

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3345–S3380

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1315–1332, S.J. Res. 45, and S. Res. 188–189. **Pages S3362–63**

Measures Reported:

S. 1141, to ensure that the United States promotes the meaningful participation of women in mediation and negotiation processes seeking to prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict. (S. Rept. No. 115–93)

S. 117, to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–94)

S. 167, to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–95)

S. 199, to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir. (S. Rept. No. 115–96)

S. 216, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets. (S. Rept. No. 115–97)

S. 267, to provide for the correction of a survey of certain land in the State of Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 115–98)

S. 363, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. (S. Rept. No. 115–99)

S. 490, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–100)

S. 491, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–101)

S. 703, to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project. (S. Rept. No. 115–102)

S. 710, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Jennings Randolph Dam, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–103)

S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 782, to reauthorize the National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program.

Measures Passed:

Condemning the deadly attack on May 26, 2017, in Portland, Oregon: Senate passed S.J. Res. 45, condemning the deadly attack on May 26, 2017, in Portland, Oregon, expressing deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims, and supporting efforts to overcome hatred, bigotry, and violence.

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Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 115, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Moran/Roberts) Amendment No. 227, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3373–75**

McConnell (for Moran/Roberts) Amendment No. 228, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3373–75**

Condemning Recent Terrorist Attacks: Senate agreed to S. Res. 188, condemning the recent terrorist attacks in the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Indonesia, Egypt, Iraq, Australia, and Iran and offering thoughts and prayers and sincere condolences to all of the victims, their families, and the people of their countries.

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Hemp History Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 189, designating the week of June 5 through June 11, 2017, as “Hemp History Week”.

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WILD Act: Senate passed S. 826, to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

Countering Iran’s Destabilizing Activities Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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, post-closure.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the nomination of Kenneth P. Rapuano, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, with all post-closure time considered expired.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, June 12, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-closure.

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Rapuano Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 12, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Kenneth P. Rapuano, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; and that there be 30 minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate.

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Pekoske Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon the reporting of the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the nomination be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days, except that if the 30 days lapses while the Senate is in recess, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs shall have an additional 5 session days after the Senate reconvenes to report the nomination, after which the nomination, if still in committee, be discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 141), Scott P. Brown, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—141)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:43 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3380.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce.

FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fostering economic growth, focusing on the role of financial institutions in local communities, including S. 366, to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account when taking regulatory actions, S. 1002, to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic

growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, S. 1152, to create protections for depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related businesses, and S. 1310, to amend the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 to specify which depository institutions are subject to the maintenance of records and disclosure requirements of such Act, after receiving testimony from Dorothy A. Savarese, American Bankers Association, Cape Cod, Massachusetts; Steve Grooms, 1st Liberty Federal Credit Union, Great Falls, Montana, on behalf of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions; R. Scott Heitkamp, Value Bank, Corpus Christi, Texas, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Dallas Bergl, Inova Federal Credit Union, Elkhart, Indiana, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; John Bissell, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; and Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, Somerset, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Derek Kan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, David J. Redl, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, and Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, after the nominees, who were all introduced by Senator Gardner, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

EMERGING ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cost reductions in emerging energy technologies with a specific focus on how recent trends may affect today's energy landscape, after receiving testimony from Lily Donge, Rocky Mountain Institute Business Renewables Center, and Kevin Yates, Siemens Energy Management Division, both of Washington, D.C.; Greg Merritt, Cree, Inc., Durham, North Carolina; David Greeson, NRG Energy, Houston, Texas; Steve Simonton,

Cimarex Energy Co., Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Russell Vare, Mercedes-Benz Energy Americas, LLC, Sunnyvale, California.

DEPARTMENT OF HHS BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Thomas Price, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

ISIS'S GLOBAL REACH

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ISIS's global reach beyond Iraq and Syria, after receiving testimony from Lorenzo Vidino, The George Washington University Program on Extremism, and Daniel Byman, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 782, to reauthorize the National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program; and

The nominations of Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Makan Delrahim, of California, and Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice.

FBI INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain intelligence matters relating to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from James B. Comey, former Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 2823–2868; and 1 private bill, H.R. 2869, were introduced.

Pages H4816–18, H4819

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (SC) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Financial CHOICE Act of 2017: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 299.

Pages H4716–H4802

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–163 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 Financial Services now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Smucker amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–163) that expresses the sense of Congress that consumer reporting agencies and their subsidiaries should implement stronger multi-factor authentication procedures when providing access to personal information files to more adequately protect consumer information from identity theft;

Pages H4793–94

McSally amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–163) that requires the Department of Treasury to submit a report to Congress regarding its efforts to work with Federal bank regulators, financial institutions, and money service businesses to ensure that legitimate financial transactions along the southern border move freely;

Pages H4796–97

Hensarling amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–163) that revises provisions subjecting certain FDIC and NCUA functions to congressional appropriations, relating to appointments

of positions created by the Act, and providing congressional access to non-public FSOC information (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 295);

Pages H4789–91, H4799

Hollingsworth amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–163) that allows closed-end funds that are listed on a national securities exchange, and that meet certain requirements to be considered “well-known seasoned issuers” or “WKSIs” (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 296);

Pages H4791–93, H4799–H4800

Faso amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–163) that allows Mutual Holding Companies (MHCs) to waive the receipt of dividends (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 297); and

Pages H4794–96, H4800–01

Buck amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–163) that requires the GSA to study CLEA's real estate needs due to changes in the Agency's structure. It then authorizes the GSA to sell the current CLEA building if CLEA's real estate needs have changed and there is no government department or agency that can utilize the building (by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 298).

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H. Res. 375, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) was agreed to yesterday, June 7th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, June 12th for Morning Hour debate.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4716.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4799, H4799–H4800, H4800–01, H4801, and H4801–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE NEXT FARM BILL: SNAP TECHNOLOGY AND MODERNIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: SNAP Technology and Modernization”. Testimony was heard from Vickie Yates Brown Glisson, Secretary, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

Lauren Aaronson, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Office of Business Process Innovation, New York City Human Resources Administration; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Ryan Zinke, Secretary; Olivia Ferriter, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget, Finance, Performance, and Acquisition; and Denise Flanagan, Director, Office of Budget.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Giancarlo, Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Ben Carson, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Lightfoot, Jr., Acting Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

DISRUPTER SERIES: IMPROVING CONSUMER'S FINANCIAL OPTIONS WITH FINTECH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Improving Consumer's Financial Options with FinTech”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN HEALTH CARE CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Role of the Department of Health and Human Services in Health Care Cybersecurity”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Emery Csulak, Chief Information Security Officer, Senior Privacy Official, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Co-Chair, Health Care Industry Cybersecurity Task Force; Stephen Curren, Director, Division of Resilience, Office of Emergency Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response; and Leo Scanlon, Deputy Chief Information Security Officer.

VIRTUAL CURRENCY: FINANCIAL INNOVATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance held a hearing entitled “Virtual Currency: Financial Innovation and National Security Implications”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ATTACKING HEZBOLLAH'S FINANCIAL NETWORK: POLICY OPTIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Attacking Hezbollah's Financial Network: Policy Options”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW CAN THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE EVOLVE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES AHEAD?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security held a hearing entitled “How Can the United States Secret Service Evolve to Meet the Challenges Ahead?”. Testimony was heard from Randolph Alles, Director, Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; and John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS' INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Library of Congress' Information Technology Management”. Testimony was heard from the following Library of Congress officials: Carla D. Hayden, Librarian of Congress; Bernard A. Barton, Jr., Chief Information Officer; and Kurt W. Hyde, Inspector General.

OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Department of Justice Grant Programs”. Testimony was heard from Alan Hanson, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

A TIME TO REFORM: OVERSIGHT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL, TAX AND ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISIONS AND THE U.S. TRUSTEE PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “A Time to Reform: Oversight of the Activities of the Justice Department's Civil, Tax and Environment and Natural Resources Divisions and the U.S. Trustee Program”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Justice officials: Chad Readler, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; Jeffery Wood, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; David Hubbert, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division; Clifford White III, Director, U.S. Trustee Program; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2083, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”; and legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Herrera-Beutler; James Hess, Chief of Staff, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

BURDENOME LITIGATION AND FEDERAL BUREAUCRATIC ROADBLOCKS TO MANAGE OUR NATION'S OVERGROWN, FIRE-PRONE NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Burdenome Litigation and Federal Bureaucratic Roadblocks to Manage our Nation's Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget for Fiscal Year 2018”. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Lightfoot, Acting Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

AMERICAN SPACE COMMERCE FREE ENTERPRISE ACT OF 2017

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2809, the “American Space Commerce Free Enterprise Act of 2017”. H.R. 2809, was ordered reported, as amended.

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Federal Aviation Administration Authorization”. Testimony was heard from Elaine Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

VA AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATES: WHO'S BENEFITING NOW?

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “VA and Academic Affiliates: Who's Benefiting Now?”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organization Excellence, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF GI BILL PROCESSING FOR STUDENT VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Improving the Quality and Timeliness of GI Bill Processing for Student Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Worley II, Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lernes J. Herbert, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Health and Human Services’ Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Price, M.D., Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings**OPIOID CRISIS ECONOMIC ASPECTS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic aspects of the opioid crisis, after receiving testimony from former Senator Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General, Columbus; Lisa N. Sacco, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Angus Deaton, Princeton University

Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Economics Department, Princeton, New Jersey; and Richard G. Frank, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, Boston, Massachusetts.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
JUNE 12, 2017**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Brock Long, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 5:30 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, June 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 722, Countering Iran's Destabilizing Activities Act, post-closure.

At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Kenneth P. Rapuano, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Kenneth P. Rapuano, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 722, Countering Iran's Destabilizing Activities Act, with all post-closure time being expired.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, June 12

House Chamber

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1450–1471, and S. Res. 204–209. **Pages S3829–30**

Measures Reported:

S. 577, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–120)

S. 579, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–121)

S. 381, 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”. (S. Rept. No. 115–122)

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. (S. Rept. No. 115–123) **Page S3829**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Section 1295b(h) of title 46 App., United States Code, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Senators Thune (ex officio as Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation) and Fischer (Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation). **Page S3835**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senator Moran (Designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services). **Page S3835**

Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–323, ap-

pointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: John Walters of the District of Columbia.

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Rao Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Neomi Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S3807–27**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 29, 2017, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees.

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Nye Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David C. Nye, of Idaho, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho. **Pages S3827–28**

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 Neomi Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. **Page S3828**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3827**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3827**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3835–36.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, USA, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers; Douglas W. Lamont, Senior Official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); and Alan Mikkelsen, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”; and

The nomination of Patrick M. Shanahan, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, and 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on North Korea, focusing on recent developments, from Joseph Y. Yun, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Korea and Japan, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Claire M. Grady, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, and Henry Kerner, of California, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Timothy J. Kelly, and Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Jeffrey Bossert Clark, of Virginia, and Beth Ann Williams, of New Jersey, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1024, 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.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David James Glawe, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Grassley, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RUSSIAN INTERVENTION IN EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russian intervention in European elections, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Burns, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Robert and Renee Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and Vesko Garcevic, Boston University Frederick Pardee School of Global Studies, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Janis Sarts, NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence, Riga, Latvia; and Constanze Stelzenmuller, Brookings Institution Center on the United States and Europe, Washington, D.C.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, June 27th.

Robert Emmet Park Act of 2017: H.R. 1500, to redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as “Robert Emmet Park”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 338. **Page H5287**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5262.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5261, H5261–62, H5262, H5283–84, H5284, H5286, H5286–87 and H5287. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

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EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION RESEARCH WHILE PROTECTING STUDENT PRIVACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Exploring Opportunities to Strengthen Education Research While Protecting Student Privacy”. Testimony was

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THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S IMPACT ON MAIN STREET, RETIREES, AND SAVINGS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Federal Reserve’s Impact on Main Street, Retirees, and Savings”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Interests at the United Nations”. Testimony was heard from Nikki R. Haley, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

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2480, the “Empowering Law Enforcement to Fight Sex Trafficking Demand Act”. H.R. 495, H.R. 2826, and H.R. 1096, were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2480 was ordered reported, without amendment.

EXAMINING POLICY IMPACTS OF EXCESSIVE LITIGATION AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Policy Impacts of Excessive Litigation Against the Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Jorjani, Principal Deputy Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND EFFORTS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Criminal Justice Reform and Efforts to Reduce Recidivism”. Testimony was heard from Senators Scott and Booker; Bryan P. Stirling, Director, South Carolina Department of Corrections; and public witnesses.

MATERIAL SCIENCE: BUILDING THE FUTURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Material Science: Building the Future”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Tirrell, Deputy Laboratory Director for Science, and Chief Research Officer, Argonne National Laboratory; Laurie Locascio, Acting Associate Director, Laboratory Programs, and Director, Material Measurement Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Adam Schwartz, Director, Ames Laboratory; and a public witness.

BUDGET HEARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a budget hearing. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider H.R. 1029, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve pesticide registration and other activities under the Act, to extend and modify fee authorities, and the nomination of J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine conservation and forestry, focusing on perspectives on the past and future direction for the 2018 Farm Bill, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session, 10:15 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine principles of housing finance reform, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1405, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration, S. 875, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report on filing requirements under the Universal Service Fund programs, S. 1426, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to expand the purposes of the corporation, to designate the United States Center for Safe Sport, S. 1393, to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses, and the nominations of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Derek Kan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 822, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, S. 1447, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, S. 1359, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, S. 810, to facilitate construction of a bridge on certain property in Christian County, Missouri, S. 1395, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System

units in Delaware, General Services Administration resolutions, and the nominations of Annie Caputo, of Virginia, and David Wright, of South Carolina, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Susan Parker Bodine, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 12 noon, SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Mark Andrew Green, of Wisconsin, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1312, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in the United States, S. 1311, to provide assistance in abolishing human trafficking in the United States, and the nominations of Stephen Elliott Boyd, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Attorney General, John Kenneth Bush, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Damien Michael Schiff, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, markup on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, 3 p.m., 2358-A, Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 986, the “Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2017”; H.R. 2776, the “Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act”; and H.R. 2775, the “Employee Privacy Protection Act”, 11:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 767, the “SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2017”; H.R. 880, the “MISSION ZERO Act”; H.R. 931, the “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2422, the “Action for Dental Health Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa, markup on H. Res. 185, to call on the Government of Iran to fulfill repeated promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation’s history; H. Res. 218, to recognize the importance of the United States-Israel economic relationship and encouraging new areas of cooperation; H. Res. 274, to condemn the Government of

Iran’s state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; H. Res. 317, to call for the unconditional release of United States citizens and legal permanent resident aliens being held for political purposes by the Government of Iran; H. Res. 359, to urge the European Union to designate Hezbollah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members; and H.R. 2646, the “United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Extension Act”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Recent Trends in International Antitrust Enforcement”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining Access to Oil and Gas Development on Federal Lands”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “In-Space Propulsion: Strategic Choices and Options”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “A Review of SBA’s 504/CDC Loan Program”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 2006, the “VA Procurement Efficiency and Transparency Act”; H.R. 2749, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2017”; H.R. 2781, the “Ensuring Veteran Enterprise Participation in Strategic Sourcing Act”; and legislation to improve the hiring, training, and efficiency of acquisition personnel and organizations of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 282, the “Military Residency Choice Act”; H.R. 1690, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act”; H.R. 2631, the “Justice for Servicemembers Act of 2017”; H.R. 2772, the “SEA Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title, and for other purposes; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit appraisers approved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make appraisals for purposes of chapter 37 of such title based on inspections performed by third parties, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Complexities and Challenges of Social Security Coverage and Payroll Tax Compliance for State and Local Governments”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
11 a.m., Thursday, June 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Neomi Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 29

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3003—No Sanctuary for Criminals Act. Consideration of H.R. 3004—Kate’s Law (Subject to a Rule).

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