

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 244, Consolidated Appropriations Act.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2735–S2781*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1037–1063, and S. Res. 154–158. **Pages S2774–75**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2017”. (S. Rept. No. 115–43)

S. 585, to provide greater whistleblower protections for Federal employees, increased awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and increased accountability and required discipline for Federal supervisors who retaliate against whistleblowers, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–44) **Page S2773**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act:** Senate passed H.R. 534, 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2737–38**

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 53, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 244. **Pages S2754, S2761**

**Cinco de Mayo Holiday:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 158, recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday. **Page S2781**

#### **House Messages:**

**Consolidated Appropriations Act:** By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 244, making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30,

2017, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

**Pages S2735–37, S2738–61**

#### **Withdrawn:**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 212, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 210 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date.

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

McConnell Amendment No. 213 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 212), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 212, was withdrawn.

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McConnell Amendment No. 214 (to Amendment No. 213), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 213 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 212), fell.

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McConnell Amendment No. 211 (to Amendment No. 210), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 210 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), was withdrawn.

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Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, was rendered moot.

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**Appointments:**

*Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention:* The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 93–415, as amended by Public Law 102–586, announced the appointment of the following individual to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Honorable David Tapp of Kentucky (3 year term), vice Richard Vincent.

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**Gottlieb Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

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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 on Monday, May 8, 2017, following disposition of the nomination of Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—121) Page S2761

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:30 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2781.)

## **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **TELEMEDICINE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine telemedicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on leveraging technology to increase access, improve

health outcomes, and lower costs, after receiving testimony from Kevin Galpin, Executive Director, Telehealth Services, and Thandiwe Nelson-Brooks, Facility Telehealth Coordinator, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Bill James, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Enterprise Program Management Office), Office of Information and Technology, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael P. Adcock, University of Mississippi Medical Center Center for Telehealth, Jackson; and Norman Okamura, Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center, Honolulu, Hawaii.

### **U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Special Operations Command, after receiving testimony from Theresa M. Whelan, Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, and General Raymond A. Thomas III, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### **NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, including S. 563, to amend the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 to require that certain buildings and personal property be covered by flood insurance, after receiving testimony from Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, D.C.; Michael Hecht, Greater New Orleans, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance; and Larry Larson, Association of State Floodplain Managers, Madison, Wisconsin.

### **AIRLINE TRAVEL**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine questions, answers, and perspectives on the current state of airline travel, after receiving testimony from Ginger Evans, Chicago Department of Aviation, and Scott Kirby, United Airlines, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Sharon Pinkerton, Airlines for America, Sara Nelson, Association of Flight Attendants, and Sally Greenberg, National Consumers League, all of Washington, D.C.

### **ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the threat posed by electromagnetic pulse and policy options to protect energy infrastructure and to improve capabilities for

adequate system restoration, after receiving testimony from former Representative Newt Gingrich; Cheryl LaFleur, Acting Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Robin E. Manning, Electric Power Research Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina; Kevin Wailes, Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; and Caitlin Durkovich, Toffler Associates, and Henry F. Cooper, both of Reston, Virginia.

#### INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine international development, focusing on value added through private sector engagement, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jim Kolbe, Modernizing Foreign As-

sistance Network, Washington, D.C.; Walt M. Macnee, Mastercard, Purchase, New York; Michael Goltzman, The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia; and Kelly Goodejohn, Starbucks, Seattle, Washington.

#### 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 the nomination of Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 48 public bills, H.R. 2350–2397; 1 private bill, H.R. 2398; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 314–317 were introduced.

Pages H4176–78

**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H4180–81

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1808, to amend and improve the Missing Children’s Assistance Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–110); and

H.R. 1809, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–111).

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 186 nays with 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 254.

Pages H4113, H4138–39

**Amending the Public Health Service Act to eliminate the non-application of certain State waiver provisions to Members of Congress and congressional staff:** The House passed H.R. 2192, to amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate the non-application of certain State waiver provisions to Members of Congress and congressional staff, by a yea-and-nay vote of 429 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 255.

Pages H4139–49, H4170–71

H. Res. 308, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2192) and providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1628) was agreed to

by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 253, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 252.

Pages H4114–38

**American Health Care Act of 2017:** The House passed H.R. 1628, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2017, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 256. Consideration began on Friday, March 24.

Pages H4149–70, H4171–72

Pursuant to H. Res. 228, the further amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–109 shall be considered as adopted.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, May 2nd.

**Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act:** H.R. 1644, amended, to enhance sanctions with respect to transactions relating to North Korea, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 257.

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**U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 534,

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.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 8th. **Page H4173**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4139, H4149 and H4174.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4137, H4138, H4138–39, H4170–71, H4171–72 and H4172. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FINANCIAL CHOICE ACT OF 2017

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 10, the “Financial CHOICE Act of 2017”. H.R. 10 was ordered reported, as amended.

### EXAMINING A CHURCH’S RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled, “Examining a Church’s Right to Free Speech”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IMPROVING THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Improving the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”. Testimony was heard from Joe Shepard, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration; John Neumann, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

### PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This hearing was closed.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Friday, May 5

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Monday, May 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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