

Monday, November 14, 2016

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 5:30:48 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 5:31:21 p.m., until 4 p.m., on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 6297–6314 and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 171; and H. Res. 922–924 were introduced. **Pages H6178–79**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6179–81**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1192, to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–801);

H.R. 1209, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–802);

H.R. 2713, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–803);

H.R. 4365, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–804, Part 1);

H.R. 2566, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–805);

H.R. 2669, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of inaccurate caller identification information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–806);

H.R. 4937, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize pipeline safety programs and enhance pipeline safety, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–807, Part 1);

S. 546, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–808);

H.R. 5458, to provide for coordination between the TRICARE program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–809, Part 1);

H.R. 5711, to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from authorizing certain transactions by a U.S. financial institution in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–810);

H.R. 4150, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by

the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–811);

H.R. 4757, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–812);

H.R. 5047, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Labor to provide information to veterans and members of the Armed Forces about articulation agreements between institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–813);

H.R. 5099, to establish a pilot program on partnership agreements to construct new facilities for the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–814);

H.R. 5399, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that physicians of the Department of Veterans Affairs fulfill the ethical duty to report to State licensing authorities impaired, incompetent, and unethical health care activities (H. Rept. 114–815);

H.R. 5428, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers to elect to use the same residences as the servicemembers (H. Rept. 114–816);

H.R. 5600, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy technology to veterans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–817);

H. Res. 921, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5711) to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from authorizing certain transactions by a U.S. financial institution in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5982) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 18, 2016, through November 28, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–818);

H.R. 5715, to prohibit the Export-Import Bank of the United States from providing financing that would benefit Iran, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–819);

H.R. 2333, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–820);

H.R. 5984, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–821);

S. 3028, to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness (H. Rept. 114–822);

H.R. 5341, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for recalculation of basic annuity benefits for certain air traffic controllers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–823);

H.R. 2532, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance the authority under which Federal agencies may pay cash awards to employees for making cost saving disclosures, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–824); and

H.R. 6009, to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–825).

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

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

National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission

Act: H.R. 1192, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with pre-diabetes, diabetes, and the chronic diseases and conditions that result from diabetes;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Public Health Service Act to foster more effective implementation and coordination of clinical care for people with a complex metabolic or autoimmune disease, a disease resulting from insulin deficiency or insulin resistance, or complications caused by such a disease, and for other purposes.”

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Improving Access to Maternity Care Act: H.R. 1209, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the designation of maternity care health professional shortage areas;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.”

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Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization

Act: H.R. 2713, amended, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs;

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Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016: H.R. 4365, amended, to amend

the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services;

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Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act: H.R. 985, amended, to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 355 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 575;

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Outdoor Recreation's Economic Contributions Act of 2016: H.R. 4665, amended, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States;

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Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act: H.R. 2566, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications; and

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Anti-Spoofing Act: H.R. 2669, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of inaccurate caller identification information, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 576.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, and for other purposes."

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Hawaii: Representative-elect Colleen Wakako Hanabusa presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Scott T. Nago, Chief Election Officer, State of Hawaii, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 8, 2016, the Honorable Colleen Wakako Hanabusa was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Hawaii.

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Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Kentucky: Representative-elect James Comer presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Ms. Mary Sue Helm,

Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 8, 2016, the Honorable James Comer was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Oath of Office—Second Congressional District of Pennsylvania: Representative-elect Dwight Evans presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Jonathan Marks, Commissioner, Bureau of Elections and Legislation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 8, 2016, the Honorable Dwight Evans was elected Representative to Congress for the Second Congressional District, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Hawaii and the gentlemen from Kentucky and Pennsylvania, the whole number of the House is 435.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 5, 2016, regarding morning-hour debate not apply tomorrow.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H6112–13.

Senate Referrals: S. 2959 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. Con. Res. 55 was held at the desk. S. 2360 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6132–33 and H6135–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FROM AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BY A U.S. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPORT OR RE-EXPORT OF A COMMERCIAL PASSENGER AIRCRAFT TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN; MIDNIGHT RULES RELIEF ACT OF 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5711, to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury

from authorizing certain transactions by a U.S. financial institution in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran; and H.R. 5982, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–2, a structured rule for H.R. 5711. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–66 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 5982. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from November 18, 2016, through November 28, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Finally, in section 4, the rule pro-

vides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, Chairman Hensarling, and Representatives Johnson of Georgia, and Heck of Washington.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert G. Taub, of New York, and Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Self-Driving Cars”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Agenda, Operations, and FY 2018 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on a supplemental funding resolution of original jurisdiction, 5 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 5718, the “Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 866, the “Federal Land Freedom Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1484, the “Honor the Nevada Enabling Act of 1864 Act”, 11:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1219, the “Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 3711, the “Chicano Park Preservation Act”; H.R. 4366, the “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”; and H.R. 5633, the “Blackfoot Water Rights Settlement Act”, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Secret Service”, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10 a.m., HVC–304. This hearing will be closed.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on nuclear pollution in the Arctic, 3:30 p.m., 2325, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Tuesday, November 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, November 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4511, Gold Star Families Voices Act, and vote on passage of the bill at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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