

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1589–S1605

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 528–535, S.J. Res. 32–33, and S. Res. 81. **Pages S1603–04**

Measures Passed:

Federal Acquisition Regulation Rule: By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate 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. **Pages S1591–S1601**

Measures Considered:

Federal Land Policy and Management Act Rule—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 44, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Bureau of Land Management regulations that establish the procedures used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S1601–03**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 7, 2017; and that there be eight hours of debate remaining on the joint resolution, equally divided in the usual form. **Page S1605**

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 115th Congress: Senators Boozman, Rubio, and Tillis. **Page S1605**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—81) **Page S1601**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1605.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 1362–1373; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 171–172 were introduced. **Pages H1536–37**

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 Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1535**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Gene Hemrick, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H1535**

Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representative Suozzi. **Page H1535**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1535.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine a broader understanding of Russia's policies and intentions toward specific countries in Europe, 2:15 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence, 2:20 p.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 725, the "Innocent Party Protection Act"; H.R. 1301, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017", 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Shaping the Future: Consolidating and Improving VA Community Care", 7:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 7 through March 10, 2017

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 44, Federal Land Policy and Management Act Rule, with up to eight hours of debate, and vote on passage of the joint resolution.

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 Appropriations: March 7, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine a broader understanding of Russia's policies and intentions toward specific countries in Europe, 2:15 p.m., SD-192.

March 8, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine investing in America, focusing on funding our nation's transportation infrastructure needs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 8, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine saving lives through medical research, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 8, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the global nuclear weapons environment, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 8, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on cybersecurity from the Defense Science Board, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Africa Command, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 9, business meeting to consider S. 327, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, S. 444, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company, S. 462, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to refund or credit certain excess payments made to the Commission, S. 484, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to terminate an exemption for companies located in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and any other possession of the United States, and S. 488, to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensatory benefit plans, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 8, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 8, to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act”, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 9, business meeting to consider the nomination of David Friedman, of New York, to be Ambassador to Israel; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine resolving the conflict in Yemen, focusing on U.S. interests, risks, and policy, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 8, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 9, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency use of science in the rulemaking process, focusing on proposals for improving transparency and accountability, 10:15 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 8, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian affairs priorities for the Trump Administration, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 419, to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers’ Benefits program, and the nominations of Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: March 9, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 7, closed business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence, 2:20 p.m., SH-219.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 9, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 9, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Rural Development and Energy Programs”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 9, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Specialty Crops”, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing for public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on quality of life in the military, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Management Challenges at the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and the Social Security Administration: Views from the Inspectors General”, 10 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, oversight hearing on Department of State and Foreign Operations Programs, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Military Assessment of Nuclear Deterrence Requirements”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “The Current State of U.S. Army Readiness”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “An Independent Fleet Assessment of the U.S. Navy”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Nuclear Deterrence—the Defense Science Board’s Perspective”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “The Effect of Sequestration and Continuing Resolutions on Marine Corps Modernization and Readiness”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1304, the “Self-Insurance Protection Act”; H.R. 1101, the “Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1313, the “Preserving Employee Wellness Programs Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Ethics, March 9, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 2 p.m., 1015 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, March 9, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Flood Insurance Reform: FEMA’s Perspective”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 9, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 910, the “Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2017”; H.R. 1219, the “Supporting America’s Innovators Act of

2017”; H.R. 1257, the “Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act”; the “U.S. Territories Investor Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 1343, the “Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1312, the “Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act”, 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Undermining Democratic Institutions and Splintering NATO: Russian Disinformation Aims”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Democracy Under Threat in Ethiopia”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 876, the “Aviation Employee Screening and Security Enhancement Act of 2017”; H.R. 1238, the “Securing our Agriculture and Food Act”; H.R. 1249, the “DHS Multiyear Acquisition Strategy Act of 2017”; H.R. 1252, the “DHS Acquisition Authorities Act of 2017”; H.R. 1258, the “HSA Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 1282, the “DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2017”; H.R. 1294, the “Reducing DHS Acquisition Cost Growth Act”; H.R. 1297, the “Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Corrections Act of 2017”; H.R. 1302, the “Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act of 2017”; H.R. 1309, the “TSA Administrator Modernization Act of 2017”; H.R. 1353, the “Transparency in Technological Acquisitions Act of 2017”; the “Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017”; a bill to be introduced prior to consideration by Chairman McCaul; the “Homeland Security for Children Act”; and the “Department of Homeland Security Acquisition Innovation Act”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

March 9, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “The Current State of DHS Private Sector Engagement for Cybersecurity”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on House Administration, March 8, Full Committee, markup on a committee funding resolution, 10:45 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Department of Homeland Security’s Proposed Regulations Reforming the Investor Visa Program”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 9, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Improving and Expanding Infrastructure in Tribal and Insular Communities”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1293, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; the “Official Time Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 653, the “Federal Intern Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 680, the “Eliminating Pornography from Agencies Act”; H. Res. 38, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that offices attached to the seat of Government should

not be required to exercise their offices in the District of Columbia; the “SOAR Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 745, the “Federal Records Modernization Act of 2017”; and the “Electronic Message Preservation Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 8, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled “Examining IRS Customer Service Challenges”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reviewing ATF’s Failures in the Death of ICE Agent Jaime Zapata”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, March 8, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 720, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2017”; H.R. 985, the “Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2017”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 8, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Regulating Space: Innovation, Liberty, and International Obligations”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “National Science Foundation Part I: Overview and Oversight”, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 9, Full Committee, markup on the “Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017”; and the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017”, 9:30 a.m., 2321 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business Cybersecurity: Federal Resources and Coordination”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations, hearing entitled “An Overview of SBA’s 7(a) Loan Program”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 8, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Air Transportation in the United States in the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: The Role of Federal Agencies in Water Infrastructure”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, March 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 369, to eliminate the sunset of the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1181, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; H.R. 1259, the “VA Accountability First Act of 2017”; a bill to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physician and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the entitlement to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for members of the Armed Forces awarded the Purple Heart, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: March 9, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Com-

mittee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 44, Federal Land Policy and Management Act Rule, with up to eight hours of debate, and vote on passage of the joint resolution.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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