

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2539–S2564*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 942–953, and S. Con. Res. 13. **Pages S2553–54**

**Measures Passed:**

**Kids to Parks Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 123, designating May 20, 2017, as “Kids to Parks Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2017; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business and Leader remarks count post-closure on the nomination.

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—115)

**Pages S2544–45**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2564.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine review of National Guard and Reserve programs and readiness, after receiving testimony from General Joseph L. Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Charles D. Luckey, Chief of the Army Reserve, Lieutenant General Maryanne Miller, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, Vice Admiral Luke M. McCollum, Chief of the Navy Reserve, and Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian, Commander of Marine Corps Forces Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

#### AMERICAN FREE ENTERPRISE IN SPACE

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine reopening the American frontier, focusing on reducing regulatory barriers and expanding American free enterprise in space, after receiving testimony from Robert T. Bigelow, Bigelow Aerospace, LLC, North Las Vegas, Nevada; Robert Meyerson, Blue Origin, Kent, Washington; George Whitesides, Galactic Ventures, Mojave, California; and Andrew Rush, Made in Space, Inc., Moffett Field, California.

#### WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES RULE

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the technical, scientific, and legal basis of the Waters of the United States Rule, after receiving testimony from Major General John Peabody, USA (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia; Misha Tseytlin, Wisconsin Solicitor General, Madison; Michael Josselyn, WRA, Inc., San Rafael, California; Ken Kopocis, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.; and Collin O’Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, and Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**DUPLICATION, WASTE, AND FRAUD IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine duplication, waste, and fraud in Federal programs, including opportunities to reduce fragmentation and achieve other financial benefits, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; Keith D. Repko, Medical Center Director, St. Louis Health Care System, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Rebecca M. Blank, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 652, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 849, to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 916, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care Commission.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**RUNNING A SMALL BUSINESS IN RURAL AMERICA**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and opportunities of running a small business in rural America, including S. 203, to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition, S. 929, to improve the HUBZone program, and 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, after receiving testimony from John Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group, Washington, D.C.; James E. Hobart, Alpaca Direct LLC, Hayden, Idaho; and Rob Riley, Northern Forest Center, Concord, New Hampshire.

**NOMINATION**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 10, 2146–2182; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99; and H. Res. 279, 281–285 were introduced.

**Pages H2894–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 280, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1694) to require additional entities to be subject to the requirements of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain

resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 115–96). **Page H2894**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Woodall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2851**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2856**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael D. Gutierrez, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Baldwin Park, CA. **Page H2856**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 161 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 228. **Pages H2856, H2877–78**

**Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017:** The House passed H.R. 1695, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide additional responsibilities for the Register of Copyrights, by a ye-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 227. **Pages H2860–77**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–13 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H2860**

Agreed to:

Judy Chu (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–95) that specifies that nothing in the bill shall impact the mandatory deposit requirements of title 17; and **Pages H2875–76**

Deutch amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–95) that requires the Register of Copyrights to be capable of identifying and supervising a Chief Information Officer or similar official responsible for managing information technology systems (by a recorded vote of 410 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 226). **Pages H2874–75, H2876**

H. Res. 275, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1695) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 186 noes, Roll No. 225, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 224. **Pages H2860–68**

Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 275, H. Res. 254 was laid on the table. **Page H2860**

**Health Information Technology Advisory Committee—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following individual to the Health Infor-

mation Technology Advisory Committee: Dr. Steven Lane of Palo Alto, California. **Page H2880**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:22 p.m. and reconvened at 11:31 p.m. **Page H2893**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2867, H2867–68, H2876, H2877, H2877–78. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OVERSIGHT ON U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on U.S. Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral Harry Harris, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command. This hearing was closed.

### MILITARY ASSESSMENT OF THE SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE INDO-ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Military Assessment of the Security Challenges in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region". Testimony was heard from Admiral Harry Harris, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command.

### CREATING A FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION SYSTEM: ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESS IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING LANDSCAPE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Creating a Flexible and Effective Information Technology Management and Acquisition System: Elements for Success in a Rapidly Changing Landscape". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1180, the "Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017". H.R. 1180 was ordered reported, as amended.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing on the "Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2017". Testimony was heard from Senator Heller, Representatives Kihuen, Rosen, Titus, and Wilson of South Carolina, and public witnesses.

**A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO CREATE HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTORS, CONSUMERS, AND ENTREPRENEURS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Legislative Proposal to Create Hope and Opportunity for Investors, Consumers, and Entrepreneurs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE QUESTIONABLE CASE FOR EASING SUDAN SANCTIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Questionable Case for Easing Sudan Sanctions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CHINA’S TECHNOLOGICAL RISE: CHALLENGES TO U.S. INNOVATION AND SECURITY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “China’s Technological Rise: Challenges to U.S. Innovation and Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS AND THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Marshals Service”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Kane, Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons; and David Harlow, Acting Director and Deputy Director, U.S. Marshals Service.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes; H.R. 497, the “Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 660, the “Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act”; H.R. 1073, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes; H.R. 1135, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; H.R. 1500, the “Robert Emmet Park Act of 2017”; H.R. 1654, the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act”; H.R. 1715, the “Medgar Evers House Study Act”; H.R. 1769, the “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”; H.R. 1807, the “Public Water Supply Invasive Spe-

cies Compliance Act of 2017”; H.R. 1873, the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”; H.R. 1967, the “Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act”; and H.R. 2085, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, and for other purposes.

**UNFUNDED MANDATES: EXAMINING FEDERALLY IMPOSED BURDENS ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a hearing entitled “Unfunded Mandates: Examining Federally Imposed Burdens on State and Local Government”. Testimony was heard from Wayne Niederhauser, President, Utah State Senate; Jim Davis, Senator, North Carolina State Senate; Gary Moore, Judge/Executive, Boone County, Kentucky; Jermaine Reed, Councilman, City of Kansas City, Missouri; and Jeff McKay, Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Virginia.

**REVIEWING THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF THE FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Unintended Consequences of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act”. Testimony was heard from Senator Paul and public witnesses.

**FANNIE AND FREDDIE OPEN RECORDS ACT OF 2017**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 1694, the “Fannie and Freddie Open Records Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 1694. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–14, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be

debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of April 29, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Finally, section 3 of the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule 13 (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of April 29, 2017.

### ADVANCES IN THE SEARCH FOR LIFE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advances in the Search for Life”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

### STORM WATCH: MAKING SURE SBA’S DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM IS PREPARED

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Storm Watch: Making Sure SBA’s Disaster Loan Program is Prepared”. Testimony was heard from James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; Hannibal “Mike” Ware, Acting Inspector General, Small Business Administration; William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

### BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: THE STATE OF RAILROAD, PIPELINE, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY REGULATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFORM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: The State of Railroad, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Safety Regulations and Opportunities for Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STOPPING DISABILITY FRAUD: RISK, PREVENTION, AND DETECTION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Stopping Disability Fraud: Risk, Prevention, and Detection”. Testimony was heard from Sean Brune, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Office of Budget, Finance, Quality and Management, Social Security Administration; and Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office.

### EXAMINING THE 2017 TAX FILING SEASON

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Examining the 2017 Tax Filing Season”. Testimony was heard from Kirsten Wielobob, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; Michael McKenney, Deputy Inspector General for Audit, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and Jessica Lucas-Judy, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

## Joint Meetings

### DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN RUSSIA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine democracy and human rights abuses in Russia, after receiving testimony from Vladimir Kara-Murza, Open Russia, and Daniel Calingaert, Freedom House, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rachel Denber, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine preventing veteran suicide, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine cyber-enabled information operations, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine countering Russia, focusing on further assessing options for sanctions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine aging without community, focusing on the consequences of isolation and loneliness, 9:45 a.m., SD-430.

## House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder/Traumatic Brain Injury”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening Accreditation to Better Protect Students and Taxpayers”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Outdoor Recreation: Vast Impact of the Great Outdoors”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled “Safeguarding the Financial System from Terrorist Financing”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Syria After the Missile Strikes: Policy Options”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Afghanistan’s Terrorist Resurgence: Al-Qaeda, ISIS, and Beyond”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security, hearing entitled “Checkpoint of the Future: Evaluating TSA’s Innovation Task Force Initiative”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 115, the “Thin Blue Line Act”; H.R. 510, the “Rapid DNA Act of 2017”; H.R. 613, the “Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 1039, the “Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 1892, the “Honoring Hometown Heroes Act”; and H.R. 1761, the “Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes; H.R. 497,

the “Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 660, the “Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act”; H.R. 1073, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes; H.R. 1135, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; H.R. 1500, the “Robert Emmet Park Act of 2017”; H.R. 1654, the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act”; H.R. 1715, the “Medgar Evers House Study Act”; H.R. 1769, the “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”; H.R. 1807, the “Public Water Supply Invasive Species Compliance Act of 2017”; H.R. 1873, the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”; H.R. 1967, the “Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act”; and H.R. 2085, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, and for other purposes (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled, “The Border Wall: Strengthening our National Security”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled, “Small Business: The Key to Economic Growth”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Mitigating Damage and Recovering Quickly from Disasters”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup on H.R. 105, the “Protect Veterans from Financial Fraud Act of 2017”; H.R. 1328, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2017”; H.R. 1329, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017”; H.R. 1390, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans’ cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization; H.R. 1564, the “VA Beneficiary Travel Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1725, the “Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2017”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

## Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to receive a briefing on Russia’s human rights violations against Ukrainian citizens, 3 p.m., SVC-210.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, April 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, April 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor, post-cloture.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 1694—Fannie and Freddie Open Records Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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