

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S407–S458*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-one bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 195–235, S.J. Res. 7–8, S. Res. 20–27, and S. Con. Res. 6.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 20, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 21, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Res. 22, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. Res. 24, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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#### Measures Passed:

**National School Choice Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 26, designating the week of January 22 through January 28, 2017, as “National School Choice Week”.

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#### Appointments:

**Reading Washington's Farewell Address:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, appointed Senator Sasse to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 27, 2017.

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**Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, re-appointed Senator Boozman as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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**Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the Presi-

dent of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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**Pro Forma Session—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., on Friday, January 27, 2017, for a pro forma session only, with no business being conducted; and that when Senate adjourns on Friday, January 27, 2017, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2017.

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**Tillerson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the nomination.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, January 24, 2017, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2017.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, January 30, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form; and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 5:30 p.m.

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**Chao Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, at 12 noon, on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, of Kentucky, to be Secretary of Transportation; that there be 20 minutes

of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S430**

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

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 33), Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations. **Pages S426–30, S458**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—33) **Page S430**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:45 a.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S458.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

**Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies:** Senators Hoeven (Chair), Cochran, McConnell, Collins, Blunt, Moran, Rubio, Merkley, Feinstein, Tester, Udall, Leahy, and Baldwin.

**Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies:** Senators Shelby (Chair), Alexander, Murkowski, Collins, Graham, Boozman, Capito,

Lankford, Kennedy, Shaheen, Leahy, Feinstein, Reed, Coons, Schatz, Manchin, and Van Hollen.

**Subcommittee on Department of Defense:** Senators Cochran (Chair), McConnell, Shelby, Alexander, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Blunt, Daines, Moran, Durbin, Leahy, Feinstein, Murray, Reed, Tester, Udall, Schatz, and Baldwin.

**Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development:** Senators Alexander (Chair), Cochran, McConnell, Shelby, Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Hoeven, Kennedy, Feinstein, Murray, Tester, Durbin, Udall, Shaheen, Merkley, and Coons.

**Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government:** Senators Capito (Chair), Moran, Boozman, Lankford, Daines, Coons, Durbin, Manchin, and Van Hollen.

**Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security:** Senators Boozman (Chair), Cochran, Shelby, Murkowski, Hoeven, Lankford, Kennedy, Tester, Shaheen, Leahy, Murray, Baldwin, and Manchin.

**Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies:** Senators Murkowski (Chair), Cochran, Alexander, Blunt, Hoeven, McConnell, Daines, Capito, Udall, Feinstein, Leahy, Reed, Tester, Merkley, and Van Hollen.

**Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies:** Senators Blunt (Chair), Cochran, Shelby, Alexander, Graham, Moran, Capito, Lankford, Kennedy, Rubio, Murray, Durbin, Reed, Shaheen, Merkley, Schatz, Baldwin, Murphy, and Manchin.

**Subcommittee on Legislative Branch:** Senators Lankford (Chair), Kennedy, Rubio, Murphy, and Van Hollen.

**Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies:** Senators Moran (Chair), McConnell, Murkowski, Hoeven, Collins, Boozman, Capito, Rubio, Schatz, Tester, Murray, Reed, Udall, Baldwin, and Murphy.

**Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs:** Senators Graham (Chair), McConnell, Blunt, Boozman, Moran, Lankford, Daines, Rubio, Leahy, Durbin, Shaheen, Coons, Merkley, Murphy, and Van Hollen.

**Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies:** Senators Collins (Chair), Shelby, Alexander, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Daines, Graham, Hoeven, Reed, Murray, Durbin, Feinstein, Coons, Schatz, Murphy, and Manchin.

*Senators Cochran and Leahy are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense budget for fiscal year 2018 and onwards, after receiving testimony from

Dakota L. Wood, The Heritage Foundation; Thomas G. Mahnken, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments; and Lawrence J. Korb, Center for American Progress.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 22) authorizing expenditures by the Committee; and adopted its rules of procedure for the 115th Congress; and

The nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development:* Senators Scott (Chair), Shelby, Heller, Rounds, Tillis, Kennedy, Menendez, Reed, Heitkamp, Schatz, and Van Hollen.

*Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection:* Senators Toomey (Chair), Shelby, Corker, Heller, Scott, Sasse, Cotton, Perdue, Kennedy, Warren, Reed, Tester, Warner, Donnelly, Schatz, Van Hollen, and Cortez Masto.

*Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment:* Senators Heller (Chair), Shelby, Corker, Toomey, Scott, Sasse, Rounds, Tillis, Warner, Reed, Menendez, Tester, Warren, Van Hollen, and Cortez Masto.

*Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance:* Senators Sasse (Chair), Corker, Cotton, Rounds, Perdue, Donnelly, Warner, Heitkamp, and Schatz.

*Subcommittee on Economic Policy:* Senators Cotton (Chair), Toomey, Perdue, Tillis, Kennedy, Heitkamp, Menendez, Warren, and Donnelly.

*Senators Crapo and Brown are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.*

## NOMINATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Graham and Cotton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 19, to provide opportunities for broadband investment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 81, to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors;

S. 88, to ensure appropriate spectrum planning and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things;

S. 89, to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials;

S. 96, 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;

S. 102, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to commence proceedings related to the resiliency of critical communications networks during times of emergency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 110, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region;

S. 123, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require multi-line telephone systems to have a default configuration that permits users to directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 without dialing any additional digit, code, prefix, or post-fix;

S. 129, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act;

S. 134, to expand the prohibition on misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 141, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 168, to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation;

S. 171, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 174, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to

improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens;

H.R. 255, to authorize the National Science Foundation to support entrepreneurial programs for women;

H.R. 321, to inspire women to enter the aerospace field, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through mentorship and outreach;

An original resolution (S. Res. 20) authorizing expenditures by the Committee; and adopted its rules of procedure for the 115th Congress; and

The nominations of Elaine L. Chao, of Kentucky, to be Secretary of Transportation, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Isakson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Nikki R. Haley, of South Carolina, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Graham and Cotton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 21) au-

thorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 115th Congress.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights:* Senators Lee (Chair), Grassley, Hatch, Graham, Tillis, Klobuchar, Leahy, Franken, and Blumenthal.

*Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism:* Senators Graham (Chair), Cornyn, Cruz, Sasse, Kennedy, Whitehouse, Durbin, Klobuchar, and Coons.

*Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration:* Senators Cornyn (Chair), Tillis, Kennedy, Grassley, Cruz, Flake, Crapo, Lee, Durbin, Feinstein, Leahy, Klobuchar, Franken, Blumenthal, and Hirono.

*Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts:* Senators Sasse (Chair), Grassley, Crapo, Kennedy, Hatch, Lee, Flake, Tillis, Coons, Leahy, Whitehouse, Klobuchar, Franken, Blumenthal, and Hirono.

*Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law:* Senators Flake (Chair), Hatch, Lee, Tillis, Crapo, Kennedy, Franken, Leahy, Whitehouse, Coons, and Hirono.

*Subcommittee on the Constitution:* Senators Cruz (Chair), Cornyn, Crapo, Sasse, Graham, Blumenthal, Durbin, Franken, and Coons.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Linda E. McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 24) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 115th Congress.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 85 public bills, H.R. 20, 617–701; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 31–33; H. Con. Res. 12–14; and H. Res. 56–63, were introduced. **Pages H681–689**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H690**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H611**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H615**

**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Becerra, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Thirty-Fourth Congressional District of California, effective Tuesday, January 24, 2017. **Pages H615–616**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from California, Mr. Becerra, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H616**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Sánchez wherein she resigned from the Committee on Ethics. **Page H633**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 56, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H633**

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

**Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act:** H.R. 589, amended, to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs; **Pages H646–56**

**Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2017:** H.R. 600, to promote Internet access in developing countries and update foreign policy toward the Internet; and **Pages H657–60**

**Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act:** H.R. 601, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, and to eliminate duplication and waste. **Pages H662–66**

**No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2017:** The House passed H.R. 7, to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 65. **Pages H633–46, H660–61**

Rejected the Schakowsky motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 64. **Pages H646, H660–61**

H. Res. 55, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 63, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 62. **Pages H620–33**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 59, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Pages H661–62**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 27th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, January 30th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H662**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H632–33, H633, H660–61, and H661. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; THE FAILURES OF OBAMACARE: HARMFUL EFFECTS AND BROKEN PROMISES

**Committee on the Budget:** Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress and a hearing entitled “The Failures of Obamacare: Harmful Effects and Broken Promises”. The committee adopted its rules and oversight plan. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Committee on Education and the Workforce:** Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules and oversight plan.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, subcommittee jurisdictions and memberships, and oversight plan.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules and oversight plan and approved its staff list.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules and ratified its subcommittee assignments.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules and approved its subcommittee assignments.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING;  
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL  
MANDATE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE  
ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held an organizational meeting for the

115th Congress and a hearing on examining the effectiveness of the individual mandate under the Affordable Care Act. The subcommittee successfully organized. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This hearing was closed.

***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. D31)*

H.R. 39, to amend title 5, United States Code, to codify the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program. Signed on January 20, 2017. (Public Law 115–1)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 27, 2017**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, January 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Friday, January 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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