

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2821–S2849

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1071–1080, and S. Res. 160.

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Measures Reported:

S. 280, to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 115–45)

S. 644, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–46)

S. 729, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site. (S. Rept. No. 115–47)

H.R. 88, to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–48)

H.R. 267, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia. (S. Rept. No. 115–49)

H.R. 538, to redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–50)

H.R. 560, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. (S. Rept. No. 115–51)

S. 225, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 115–52)

S. 285, to ensure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 115–53)

S. 289, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 115–54)

S. 617, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (S. Rept. No. 115–55)

H.R. 618, to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 115–56)

H.R. 688, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 115–57)

H.R. 689, to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 115–58)

H.R. 699, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 115–59)

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Lighthizer Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

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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 Thursday, May 11, 2017.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2848**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 124), Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S2847–48****Additional Statements:****Pages S2844–45****Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2848****Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—124) **Page S2843****Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2848.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine United States democracy assistance, after receiving testimony from former Representative James Kolbe, The International Republican Institute, former Representative Vin Weber, The National Endowment for Democracy, Madeline Albright, former Secretary of State, The National Democratic Institute, and Steven Hadley, The United States Institute of Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

U.S. CYBER COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Cyber Command, after receiving testimony from Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, Chief, Central Security Services, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller), Robert Daigle, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Elaine McCusker, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MARITIME TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded

a hearing to examine maritime transportation, focusing on opportunities and challenges for the Maritime Administration and Federal Maritime Commission, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Khouri, Acting Chairman, and Rebecca Dye, and Mario Cordero, both a Commissioner, all of the Federal Maritime Commission; Joel Szabat, Executive Director, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and Rear Admiral James Helis, USMS, Superintendent, Merchant Marine Academy.

WATER RESOURCES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine water resources, focusing on the role of the public and private sectors, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; James K. Lyons, Alabama State Port Authority Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mobile; Pete K. Rahn, Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary, Hanover; Rick Goche, Port of Bandon, Bandon, Oregon; and Grant Humphreys, Carlton Landing, Oklahoma.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Terry Branstad, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Tulinabo Salama Mushungi, 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, Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Sullivan, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D503)

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. Signed on May 8, 2017. (Public Law 115–32)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on United States special operations capabilities to counter Russian influence and unconventional warfare operations in the “Grey Zone”, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine secondary sanctions against Chinese institutions, focusing on assessing their utility for constraining North Korea, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine growth policies for the new Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, S. 677, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, S. 685, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, S. 930, to require the Ad-

ministrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, S. 1012, to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 1029, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to exempt certain small hydroelectric power projects that are applying for relicensing under the Federal Power Act from the licensing requirements of that Act, and S. 1030, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine state views on the need to modernize the Endangered Species Act, 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 emerging external influences in the Western Hemisphere, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 934, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and S. 1028, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine cyber threats facing America, focusing on an overview of the cybersecurity threat landscape, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 458, to support the education of Indian children, and S. 691, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 772, to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants, and S. 825, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, and Makan Delrahim, of California, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism: to hold hearings to examine law enforcement access to data stored across borders, focusing on facilitating cooperation and protecting rights, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Althea Coetzee, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 3 p.m., SR–428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Veterans Choice Program and the future of care in the community, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine aging with community, focusing on building connections that last a lifetime, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House
No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Thursday, May 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Senate expects to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 36, Bureau of Land Management Rule Relating to Methane, at approximately 10 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.



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