

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification to Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2017–S2054

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 739–754, and S. Res. 101. **Page S2047**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs During the 114th Congress.” (S. Rept. No. 115–12) **Page S2047**

Measures Passed:

National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 95, designating March 22, 2017, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2051**

Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library: Senate agreed to S. Res. 101, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Page S2051**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Sheryl B. Vogt, of Georgia. **Page S2051**

Treaty Approved:

Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 98), two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, Senate

agreed to the resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification to Treaty Doc. 114–12, Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro, after having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2019–32, S2032–39**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 193, to change the enactment date. **Pages S2019, S2038**

McConnell Amendment No. 194 (to Amendment No. 193), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2019, S2038**

Messages from the House: **Page S2046**

Measures Referred: **Page S2047**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2047–49**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2049–51**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2051**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—98) **Page S2038**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S2051–52.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense worldwide policy and strategy and the Fiscal Year 2017 Defense Supplemental Budget Request from James N. Mattis, Secretary, and General Joseph F. Dunford,

Jr., USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fostering economic growth, focusing on the role of financial companies, after receiving testimony from Robert Heller, former Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Belvedere, California; Donald Powell, former Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Amarillo, Texas; William E. Spriggs, AFL-CIO, Great Falls, Virginia; Deyanira Del Rio, New Economy Project, New York, New York; and Thomas C. Deas, Jr., National Association of Corporate Treasurers, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

MINERALS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States' increasing dependence on foreign sources of minerals and opportunities to rebuild and improve the supply chain in the United States, after receiving testimony from Murray Hitzman, Associate Director, Energy and Minerals, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Alf Barrios, Rio Tinto Aluminum, Montreal, Canada; Chris Hinde, S&P Global Market Intelligence, London, United Kingdom; Randy MacGillivray, Ucore Rare Metals, Inc., Vernon, Canada; Kevin J. Cosgriff, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Roderick G. Eggert, Colorado School of Mines, Golden.

CYBERSECURITY THREATS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine the cybersecurity threats to the United States electric grid and technology advancements to minimize such threats, including S. 79, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Bardee, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Thomas Zacharia, Deputy Director for Science and Technology, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Department of Energy; John Di Stasio, Large Public Power Council, Washington, D.C.; and Benjamin G. S. Fowke III, Xcel Energy Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 518, to amend the

Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works, S. 692, to provide for integrated plan permits, to establish an Office of the Municipal Ombudsman, to promote green infrastructure, and to require the revision of financial capability guidance, and S. 675, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship, after receiving testimony from Mayor J. Richard Gray, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Erin M. Crotty, Audubon New York, Troy, on behalf of National Audubon Society; and Dennis Sternberg, Arkansas Rural Water Association, Lonoke, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association.

U.S. POLICY ON IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the view from Congress, focusing on United States policy on Iran, after receiving testimony from Michael Singh, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Martin Indyk, The Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING YOUNG ATHLETES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting young athletes from sexual abuse, including S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, after receiving testimony from Rick Adams, United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Eric L. Olsen, Stafford County Commonwealth's Attorney, Stafford, Virginia; Jamie Dantzcher, San Dimas, California; Jessica Howard, Jacksonville, Florida; and Dominique Moceanu, Cleveland, Ohio.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported its Biennial Report for the 114th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 1746–1769; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 92, were introduced. **Pages H2515–16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2517–18**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 233, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1431) to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–64).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Woodall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2467**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2468**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Sanford Akselrad, Congregation Ner Tamid, Henderson, NV. **Page H2468**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H2486**

Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 229, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1430) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible, by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 198, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 197. **Pages H2471–78, H2486–87**

Question of Privilege: Representative Lofgren rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not present a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Lofgren appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative Flores moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 190 nays with 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 201. **Pages H2501–03**

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to “Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Tele-

communications Services”: The House passed S.J. Res. 34, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to “Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 202.

Pages H2489–H2501, H2503–04

H. Res. 230, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 34) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 200, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 199. **Pages H2478–86, H2487–88**

Investigative Subcommittee of the Committee on Ethics—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Members to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 115th Congress: Representatives Bonamici, Higgins, Jeffries, Keating, Krishnamoorthi, Perlmutter, Raskin, Sewell (AL), Soto, and Titus. **Page H2504**

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 30 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. S.J. Res. 35 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. S.J. Res. 36 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H2514**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2471.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2486–87, H2487, H2488, H2488–89, H2502–03, and H2503–04. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE NEXT FARM BILL: COMMODITY POLICY PART I

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Commodity Policy Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE NEXT FARM BILL: THE FUTURE OF SNAP

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: The Future of SNAP”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a closed hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from General Joseph L. Votel, U.S. Army.

MILITARY ASSESSMENT OF RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES AND SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Military Assessment of Russian Activities and Security Challenges in Europe”. Testimony was heard from General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Commander, United States European Command.

NAVAL STRIKE FIGHTERS—ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Naval Strike Fighters—Issues and Concerns”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Rear Admiral Upper Half Dewolfe “Chip” Miller III, Director of the Air Warfare Division, U.S. Navy; and Rear Admiral Upper Half Michael T. Moran, Program Executive Officer Tactical Aircraft, U.S. Navy.

EXAMINING THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ITS FAILED OVERSIGHT OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Examining the Corporation for National and Community Service and Its Failed Oversight of Taxpayer Dollars”. Testimony was heard from Allison Bawden, Acting Director of Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Lori Giblin, Chief Risk Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service; Deborah Jeffrey, Inspector Gen-

eral, Corporation for National and Community Service; and a public witness.

SELF-DRIVING CARS: LEVELS OF AUTOMATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Self-Driving Cars: Levels of Automation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING FDA’S MEDICAL DEVICE USER FEE PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining FDA’s Medical Device User Fee Program”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

THE ARBITRARY AND INCONSISTENT NON-BANK SIFI DESIGNATION PROCESS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Arbitrary and Inconsistent Non-Bank SIFI Designation Process”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE STATE OF BANK LENDING IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The State of Bank Lending in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE BUDGET, DIPLOMACY, AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Budget, Diplomacy, and Development”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VENEZUELA’S TRAGIC MELTDOWN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Venezuela’s Tragic Meltdown”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EAST AFRICA’S QUIET FAMINE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “East Africa’s Quiet Famine”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Nims, Acting Director, Office of Food for Peace, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

THE CURRENT STATE OF DHS' EFFORTS TO SECURE FEDERAL NETWORKS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “The Current State of DHS’ Efforts to Secure Federal Networks”. Testimony was heard from Jeanette Manfra, Acting Deputy Undersecretary for Cybersecurity, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Chris A. Jaikaran, Analyst, Cybersecurity Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION’S PRIORITIES

Committee on House Administration: Full committee held a markup on Committee Resolution 115–5, to approve franked mail allowances for committees in the 115th Congress; and held a hearing entitled “The Smithsonian Institution’s Priorities”. Committee Resolution 115–5 was agreed to. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

RESTORING ENFORCEMENT OF OUR NATION’S IMMIGRATION LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing entitled “Restoring Enforcement of our Nation’s Immigration Laws”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Hodgson, Sheriff, Bristol County, Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

TO EXAMINE THE STATE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing to examine the state of forensic science in the United States. Testimony was heard from Matthew Gamette, Laboratory System Director, Idaho State Police Forensic Services; and public witnesses.

ESA CONSULTATION IMPEDIMENTS TO ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “ESA Consultation Impediments to Economic and Infrastructure Development”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 24, the “Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2017”; H.R. 1552, the “Fair and Open Competition Act”; H.R. 1242, the

“400 Years of African-American History Commission Act”; and H.R. 1694, the “Fannie and Freddie Open Records Act of 2017”. H.R. 24, H.R. 1552, and H.R. 1242 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1694 was ordered reported, as amended.

REVIEWING CHALLENGES IN FEDERAL IT ACQUISITION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “Reviewing Challenges in Federal IT Acquisition”. Testimony was heard from David A. Powner, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Deidre Lee, Director, IT Management Issues, Chair, Section 809 Panel; and public witnesses.

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: REVITALIZING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Revitalizing American Communities through the Brownfields Program”. Testimony was heard from J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Deborah Robertson, Mayor, City of Rialto, California; Matt Zone, Councilmember, Cleveland, Ohio; John Dailey, Commissioner, Leon County, Florida; Amanda W. LeFevre, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Kentucky Brownfield Redevelopment Program; and a public witness.

EPA SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD REFORM ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1431, the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–2, a closed rule for H.R. 1431. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. 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 provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lucas and Tonko.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 186, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide to the House of

Representatives the tax returns and other specified financial information of President Donald J. Trump. H. Res. 186 was ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D328)

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. Signed on March 27, 2017. (Public Law 115–11)

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. Signed on March 27, 2017. (Public Law 115–12)

H.J. Res. 57, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to accountability and State plans under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Signed on March 27, 2017. (Public Law 115–13)

H.J. Res. 58, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to teacher preparation issues. Signed on March 27, 2017. (Public Law 115–14)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sonny Perdue, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine a review of the defense health program and military medicine funding, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine civil society perspectives on Russia, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine

Russian influence and unconventional warfare operations in the “Grey Zone”, focusing on lessons from Ukraine, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine on the health of the Department of Defense industrial base, and its role in providing readiness to the warfighter, 2:15 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Air Force modernization, 3:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine closing the skills gap and boosting United States competitiveness, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine cleaning up our nation’s Cold War legacy sites, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine United State-Mexico relationship, focusing on advancing security and prosperity on both sides of the border, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine American leadership in the Asia-Pacific, focusing on security issues, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management, to hold hearings to examine the effect of borrowing on Federal spending, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 304, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 343, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians, S. 381, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”, S. 607, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities, and S. 669, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine native youth, focusing on promoting diabetes prevention through healthy living, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine how small businesses confront and shape regulations, 3 p.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 12 noon, SH–219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the arc of Alzheimer's, focusing on preventing cognitive decline in Americans to assuring quality care for those living with the disease, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Review of the Farm Credit System", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on U.S. European Command, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing for public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Military Assessment of the Security Challenges in the Greater Middle East", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces; and Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications of the Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled "Threats to Space Assets and Implications for Homeland Security", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Military Pilot Shortage", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing on H.R. 986, the "Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2017", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Realizing Nationwide Next-Generation 911", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Federal Energy Related Tax Policy and its Effects on Markets, Prices, and Consumers", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment, hearing entitled "Examining the Impact of the Volcker Rule on the Markets, Businesses, Investors, and Job Creators", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 54, reaffirming the United States-Argentina partnership and recognizing Argentina's economic reforms; H. Res. 92, condemning North Korea's development of multiple intercontinental ballistic missiles, and for other purposes; H. Res. 137, "Honoring the life of Shimon Peres"; H. Res. 145, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the fight against corruption in Central America; H. Res. 187, relating to efforts to respond to the famine in South Sudan; H.R. 390, the "Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act of 2017"; H.R. 479, the "North Korea State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation Act of 2017"; H.R. 672, the "Combating European Anti-Semitism Act of 2017"; and H.R. 1644, the "Korean Interdiction and

Modernization of Sanctions Act", 10:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Testing the Limits: Iran's Ballistic Missile Program, Sanctions, and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Terrorism in North Africa: An Examination of the Threat", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1667, the "Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2017"; H.R. 1695, the "Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017"; H. Res. 184, a resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to communications with the government of Russia; and H. Res. 203, a resolution of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Attorney General, to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to certain communications by the President of the United States, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Federally Funded Cancer Research: Coordination and Innovation", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "WMATA After SafeTrack", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Climate Science: Assumptions, Policy Implications, and the Scientific Method", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Evaluating the Paperwork Reduction Act: Are Burdens Being Reduced?", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee On Transportation And Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1346, to repeal the rule issued by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration entitled "Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform"; H.R. 1726, the "Coast Guard Improvement and Reform Act of 2017"; H.R. 1093, to require the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Transit Authority to provide appropriate Congressional notice of safety audits conducted with respect to railroads and rail transit agencies; H.R. 1665, to ensure that Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency considers severe local impact in making a recommendation to the President for a major disaster declaration; H.R. 1678, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments, and for other purposes; H.R. 1679, the "FEMA Accountability, Modernization and Transparency Act of 2017"; H. Con. Res. 35, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H. Con. Res. 36, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap

Box Derby; H.R. 455, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on draft of the “Veterans Affairs Medical Scribe Pilot Act of 2017”; H.R. 91, the “Building Supportive Networks for Women Veterans Act”; H.R. 95, the “Veterans’ Access to Child Care Act”; H.R. 467, the “VA

Scheduling Accountability Act”; H.R. 907, the “Newborn Care Improvement Act”; H.R. 918, the “Veterans Urgent Access to Mental Health Care Act”; H.R. 1005, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; H.R. 1162, the “No Hero Left Untreated Act”; H.R. 1545, to clarify VA’s authority to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs; and H.R. 1662, to prohibit smoking in any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, 8 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1430—Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017. Consideration of H.R. 1431—EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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