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2016:** The House passed H.R. 4361, to amend section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for enhanced security of Federal information systems, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 376.

Pages H4293–H4301, H4331–32, H4334–46, H4449–60,

H4460–64

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Thompson (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 375.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–59 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill.

Pages H4340–41

Agreed to:

Palmer amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–666) that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill; and

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Posey amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–666), as modified, that establishes that no agency employee when acting in their official capacity shall be permitted to establish, operate, maintain, or otherwise permit the use of information technology not certified by the Agency's Chief Information Officer as in compliance with the established information security protocols.

Pages H4344–45

Rejected:

Norton amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–666) that sought to strike sections that extend probationary periods, modifies suspension and termination procedures, forced mandatory leave provisions, and others (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 373); and

Pages H4345–46, H4449–50

Watson Coleman amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–666) that sought to exempt from the midnight rules moratorium any rule that has been included in the Unified Regulatory Agenda for at least one year (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 374).

Pages H4346, H4450–51

H. Res. 803, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4361) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 353, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 352.

Pages H4331–32

**Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017:** The House began consideration of H.R. 5485, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 7th.

Pages H4346–92, H4419–49

The Chair sustained a point of order raised by Representative Chaffetz against certain provisions of the bill, and subsequently Representative Kaptur appealed the Chair's ruling. The ruling of the Chair

was sustained by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 356. **Pages H4391–92**

Agreed to:

Amodei amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds from being used to enforce the requirement in section 316(b)(4)(D) of the Federal Election Campaign Act that solicitation of contribution from member corporations stockholders or personnel from a trade association be separately and specifically approved by the member corporation involved prior to the solicitation, and that such member corporations does not approve any such solicitation by more than one trade association in any calendar year (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 371); and **Pages H4436–37, H4448**

Blackburn amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that prohibits funds made available by the Act from being used to implement, administer or enforce any of the rules proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted by the FCC on March 31, 2016 (FCC 16–39), intended to regulate consumer privacy obligations as necessitated by the FCC's net neutrality regime (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 372). **Pages H4437–38, H4448–49**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to reprogram already appropriated funds to create an Office of Good Jobs for the Department of Treasury (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 357); **Pages H4419–20, H4439**

Duffy amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to decrease by \$20.7 million the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) account to offset an inappropriate augmentation of this account outside of the congressional appropriations process by the Department of Justice through settlement agreements which required banks to donate \$20.7 million to certified CDFI entities (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 358); **Pages H4420–22, H4439–40**

Becerra amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike Section 127, which prevents the IRS from issuing guidance to more clearly define political activity for 501(c)(4) organizations (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 359); **Pages H4422–23, H4440–41**

Ellison amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike restrictions on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's ability to promulgate rules restricting pre-dispute mandatory arbitration agreements in consumer contracts with firms offering financial products (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 360); **Pages H4423–24, H4441**

Moore en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 114–639: Moore (No. 5) that sought to strike Section 501 to preserve the independent funding and transfer of funds from the Federal Reserve to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Moore (No. 6) that sought to strike Section 503 to preserve the independent funding and transfer of funds from the Federal Reserve to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and Moore (No. 7) that sought to strike Section 505 to preserve the current management structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau under a single Director (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 361); **Pages H4424–25, H4441–42**

Himes amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to increase funding for the SEC by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 362); **Pages H4425–26, H4442**

DeFazio amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to decrease funding for the Selective Service System by \$22,703,000 and increases the spending reduction account by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 363); **Pages H4426–27, H4443**

Grayson amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 613 (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 364); **Pages H4427–29, H4443–44**

Kildee amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike Section 625 of the bill, a provision that prevents the SEC from developing or finalizing a rule that requires the disclosure of political contributions to tax exempt organizations (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 365); **Pages H4429–30, H4444**

Eshoo amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 632 (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 366); **Pages H4430–31, H4444–45**

Ellison amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 637 (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 367); **Pages H4431–32, H4445–46**

Ellison amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 638 (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 368); **Pages H4432–34, H4446**

Sewell (AL) amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 114–639) that sought to strike section 639, which prohibits funds from being used by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (CFPB) to enforce regulations or rules with respect to payday loans, vehicle title loans, or other similar loans during FY 2017 (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 369); and **Pages H4434–35, H4446–47**

Norton amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 114-639) that sought to strike the repeal of the District of Columbia budget autonomy referendum (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 370).

**Pages H4435-36, H4447-48**

Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 114-639) that seeks to provide for a one percent across the board cut to the bill's discretionary spending levels;

**Pages H4460-62**

Buck amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 114-639) that seeks to reduce the salary of the IRS Commissioner to \$0 annually from date of enactment through January 20, 2017; and

**Pages H4462-63**

Davidson amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 114-639) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to change the Selective Service System registration requirements.

**Pages H4463-64**

H. Res. 794, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5485) was agreed to yesterday, July 5th.

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and twenty-two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4330-31, H4331-32, H4332, H4332-33, H4333-34, H4391-92, H4439, H4439-40, H4440, H4441, H4441-42, H4442, H4443, H4443-44, H4444, H4445, H4445-46, H4446, H4447, H4447-48, H4448, H4449, H4449-50, H4450-51, H4459, H4460. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:44 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2016.

## Committee Meetings

### PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: EVALUATING ERROR RATES AND ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES TO ENHANCE PROGRAM INTEGRITY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Evaluating Error Rates and Anti-Fraud Measures to Enhance Program Integrity". Testimony was heard from Jessica Shahin, Associate Administrator, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture; Kay Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and Dave Yost, Auditor of State, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a markup on the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2017. The

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

## AVIATION READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled "Aviation Readiness". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Kevin W. Mangum, USA, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems, U.S. Navy; and Major General Scott D. West, USAF, Director of Current Operations, U.S. Air Force.

## ALTERNATE APPROACHES TO FEDERAL BUDGETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Alternate Approaches to Federal Budgeting". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## A REVIEW OF EPA'S REGULATORY ACTIVITY DURING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION: ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled "A Review of EPA's Regulatory Activity During the Obama Administration: Energy and Industrial Sectors". Testimony was heard from Lynn D. Helms, Director, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Department of Mineral Resources; Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; David J. Porter, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas; and public witnesses.

## FINANCIALLY REWARDING TERRORISM IN THE WEST BANK

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Financially Rewarding Terrorism in the West Bank". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H. Res. 210, affirming and recognizing the Khmer, Laotian, Hmong, and Montagnard Freedom Fighters and the people of Cambodia and Laos for their support and defense of the United States Armed Forces and freedom in Southeast Asia; H. Res. 634, recognizing the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea-Japan trilateral relationship to counter North Korean

threats and nuclear proliferation, and to ensure regional security and human rights; H. Res. 728, supporting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Cambodia; and H.R. 4501, the “Distribution and Promotion of Rights and Knowledge Act of 2016”. The following legislation was forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H. Res. 210, H. Res. 634, and H. Res. 728. H.R. 4501 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AND THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Judicial Branch and the Efficient Administration of Justice”. Testimony was heard from James Duff, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

### THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON AUTOPILOT: MANDATORY SPENDING AND THE ENTITLEMENT CRISIS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Task Force on Executive Overreach held a hearing entitled “The Federal Government on Autopilot: Mandatory Spending and the Entitlement Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ASSESSING THE OBAMA YEARS: OIRA AND REGULATORY IMPACTS ON JOBS, WAGES AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Obama Years: OIRA and Regulatory Impacts on Jobs, Wages and Economic Recovery”. Testimony was heard from Howard Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 5577, the “Innovation in Offshore Leasing Act”. Testimony was heard from Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 4531, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Esther Kia'aina, Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Hersey Kyota, Ambassador, Republic of Palau; and David Gootnick,

Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

### FIREARMS AND MUNITIONS AT RISK: EXAMINING INADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Firearms and Munitions at Risk: Examining Inadequate Safeguards”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Thomas R. Kane, Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons; Jeffery Orner, Chief Readiness Support Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Steven A. Ellis, Deputy Director of Operations, Bureau of Land Management.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017; CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2016

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on S. 2943, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017”; and the conference report to accompany S. 524, the “Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 524 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule states that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 2, the rule provides that the House has taken S. 2943, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, from the Speaker’s table, adopts an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 4909 as passed by the House, and adopts S. 2943, as amended. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee is authorized to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 2943 and request a conference with the Senate thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairman Upton and Representative Palone.

### FOREIGN CYBER THREATS: SMALL BUSINESS, BIG TARGET

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Foreign Cyber Threats: Small Business, Big Target”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## INDEPENDENT LEASING AUTHORITIES: INCREASING OVERSIGHT AND REDUCING COSTS OF SPACE LEASED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Independent Leasing Authorities: Increasing Oversight and Reducing Costs of Space Leased by Federal Agencies”. Testimony was heard from David Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; W. Thomas Reeder Jr., Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Chris Wisner, Assistant Commissioner for Leasing Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and John K. Lapiana, Deputy Under Secretary for Finance and Administration, Smithsonian Institution.

## FUTURE OVERHEAD SATELLITE REQUIREMENTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “Future Overhead Satellite Requirements”. This hearing was closed.

## Joint Meetings

### COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D716)

H.R. 3209, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax return information for the purpose of missing or exploited children investigations. Signed on June 30, 2016. (Public Law 114–184)

S. 337, to improve the Freedom of Information Act. Signed on June 30, 2016. (Public Law 114–185)

S. 2133, to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies’ development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments. Signed on June 30, 2016. (Public Law 114–186)

S. 2328, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act. Signed on June 30, 2016. (Public Law 114–187)

S. 2487, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by the Secretary. Signed on June 30, 2016. (Public Law 114–188)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Russia, and European Security, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine an assessment of United States economic assistance, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., SH–219.

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

### House

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Agriculture and National Security: On-the-Ground Experiences of Former Military Leaders”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 9:45 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Goldwater-Nichols Reform: The Way Ahead”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, joint hearing entitled “South China Sea Maritime Disputes”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Introduction to Regulatory Budgeting”, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5587, the “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Federal, State, and Local Agreements and Economic Benefits for Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “The Implications of U.S. Aircraft Sales to Iran”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Demanding Accountability: The Administration’s Reckless Release of Terrorists from Guantanamo”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency; and Subcommittee on Transportation Security, joint hearing entitled “How Pervasive is Misconduct at TSA: Examining Findings from a Joint Subcommittee Investigation”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 320, the “Rapid DNA Act of 2015”; H.R. 5578, the “Survivors’ Bill of Rights Act of 2016”; H.R. 3765, the “ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015”; and H.R. 68, the “Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “State Perspectives on BLM’s Draft Planning 2.0 Rule”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the State Department”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Subcommittee on Government Operations*, hearing entitled “Examining Billion Dollar Waste Through Improper Payments”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on the Environment, hearing entitled “Examining the Nation’s Current and Next Generation Weather Satellite Programs”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the “Solar Fuels Innovation Act”; the “Electricity Storage Innovation Act”; and the “National Institute of Standards and Technology Campus Security Act”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; and the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled “Prevention of Smuggling at United States Ports”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Defying the Constitution: The

Administration’s Unlawful Funding of the Cost Sharing Reduction Program”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5613, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction of supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016; and H.R. 5523, the “Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 7 through July 8, 2016

### Senate Chamber

On *Thursday*, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the House amendment to S. 764, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act.

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*: July 7, to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Russia, and European Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

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### House Committees

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, July 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The ACA’s Cost Sharing Reduction Program: Ramifications of the Administration’s Decision on the Source of Funding for the CSR Program”, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, July 8, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Contracting Fairness”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through June 30, 2016

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session .....	90	81	..
Time in session .....	533 hrs., 54'	379 hrs., 21'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	4,772	4,188	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,009	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	31	42	73
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	2	2	..
Measures passed, total .....	236	334	570
Senate bills .....	45	33	..
House bills .....	44	230	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	1	1	..
House joint resolutions .....	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	5	4	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	8	16	..
Simple resolutions .....	132	49	..
Measures reported, total .....	*174	*261	435
Senate bills .....	127	5	..
House bills .....	20	209	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	5	..
Simple resolutions .....	26	41	..
Special reports .....	9	1	..
Conference reports .....	1	1	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	338	77	..
Measures introduced, total .....	890	1,575	2,465
Bills .....	690	1,298	..
Joint resolutions .....	8	16	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	15	34	..
Simple resolutions .....	177	227	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	117	151	..
Recorded votes .....	..	190	..
Bills vetoed .....	1	2	..
Vetoos overridden .....	..	..	..

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 91 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 263 reports have been filed in the House.

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through June 30, 2016

Civilian nominations, totaling 293 (including 181 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	61
Unconfirmed .....	221
Withdrawn .....	11
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 956 (including 97 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	949
Unconfirmed .....	6
Withdrawn .....	1
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,278 (including 181 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	3,785
Unconfirmed .....	1,493
Army nominations, totaling 4,286 (including 1,740 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	4,253
Unconfirmed .....	33
Navy nominations, totaling 1,673 (including 5 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,640
Unconfirmed .....	31
Withdrawn .....	2
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,244 (including 3 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,243
Unconfirmed .....	1
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....	2,207
Total nominations received this Session .....	11,523
Total confirmed .....	11,931
Total unconfirmed .....	1,785
Total withdrawn .....	14
Total returned to the White House .....	0

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 7

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Thursday, July 7

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the House amendment to S. 764, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act.

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 5611—Homeland Safety and Security Act (Subject to a Rule). Continue consideration of H.R. 5485—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017.

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