

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S609–S661*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 275–297, and S. Res. 42–43. **Pages S655–56**

**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 42, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S655**

**Measures Passed:**

**Stream Protection Rule:** By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 43), Senate passed H.J. Res. 38, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule. **Pages S611–32**

**Honoring the Life of Eugene A. “Gene” Cernan:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 27, honoring the life and achievements of Eugene A. “Gene” Cernan, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S660–61**

Crapo (for Cruz/Nelson) Amendment No. 190, to amend the preamble. **Pages S660–61**

**National Mentoring Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 43, recognizing January 2017 as National Mentoring Month. **Page S661**

**Measures Considered:**

**SEC Resource Extraction Resolution of Disapproval—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H. J. Res. 41, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S634–53**

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 50), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S634**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 49), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S634**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 6:30 a.m., on Friday, February 3, 2017, with no debate time remaining; and that following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Elisabeth Prince DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education, Rule XXII notwithstanding. **Page S661**

**Sessions Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General. **Page S632**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Elisabeth Prince DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education. **Page S632**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S632**

**Price Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Page S633**

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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General. **Page S633**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 45), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S632–33**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 46), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S633**

**Mnuchin Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 47), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 48), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—50)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 6:30 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S661.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original resolution (S. Res. 42) authorizing expenditures by the committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 115th Congress; and

The nomination of Scott Pruitt, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered reported without recommendation the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 816–842; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 60–61; H. Con. Res. 19; and H. Res. 82–85, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**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.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

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**Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation:** The House passed H.J. Res. 37, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation, by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 76.

Pages H907–16

H. Res. 74, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (H.J. Res. 36) and (H.J. Res. 37) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to

190 noes, Roll No. 75, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 74. **Pages H888–93, H893–94**

**Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Social Security Administration relating to Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007:** The House passed H.J. Res. 40, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Social Security Administration relating to Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007, by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 77. **Pages H894–H907, H916–17**

H. Res. 71, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (H.J. Res. 40) and (H.J. Res. 41) was agreed to yesterday, February 1st.

**Electing members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 82, electing members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing. **Page H917**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page 921.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H893–94, H894, and H916–17. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a business meeting for consideration of the committee oversight plan for 115th Congress. The committee adopted its oversight plan.

### **THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### **HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED THROUGH THE POWER OF SCHOOL CHOICE**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Helping

Students Succeed Through the Power of School Choice”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **PATIENT RELIEF FROM COLLAPSING HEALTH MARKETS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Patient Relief from Collapsing Health Markets”. Testimony was heard from J.P. Wieske, Deputy Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

### **REAUTHORIZATION OF NTIA**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of NTIA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules for the 115th Congress.

### **ISRAEL, THE PALESTINIANS, AND THE UNITED NATIONS: CHALLENGES FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, held a joint hearing entitled “Israel, the Palestinians, and the United Nations: Challenges for the New Administration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **THE FUTURE OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security held a hearing entitled “The Future of the Transportation Security Administration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 720, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2017”; and H.R. 725, the “Innocent Party Protection Act”. H.R. 720 and H.R. 725 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### **IMPROVING SECURITY AND EFFICIENCY AT OPM AND THE NATIONAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Improving Security and Efficiency at OPM and the National Background Investigations Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen McGettigan, Acting Director, Office

of Personnel Management; Cord Chase, Chief Information Security Officer, Office of Personnel Management; Charles Phalen, Director, National Background Investigations Bureau; David DeVries, Chief Information Officer, National Background Investigations Bureau; and Terry Halvorsen, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee concluded a business meeting on the committee's oversight and authorization plan; and markup on H.R. 194, the "Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2017"; H.R. 702, the "Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act of 2017"; H.R. 679, the "Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2017"; and H.R. 657, the "Follow the Rules Act". The committee adopted its author-

ization and oversight plan. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 679 and H.R. 657. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 194 and H.R. 702.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

6:30 a.m., Friday, February 3

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, February 3

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will vote on passage of H.J. Res. 41, SEC Resource Extraction Resolution of Disapproval.

Following disposition of H.J. Res. 41, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Elisabeth Prince DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H.J. Res. 36—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation”.

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