

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3075–S3102*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1202–1209. **Pages S3097–98**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2018; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations. (PM–8) **Pages S3095–96**

**Sullivan Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State. **Pages S3076–82, S3082–92**

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

By 93 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 134), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3080**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. **Page S3100**

**Elwood Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Page S3076**

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 upon disposition of the nomination of Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S3076**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3076**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3076**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S3096**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S3096**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S3096**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S3096–97**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3094–95**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S3100**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—134) **Page S3080**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3100.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR CENTRAL AMERICA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine United States assistance for Central America, after receiving testimony from John Negroponte, McLarty Associates, Eric Farnsworth, Council of the Americas, John Wingle, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and Adriana Beltran, Washington Office on Latin America, all of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller), Elaine McCusker, of Virginia, and Kari A. Bingen, of Virginia, both to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Robert Daigle, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Robert Story Kareem, of the District of Columbia, and Kenneth P. Rapuano, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and routine lists in the Army, Navy,

Air Force, and Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from former Senator Daniel R. Coats, Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Vincent R. Stewart, USMC, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

### CYBER POSTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine the cyber posture of the Services, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Marshall B. Lytle III, USCG, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cyber and Chief Information Officer, Joint Staff, J-6, Vice Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, Commander, United States Fleet Cyber Command, Commander, United States Tenth Fleet, Lieutenant General Paul M. Nakasone, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Cyber Command, Major General Christopher P. Weggeman, USAF, Commander, Twenty-fourth Air Force, Commander, Air Forces Cyber, and Major General Loretta E. Reynolds, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Cyberspace Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### NAVY READINESS CHALLENGES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on Navy readiness challenges, emerging threats, and the requirements underpinning the 355 ship force structure objective from Bradley F. Herbert, Director of Executive Support, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance/Director of Naval Intelligence, Rear Admiral (lower half) Jesse A. Wilson, Jr., USN, Director, Assessment Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and Captain John E. Gumbleton, USN, Director, Financial Operations Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mira Radielovic Ricardel, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, and Sigal Mandelker, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, and Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury.

### OUTER SPACE TREATY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine reopening the American frontier, focusing on exploring how the Outer Space Treaty will impact American commerce and settlement in space, after receiving testimony from James E. Dunstan, Mobius Legal Group, PLLC, Nokesville, Virginia; Laura Montgomery, Ground Based Space Matters, Potomac, Maryland; Matthew P. Schaefer, University of Nebraska College of Law Space, Cyber and Telecommunications Law Program, Lincoln; Robert Richards, Moon Express, Inc., Cape Canaveral, Florida; Peter Marquez, Planetary Resources, Washington, D.C.; Mike Gold, Space Systems Loral, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and Pamela A. Melroy, Arlington, Virginia.

### NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine making implementation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone attainable, including S. 263, to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards, and S. 452, to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the enforcement and implementation of the 2015 national ambient air quality standards for ozone, after receiving testimony from Senator Flake; Misael Cabrera, Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Phoenix; Shawn M. Garvin, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Dover; Ahron Hakimi, Kern Council of Governments, Bakersfield, California; Kyle Zeringue, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Monica Kraft, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, on behalf of the American Thoracic Society.

### BORDER SECURITY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration concluded a hearing to examine building America's trust through border security, focusing on progress on the southern border, after receiving testimony from Ronald D. Vitiello, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

### 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*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 2593–2616; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 60; and H. Res. 351, were introduced.

**Pages H4502–03**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H4404–05**

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

H.R. 1461, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the instances in which official time may be granted for certain purposes to employees of the Department, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–146, Part 1);

H.R. 1162, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans (H. Rept. 115–147);

H.R. 1005, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans (H. Rept. 115–148);

H.R. 467, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that each medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs complies with requirements relating to scheduling veterans for health care appointments, to improve the uniform application of directives of the Department, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–149, Part 1);

H.R. 624, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–150, Part 1);

H.R. 1848, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the use of medical scribes in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers (H. Rept. 115–151); and

H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1973) to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1761) to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize the knowing consent of the visual depiction, or live transmission, of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from May 26, 2017, through June 5, 2017 (H. Rept. 115–152).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the terrorist attack in Manchester, England.

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**Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017—**

**Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 348, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 953) to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 272, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 271.

**Pages H4433–40**

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

*Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017:* H.R. 1809, amended, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974;

**Pages H4441–53**

*Improving Support for Missing and Exploited Children Act of 2017:* H.R. 1808, amended, to amend and improve the Missing Children's Assistance Act;

**Pages H4453–57**

*Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017:* H.R. 2288, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 273;

**Pages H4457–66, H4483**

*Amending title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans:* H.R. 1005, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans;

**Pages H4468–69**

*No Hero Left Untreated Act:* H.R. 1162, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans;

**Pages H4469–73**

**Veterans Affairs Prescription Data Accountability Act of 2017:** H.R. 1545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs; **Pages H4473–75**

**Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2017:** H.R. 1725, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4475–76**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit certain reports relating to medical evidence submitted in support of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary.”. **Page H4476**

**Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017:** H.R. 1329, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and to improve the processing of claims by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H4476–77**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4477**

**Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017:** H.R. 1370, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign; and **Pages H4480–83**

**Enforcing Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2017:** H.R. 2473, amended, to ensure compliance with the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, and to make strides toward eradicating human trafficking; **Pages H4484–89**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Attorney General to study issues relating to human trafficking, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4489**

**Department of Homeland Security Stop Asset and Vehicle Excess Act:** The House agreed to take

from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 366, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department’s vehicle fleet. **Page H4480**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Sánchez announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H4484**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Veterans Affairs Scheduling Accountability Act:** H.R. 467, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that each medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs complies with requirements relating to scheduling veterans for health care appointments, and to improve the uniform application of directives of the Department; and **Pages H4467–68**

**Protecting the Rights of Individuals Against Technological Exploitation Act:** H.R. 2052, to amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prohibit the wrongful broadcast or distribution of intimate visual images. **Pages H4477–80**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress his Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2018—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–3). **Pages H4440–41**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4439–40, H4440, and H4483. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the Internal Revenue Service. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General, Tax Administration; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service.

### FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET REQUEST FOR U.S. CYBER COMMAND: CYBER MISSION FORCE SUPPORT TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OPERATIONS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled

“Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request for U.S. Cyber Command: Cyber Mission Force Support to Department of Defense Operations”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Michael Rogers, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command.

#### **THE NEED FOR MORE RESPONSIBLE REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AT THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “The Need for More Responsible Regulatory and Enforcement Policies at the EEOC”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THE ZIKA VIRUS: CONTINUING CHALLENGES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “U.S. Public Health Response to the Zika Virus: Continuing Challenges”. Testimony was heard from Luciana Borio, Acting Chief Scientist, Food and Drug Administration; Rick A. Bright, Director, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Timothy Persons, Chief Scientist, Government Accountability Office; and Lyle R. Petersen, Director, Division of Vector-Borne Diseases, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### **DISRUPTER SERIES: DELIVERING TO CONSUMERS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Delivering to Consumers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **VISA OVERSTAYS: A GAP IN THE NATION'S BORDER SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Visa Overstays: A Gap in the Nation's Border Security”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: John Wagner, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection; Clark Settles, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Homeland Security Investigations; Michael Dougherty, Acting Assistant Secretary, Border, Immigration, and Trade Office of Policy; and John Roth, Inspector General.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2431, the “Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act”; H.R. 2407, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2406, to amend section 442 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1107, the “Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act”; H.R. 2199, the “Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 2423, the “Washington County, Utah, Public Lands Management Implementation Act”; and H.R. 2425, the “Public Lands Telecommunications Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Amodei, Cramer, Stewart, and Huffman; Robert McDougal, Commissioner, Pershing County, Nevada; Victor Iverson, Chairman, Washington County Commission, Utah; and public witnesses.

#### **THE STATUS AND FUTURE OF THE COBELL LAND CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Status and Future of the Cobell Land Consolidation Program”. Testimony was heard from James Cason, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Interior.

#### **PROTECTING AGAINST CHILD EXPLOITATION ACT OF 2017; PROTECTING YOUNG VICTIMS FROM SEXUAL ABUSE ACT OF 2017**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1761, the “Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1973, the “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 1973 and H.R. 1761. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. 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 115–20 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 A 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 A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–19 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which 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 amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 26, 2017, through June 5, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Finally, section 4 of the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Jackson Lee, Johnson of Louisiana, and Costa.

#### **EXPANDING THE ROLE OF STATES IN EPA RULEMAKING**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Expanding the Role of States in EPA Rulemaking”. Testimony was heard from Misael Cabrera, Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality;

Becky Keogh, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality; and a public witness.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES AT THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Accomplishments and Challenges at the SBA’s Office of International Trade”. Testimony was heard from Peter J. Cazamias, Associate Administrator, Office of International Trade, Small Business Administration.

#### **INCREASING U.S. COMPETITIVENESS AND PREVENTING AMERICAN JOBS FROM MOVING OVERSEAS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Increasing U.S. Competitiveness and Preventing American Jobs from Moving Overseas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **PROTECTING AMERICANS’ IDENTITIES: EXAMINING EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security; and Subcommittee on Information Technology of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a joint hearing entitled “Protecting Americans’ Identities: Examining Efforts to Limit the Use of Social Security Numbers”. Testimony was heard from Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Marianna LaCanfora, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; David DeVries, Chief Information Officer, Office of Personnel Management; Karen Jackson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and John Oswalt, Executive Director for Privacy, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Russia Investigation Task Force held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. Testimony was heard from a public witness. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

#### **ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Russia Investigation Task Force held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. Testimony was heard from a public witness. This hearing was closed.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine industry perspectives on options and considerations for achieving a 355 ship Navy, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities and programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine pool safety, focusing on the tenth anniversary of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

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

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine border insecurity, focusing on the rise of MS-13 and other transnational criminal organizations, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vishal J. Amin, of Michigan, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, Stephen Elliott Boyd, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Lee Francis Cissna, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 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:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Office

of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, oversight hearing on the National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) and the Bureau of Reclamation, 10:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 11 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Indian Health Service, 1 p.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing entitled "High Risk American Indian and Alaska Native Programs (Education, Healthcare, Energy)", 2 p.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security, 3 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Department of the Navy FY 2018 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Ground Force Modernization Budget Request", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget", 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled "Empowering Students and Families to Make Informed Decisions on Higher Education", 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, markup on H. Res. 201, expressing support to the Government of Argentina for its investigation into the terrorist bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992; H. Res. 259, expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela; H. Res. 336, reaffirming a strong commitment to the United States—Mexico Partnership; and H.R. 1918, the "Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act of 2017", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "Nuclear Deal Fallout: The Global Threat of Iran", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Architect of the Capitol's Office of Inspector General", 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, to continue markup on H.R. 2431, the "Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act"; H.R. 2407, to amend the Homeland Security

Act of 2002 to establish United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and for other purposes; H.R. 2406, to amend section 442 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes, and the “Secret Service Reauthorization Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the “Community Reclamation Partnerships Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and the Environment; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Examining ‘Sue and Settle’ Agreements: Part I”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Examining the Overhead Cost of Research”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1684, the “Disaster Assistance

Support for Communities and Homeowners Act of 2017”; H.R. 2258, the “ADVANCE Act”; H.R. 2518, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 2547, the “Veterans Expanded Trucking Opportunities Act of 2017”; H.R. 2548, the “FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2017”; and the “Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2018”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State, post-cloture.

Following disposition of the nomination of John J. Sullivan, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 953—Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017. Consideration of H.R. 1973—Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act. (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 1761—Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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