

*Tuesday, June 6, 2017*

# *Daily Digest*

## **Senate**

### ***Chamber Action***

***Routine Proceedings, pages S3253–S3299***

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1291–1297, and S.J. Res. 44. **Page S3294**

#### **Measures Reported**

S. 134, to expand the prohibition on misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–91)

S. 1221, to counter the influence of the Russian Federation in Europe and Eurasia, with amendments. **Page S3294**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act:*** Senate passed S. 1094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3261–81, S3299**

**Star Print—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. Res. 184, relative to the death of James Paul David “Jim” Bunning, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, be star printed. **Page S3297**

**Countering Iran’s Destabilizing Activities Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 722, to impose sanctions with respect to Iran in relation to Iran’s ballistic missile program, support for acts of international terrorism, and violations of human rights. **Page S3297**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 67 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 139), Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Richard V. Spencer, of Wyoming, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Charles Douglas Stimson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Owen West, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years.

Elizabeth Erin Walsh, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Annie Caputo, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2022.

Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2022.

David Wright, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2020.

Robert Charrow, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Stephen Parente, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

David Steele Bohigian, of Missouri, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Ray Washburne, of Texas, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Peter Louis Oppenheim, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Carlos G. Muniz, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.  
 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.  
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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3297.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education.

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND FAMILY HOUSING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for Department of Defense military construction and family housing, after receiving testimony from Peter J. Potochny, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations and Environment, Lieutenant General Gwendolyn Bingham, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, Major General John J. Broadmeadow, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command, and Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), and Major General Timothy S. Green,

USAF, Director of Civil Engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2018 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Heather A. Wilson, Secretary, and General David L. Goldfein, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2018 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John M. Garner, Program Executive Officer, Land Systems Marine Corps, Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Commander, United States Marine Forces Strategic Command, and Brigadier General Joseph F. Shrader, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kevin Allen Hassett, of Massachusetts, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, who was introduced by Senator Portman, and Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, Neil Chatterjee, of Kentucky, and Robert F. Powelson, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Homeland Security,

after receiving testimony from John F. Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security.

## 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.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 2772–2793; 1 private bill, H.R. 2794; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 105; and H. Res. 376, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H. Res. 374, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2213) to amend the Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 to authorize certain polygraph waiver authority, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–162); and

H. Res. 375, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to create hope and opportunity for investors, consumers, and entrepreneurs by ending bailouts and Too Big to Fail, holding Washington and Wall Street accountable, eliminating red tape to increase access to capital and credit, and repealing the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that make America less prosperous, less stable, and less free, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–163).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following individual to the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: Mr. Pete Gallego of Alpine, Texas.

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**Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation—Re-appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Harry

S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Representative Deutch.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:33 p.m.

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

*Condemning the violence against peaceful protesters outside the Turkish Ambassador's residence on May 16, 2017, and calling for the perpetrators to be brought to justice and measures to be taken to prevent similar incidents in the future:* H. Res. 354, amended, condemning the violence against peaceful protesters outside the Turkish Ambassador's residence on May 16, 2017, and calling for the perpetrators to be brought to justice and measures to be taken to prevent similar incidents in the future, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 286;

**Pages H4628–32, H4640–41**

*Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act of 2017:* H.R. 390, amended, to provide for emergency relief to victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Iraq and Syria, and to provide accountability for perpetrators of these crimes;

**Pages H4632–38**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide emergency relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes, and for other purposes."

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*Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Manchester, United Kingdom, on May 22, 2017, expressing heartfelt condolences, and reaffirming unwavering support for the special relationship between our peoples and nations in the wake of these attacks:* H. Res. 355, amended, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Manchester, United Kingdom, on May 22, 2017, expressing heartfelt condolences, and reaffirming unwavering support for the special relationship between our peoples and nations in the wake of these attacks,

by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 287; and

**Pages H4638–40, H4641–42**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Manchester, United Kingdom, on May 22, 2017, and in London, United Kingdom, on June 3, 2017, expressing heartfelt condolences, and reaffirming unwavering support for the special relationship between our peoples and nations in the wake of these attacks.”

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4640–41 and H4641–42. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **FINANCIAL CHOICE ACT OF 2017; ANTI-BORDER CORRUPTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017**

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 10, the “Financial CHOICE Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2213, the “Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2213. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill 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 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 the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 10. The rule provides 90 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member

of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling and Representatives McSally, Kildee, Jones, and Kaptur.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,**

**JUNE 7, 2017**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the USDA Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, 3 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense nuclear acquisition programs and the nuclear doctrine, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on administration perspectives, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine working to improve the National Park Service workplace environment, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Eric D. Hargan, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and David Malpass, of New York, to be an Under Secretary, Andrew K. Maloney, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of the Treasury, 10:15 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nomination of William Francis Hagerty IV, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Japan, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Neomi Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director, both of the Office of Management and Budget, and Brock Long, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*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.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: The Future of International Food Aid and Agricultural Development”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Science Foundation, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2018 Priorities and

Posture of Missile Defeat Programs and Activities”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Combat Aviation Modernization Programs and the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Economic and Fiscal Benefits of Pro-Growth Policies”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 338, to promote a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce; H.R. 627, the “Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act of 2017”; H.R. 723, the “Energy Savings Through Public-Private Partnerships Act of 2017”; H.R. 1109, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 446, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; H.R. 447, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; H.R. 951, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; H.R. 2122, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Jennings Randolph Dam; H.R. 2274, the “HYPE Act”; H.R. 2292, to extend a project of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission involving the Cannonsville Dam; H.R. 2457, the “J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Hydropower Extension Act of 2017”; H.R. 1222, the “Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 1492, the “Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act of 2017”; H.R. 2410, the “Sickle Cell Disease Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2430, the “FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Flood Insurance Reform: A Taxpayer’s Perspective”, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Energy Opportunities in North America”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Homeland Security Reauthorization and the President’s FY 2018 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s Abandoned Mine Lands Program”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1074, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”; H.R. 1901, the “Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2017”; and S. 249, to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fast and Furious, Six Years Later”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2763, the “Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Improvements Act of 2017”; H.R. 2594, the “Small Business Payment for Performance Act of 2017”; H.R. 2333, the “Small Business Investment Opportunity Act of 2017”; H.R. 2364, the “Investing in Main Street Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2056, the “Microloan Modernization Act of 2017”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation,

hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Coast Guard Sea, Land, and Air Capabilities”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Overcoming PTSD: Assessing VA’s Efforts to Promote Wellness and Healing”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Medicare Advantage Hearing on Promoting Integrated and Coordinated Care for Medicare Beneficiaries”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 7

Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 722, Countering Iran's Destabilizing Activities Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Wednesday, June 7

House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 10—Financial CHOICE Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 2213—Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measure under suspension of the Rules: H. Con. Res. 33—Designating the George C. Marshall Museum and George C. Marshall Research Library in Lexington, Virginia, as the National George C. Marshall Museum and Library.

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