

Acosta Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, with the time until 11:30 a.m. 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 11:30 a.m.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 114), Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kari A. Bingen, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Robert Daigle, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Robert Story Karem, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Kenneth P. Rapuano, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Scott P. Brown, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa.

John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

Stephen Elliott Boyd, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Lee Francis Cissna, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Todd M. Ricketts, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2017.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—114) Page S2518

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2536.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine United States assistance for Egypt, after receiving testimony from Elliott Abrams, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Michele Dunne, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Tom Malinowski, former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 5,550 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

ASIA-PACIFIC POLICY AND STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine policy and strategy in the Asia-Pacific, after receiving testimony from Kelly E. Magsamen, former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; Victor D. Cha, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Aaron L. Friedberg, Princeton University; and Ashley J. Tellis, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original joint resolution providing for an exception to the limitation on the appointment of certain persons as the United States Trade Representative; and

The nomination of Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

THE CRISIS IN LIBYA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the crisis in Libya, focusing on

next steps and United States policy options, after receiving testimony from Frederic Wehrey, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.; and Deborah K. Jones, former United States Ambassador to Libya, McLean, Virginia.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine intellectual property, focusing on making our lives healthier, safer, and more productive, after receiving testimony from Matthew C. Allen, Acting Assistant Director, National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, Home-

land Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Kay Eron, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California; Ashifi Gogo, Sproxil, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; Conor F. Madigan, Kateeva, Newark, California; and Neal Gutterson, DuPont Pioneer, Johnston, Iowa.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed sessions to receive briefings on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 2116–2145; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 274, 276–278 were introduced. **Pages H2845–47**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2848–50**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 876, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–94); and

H. Res. 275, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1695) to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide additional responsibilities for the Register of Copyrights, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–95). **Page H2845**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2817**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2818**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H2820**

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

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. 35, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; **Pages H2820–21**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con.

Res. 36, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby;

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Designating the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”: 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”; **Pages H2822–23**

Aviation Employee Screening and Security Enhancement Act of 2017: H.R. 876, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 223;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes.”. **Page H2839**

Homeland Security for Children Act: H.R. 1372, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning; **Pages H2828–29**

U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act: H.R. 534, amended, to require the Secretary of State to take such actions as may be necessary for the United States to rejoin the Bureau of International Expositions; and **Pages H2829–32**

Relating to efforts to respond to the famine in South Sudan: H. Res. 187, amended, relating to efforts to respond to the famine in South Sudan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 222. **Pages H2832–38**