

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

# *Daily Digest*

## **Senate**

### ***Chamber Action***

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**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1531–1547. **Pages S3960–61**

**Hagerty Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of William Francis Hagerty IV, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Japan. **Pages S3936–55**

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

By 89 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3936**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2017, with all post-cloture time expiring at 1:45 p.m. **Page S3963**

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

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 158), David C. Nye, of Idaho, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho. **Page S3935**

**Message from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—159) **Pages S3935–36**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3963.)

### ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Michael Weahkee, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018".

#### **NOMINATIONS**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David Joel Trachtenberg, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Owen West, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Charles Douglas Stimson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, who was introduced by former Representative Zinke, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### **COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine force

multipliers, focusing on how transportation and supply chain stakeholders are combating human trafficking, after receiving testimony from Esther Goetsch, Truckers Against Trafficking, Englewood, Colorado; Keeli Sorensen, Polaris, and Samir Goswami, Issara Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Tomas J. Lares, Florida Abolitionist, Orlando.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 822, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1395, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Delaware;

5 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.

## TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the use of the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act and innovative financing in improving infrastructure to enhance safety, mobility, and economic opportunity, after receiving testimony from Anne Mayer, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Riverside, California; Jennifer Aument, Transurban, Tysons, Virginia; and Christopher Coes, Smart Growth America, Washington, D.C.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

## TAYLOR FORCE ACT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Taylor Force Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Graham; Elliott Abrams, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.; and Daniel B. Shapiro, The Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel.

## AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine American leadership in the Asia Pacific, focusing on promoting democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, after receiving testimony from Murray Hiebert, and Robert R. King, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Derek Mitchell, United States Institute of Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 943, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act, S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act, and S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands, after receiving testimony from Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior; Warren Brainard, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Suislaw Indians, Coos Bay, Oregon; Donald R. Wharton, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; and Carla Mann, National Johnson O'Malley Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Nunn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## VISA OVERSTAYS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration concluded a hearing to examine the problem of visa overstays, focusing on a

need for better tracking and accountability, after receiving testimony from John Roth, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Michael Dougherty, Assistant Secretary, Border, Immigration, and Trade, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, John Wagner, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, and Louis A. Rodi, III, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security Investigations Division, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

## HEALTHY AGING AND POSITIVE OUTCOMES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine nourishing our golden years, focusing on how proper and adequate nutrition promote healthy aging and positive outcomes, after receiving testimony from Seth A. Berkowitz, Massachusetts General Hospital Division of General Internal Medicine and Diabetes Population Health Research Center, Boston; Connie W. Bales, Duke University School of Medicine, and Durham VA Medical Center Geriatrics Center, Durham, North Carolina; Elizabeth Pratt, Maine SNAP Education Program, Portland; and Pat Taylor, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 3191–3215; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 108; and H. Res. 437–439, and 441 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 2786, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify as a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–213);

H.R. 2056, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–214);

H.R. 2333, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount of leverage made available to small business investment companies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–215);

H.R. 2364, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount that certain banks and savings associations may invest in small business investment companies, subject to the approval of the appropriate Federal banking agency, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–216); and

H. Res. 440, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–217).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Western Diocese, Armenian Church of North America, Burbank, CA.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, July 11th.

*Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act of 2017:* H.R. 1492, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to direct the Attorney General to register practitioners to transport controlled substances to States in which the practitioner is not registered under the Act for the purpose of administering the substances (under applicable State law) at locations other than principal places of business or professional practice, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 349.

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

*FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017:* H.R. 2430, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products;

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*Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act:* H.R. 2664, to direct the Secretary of Labor to

train certain Department of Labor personnel how to effectively detect and assist law enforcement in preventing human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities; **Pages H5486–88**

**Empowering Law Enforcement to Fight Sex Trafficking Demand Act:** H.R. 2480, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include an additional permissible use of amounts provided as grants under the Byrne JAG program; and **Pages H5488–92**

**Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017:** H.R. 2200, amended, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. **Pages H5492–H5503**

**Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017:** The House passed H.R. 23, to provide drought relief in the State of California, by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 352. **Pages H5503–33**

Rejected the Carbajal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 351. **Pages H5531–32**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–24 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5511**

Agreed to:

LaMalfa amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–212) that ensures water supply rescheduling provisions apply to equitably to all water districts in region; **Pages H5525–26**

Costa amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–212) that authorizes the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to conduct geophysical characterization activities of groundwater aquifers and groundwater vulnerability in California, including identifying areas of greatest recharge potential; **Pages H5526–27**

Costa amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–212) that authorizes the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to develop a study to enhance mountain runoff to Central Valley Project reservoirs from headwaters restoration activities; **Page H5527**

Denham amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–212) that sets a timeline for completion of the New Melones Reservoir study, prevents exploitation of water rights, extends the program to protect Anadromous Fish in Stanislaus River for 2 years; and **Pages H5527–28**

Pearce amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–212) that ensures that the water rights of federally recognized Indian tribes are not affected by this bill. **Pages H5529–30**

Rejected:

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–212) that requires a review of available and new, innovative technologies for capturing municipal wastewater and recycling it for providing drinking water and energy, and a report on the feasibility of expanding the implementation of these technologies and programs among Central Valley Project contractors (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 350). **Pages H5528–29, H5530–31**

H. Res. 431, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2810) and (H.R. 23) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 348, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 347. **Pages H5444–53, H5483–85**

**Clerk to Correct Engrossment:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1719, to include addition of an enacting clause. **Page H5533**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Panetta wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H5533**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Walz wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H5533**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 439, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Pages H5533–34**

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that during the consideration of H.R. 2810, pursuant to House Resolution 431, amendment numbered 88 printed in part B of House Report 115–212 may be considered out of sequence. **Page H5534**

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018:** The House began consideration of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 13th. **Pages H5534–H5756**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–23, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–212, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the

original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Thornberry amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212) that makes several technical and conforming changes to the bill;

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Wilson (SC) amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212) that prohibits funding for the preparatory commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization except funds used for the international monitoring system;

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Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212: Graves (LA) (No. 3) that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a cost-benefit analysis on commissaries and exchanges; Rogers (AL) (No. 11) that increase funding for Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative for “enhancing ISR capability of Ukrainian defense forces”; Fitzpatrick (No. 15) that states that the Secretary of Defense shall direct all branches to establish a comprehensive strategy to determine capability gaps in training that can be rectified by virtual training, acquire the needed technology, and analyze effectiveness from using virtual training technology; Brown (MD) (No. 16) that increases funding by \$2 million for the Army Electronics and Electronic Devices account within RDT&E with a corresponding decrease of \$2 million to the Army Technology Maturation Initiatives account, also within RDT&E; Brown (MD) (No. 17) that increases funding by \$4.135 million for the Defense-wide Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions account within RDT&E, with a corresponding decrease of \$4.135 million to the Defense-wide Advanced Innovative Analysis and Concepts account, also within RDT&E; Lipinski (No. 18) that authorizes the establishment of a Hacking for Defense program by the Secretary of Defense, under which the Secretary may obligate \$15 million for the development of curriculum, recruitment materials, and best practices; expresses the sense of Congress that the program exposes young scientists and engineers to careers in public service and provides a unique pathway for veterans to leverage their military experience to solve national security challenges; Ratcliffe (No. 19) that exempts anyone employed in a defense industrial base facility or a center for industrial and technical excellence from a presidential hiring freeze; Fitzpatrick (No. 20) that ensures that DOD’s biennial core reporting procedures align with the reporting requirements in Section 2464 and each reporting agency provides accurate and complete information by having the Secretary of Defense direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics to

update DOD’s guidance regarding future biennial core reports; Cardenas (No. 21) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on arctic readiness, including an analysis of challenges posed by rapid changes in the arctic region, how the changes will affect other regions, including coastal communities, how the changes will affect military infrastructure, and recommendation for congressional action to address the needs of the Armed Forces to respond to changes in the Arctic; Johnson (LA) (No. 22) that requires the Army to conduct a report on the Army Combat Training Centers and the current resident cyber capabilities and training at such bases to examine potential training readiness shortfalls and pre-rotational cyber training needs are met; Cicilline (No. 23) that requires the Secretary of Defense to produce a report analyzing the effects of automation within the Defense Industrial Base over the next ten years; Khanna (No. 24) that requires the Secretary of Defense to require a cost-benefit analysis of uniform specifications for Afghan Military or Security Forces for future contracts; Herrera-Beutler (No. 25) that enhances the training requirements for members of boards for the correction of military records and department of defense personnel who investigate claims of retaliation enacted in the NDAA for FY 2017; Kuster (No. 26) that expands DoD definition of sexual assault to include sexual coercion for the purpose of this report; Gottheimer (No. 27) that extends the Suicide Prevention and Resilience Program to October 2019; Jones (No. 28) that provides a 5 year authorization for the DoDEA to fund their grants; Jones (No. 29) that allows United States Coast Guard retirees who live on a base with school age dependents the opportunity to attend DOD-based schools; Watson Coleman (No. 30) that expresses a sense of Congress affirming the nondiscrimination policy of the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, including as applied to female cadets, staff, and faculty; and Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) (No. 31) that extends through 2018 Department of Veterans Affairs authority for the performance of medical disability evaluations by contract physicians;

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Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212: Meng (No. 32) that requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each military department issues a single, consolidated instruction that addresses the decisions, actions, and requirements for members of the Armed Forces relating to pregnancy, the postpartum period, and parenthood, as recommended by last year’s Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services report; Carson (IN) (No. 33) that makes permanent the Department of Defense’s existing requirement to provide mental

health assessments to service members during deployment; Kuster (No. 34) that requires health care providers to provide transitioning service members information and referrals for counseling and treatment of substance use disorders and chronic pain management services, when appropriate; Lance (No. 35) that prohibits the Department of Defense (DoD) or the DSPO (Department of Suicide Prevention Office) from terminating the Vets4Warriors crisis hotline program unless a report to Congress demonstrates a sufficient programming replacement; Pascrell (No. 36) that directs the Secretary of the Department of Defense to report to Congress on the DOD's implementation of recommendations from the Government Accountability Office to ensure that post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury are considered in misconduct separations; Meehan (No. 37) that authorizes the Secretary of Defense to enter into intergovernmental agreements to provide for health screenings in communities near formerly used defense sites that have been identified by the Secretary as sources of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid and perfluoroctanoic acid; Kuster (No. 38) that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the training provided to military health care providers regarding opioid prescribing practices; the study would exam DoD's success in reducing opioid prescriptions, dosages, duration of treatment, and overdoses; Thornberry (No. 39) that establishes conditions for the use of qualified private auditors to conduct incurred cost audits for Department of Defense contracts; requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to acquire contract audit services; ensures the Department has access to documents necessary to oversee contracts for contract audit services; Foxx (No. 40) that requires the Director of Intellectual Property to develop resources and guidelines on intellectual property matters and to resolve ambiguities in various types of technical data; also requires the Director of Intellectual Property to engage with appropriately representative entities on intellectual property matters, including large and small businesses, traditional and non-traditional Government contractors, prime contractors and subcontractors, and maintenance repair organizations; Connolly (No. 41) that Directs the Secretary of Defense to develop a definition and way to measure Procurement Administration Lead Time (PALT); Nolan (No. 42) that expresses the sense of Congress that a strong domestic iron ore and steel industry is vital to the national security of the United States; Connolly (No. 43) that extends sunsets for the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) provisions on federal data center consolidation, transparency and risk management of major IT systems, and IT portfolio, pro-

gram, and resource reviews; Lipinski (No. 44) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should establish a cooperative program between the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, the Defense Procurement Acquisition Policy, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology-Manufacturing Extension Partnership; the cooperative program established shall educate and assist small- and medium-sized manufacturing firms in the Department of Defense supply chain in achieving compliance with NIST Special Publication 800-171 titled "Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Information Systems and Organizations" as such publication is incorporated into the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Conaway (No. 45) that conforms with the September 30, 2017, audit readiness deadline, this makes changes to the current reporting requirements to reflect the DoD moving into the statutory audit phase; this requires the DoD and armed services to report on audit progress and remediation efforts necessary to reach complete auditability; Burgess (No. 46) that requires a report ranking all military departments and Defense Agencies in order of how advanced they are in achieving auditable financial statements as required by law; Yoho (No. 47) that prohibits the use of funds to close or relinquish control of United States naval station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Sanford (No. 48) that requires the Secretary of Defense to account for the total cost of National Guard flyovers at public events and publish them in a public report; and Yoho (No. 49) that limitation on use of funds for provision of man-portable air defense systems to the vetted Syrian opposition;

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Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212: Torres (No. 50) that requires the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency to determine whether any defense article sold to a foreign government has been transferred to any unit that has committed any gross violation of human rights; it also requires the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress regarding such determinations; Young (AK) (No. 51) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report with the necessary steps the Department is undertaking to resolve arctic security capability and resource gaps, and the requirements and investment plans for military infrastructure required to protect United States national security interests in the arctic region; Evans (No. 52) that requires a report on potential agreement with the government of Russia on the status of Syria; it requires the President submit a report that includes a description of any understanding between the President and government of Russia regarding a plan

to divide territories and a description of any understanding that would provide Iran access to the border between Israel and Syria; Correa (No. 53) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, to provide Congress a report on any attempts to attack Department of Defense systems within the past 24 months by the Russian Federation or actors supported by the Russian Federation; Boyle (No. 54) that requires a report on the Department's progress developing and implementing alternatives to AFFF firefighting foam that do not contain perfluoroctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluoroctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), as the Department has already begun; Walorski (No. 55) that directs the Comptroller General to report to Congress on adopting and enhancing nationally-accredited project, program, and portfolio management standards within the Department of Defense; Harper (No. 56) that authorizes the Speaker of the House with the concurrence of the Minority Leader to call upon the Executive Branch for additional resources in the event the House is the victim of a cyber-attack; Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) (No. 57) that updates Department of Defense regulations to ensure service members receive adequate consumer protections with respect to collection of debt; Hanabusa (No. 58) that expresses the sense of Congress that a Pacific War Memorial should be established to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, also known as the Pacific War; Kilmer (No. 59) that extends the authorization for Navy civilian employees who perform nuclear maintenance for the forward deployed aircraft carrier in Japan to earn overtime pay; Gallego (No. 60) that amends the requirements for the Afghanistan strategy mandated in the bill to include a description of military and diplomatic efforts to disrupt foreign support for the Taliban and other extremist groups; Rohrabacher (No. 61) that expresses a sense of Congress that Dr. Shakil Afridi is an international hero and that the Government of Pakistan should release him immediately from prison; Sinema (No. 62) that requires the Report on United States Strategy in Syria to include a description of amounts and sources of ISIL financing in Syria and efforts to disrupt this financing as part of the broader strategy of the United States in Syria; Conyers (No. 63) that requires a report assessing the relative merits of a multilateral or bilateral Incidents at Sea military-to-military agreement between the United States, the Government of Iran, and other countries operating in the Persian Gulf aimed at preventing accidental naval conflict in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz; Kihuen (No. 64) that extends the existing presidential reporting requirement for three

more years—until December 31, 2022—to ensure we have an integrated strategy between the Administration and Congress in deterring Iran's nuclear weapons program; Hastings (No. 65) that requires the President to report to Congress on protocols related to the rescue, care, and treatment of religious minorities held captive by the Islamic State; Wilson (SC) (No. 66) that expresses a sense of Congress that North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile program are a threat to the United States and our allies in the region, and that the United States must retain all diplomatic, economic, and military options to defend against and pressure North Korea to abandon its illicit weapons program; Bera (No. 67) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to develop a strategy for advancing defense cooperation between the United States and India; and Walz (No. 68) that directs the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency to submit to the Secretary of Defense and the HASC, HPSCI, SASC, and SSCI a report on the military training center and logistical capabilities of the Chinese and Russian armies; and

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Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 4, as modified, consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212: Turner (No. 69) that expresses a sense of Congress on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Trott (No. 70) that expresses the Sense of Congress that the proposed sale of semi-automatic handguns to the Turkish Government should remain under scrutiny until a satisfactory and appropriate resolution is reached in regards to the events that took place on May 16, 2017; Engel (No. 71) that requires a strategy to support improvements by the Nigerian Government in defense sector transparency and civilian protection during Nigeria's military operations against Boko Haram, the Islamic State, and other militant groups; Wilson (FL) (No. 72) that expresses a sense of Congress supporting the kidnapped Chibok schoolgirls and the United States strategy for countering Boko Haram; Fitzpatrick (No. 73) that requires DOD to include a description of any Chinese laws, regulations, or policies that could jeopardize the economic security of the United States in their Congressionally-required annual report on Chinese military and security development; Fitzpatrick (No. 74) that requires report to Congress regarding the extent of cooperation on nuclear programs, ballistic missile development, chemical and biological weapons development, or conventional weapons programs between Iran and North Korea; Yoho (No. 75) that ensures

the full reporting of freedom of navigation operations, including maritime claims that go unchallenged; Jackson Lee (No. 76), as modified, that directs the Department of Defense to prepare contingency plans to assist relief organizations in delivery of humanitarian assistance efforts in South Sudan and to engage in consultation with South Sudan military counterparts to deescalate conflict; Norman (No. 77) that requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to keep separate the accounts of the Overseas Contingency Operations and the Department of Defense; Cicilline (No. 78) that provides that the Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Office of Management and Budget to update guidelines for the proper use of funds within the Overseas Contingency Operations account consistent with the recommendations of GAO Report GA0-17-68; Soto (No. 79) that directs the Secretary of Defense to monitor space weather and to provide alerts and warnings for space weather phenomena that may affect weapons systems, military operations, or the defense of the United States; Correa (No. 80) that requires the Department of Defense to update its cyber strategy; to require the President to develop a strategy for the offensive use of cyber capabilities; and to allow for technical assistance to North Atlantic Treaty Organization members; Aguilar (No. 81) that creates a talent management pilot program for the recruitment, training, professionalization, and retention of personnel in the cyber workforce of the Department of Defense; Cooper (No. 82) that clarifies that report on implementation of a plan to mitigate risks to strategic stability is required; Jackson Lee (No. 83) that directs the Secretary of Defense to develop measures to defend against deployment of nuclear ICBMs by North Korea to protect against damage or destruction of satellites critical to U.S. national defense and global communications, International Space Station, and other vital assets; Culberson (No. 84) that provides competitively awarded grant funding for the preservation of our nation's historic battleships; requires grantees to provide a 1:1 matching of any federal funding received pursuant to this grant program; the grant program sunsets on September 30, 2024; LaMalfa (No. 85) that prohibits funds or resources from being used by the Secretary of the Air Force to continue an accelerated rehabilitation plan to return approximately 927 acres of Modoc National Forest land occupied by the Over-the-Horizon-Backscatter Radar (OTHB) station in Modoc County, CA, per an agreement with Modoc National Forest with the exception of the removal of the perimeter fence surrounding the radar site; Norman (No. 86) that requires the Department of Defense to update the March 2016 report on "Department of Defense Infrastructure Capacity"; and

Lujan (No. 87) that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should compensate and recognize all of the miners, workers, downwinders, and others suffering from the effects of uranium mining and nuclear testing carried out during the Cold War.

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Rejected:

Nadler amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-212) that sought to strike section 1023 of the bill prohibiting the use of funds to construct or modify facilities in the United States to house detainees transferred from Guantanamo Bay.

Pages H5727-29

Proceedings Postponed:

Conaway amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-212) that seeks to prohibit the DoD from entering new biofuels contracts while sequestration remains law; once sequestration expires or is repealed, it seeks to amend current law to require the DoD to include calculations of any financial contributions made by other federal agencies for biofuels purchases;

Pages H5721-23

Polis amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-212) that seeks to reduce the base Defense Department budget by 1 percent excluding military/reserve/National Guard personnel, as well as Defense Health Program account;

Pages H5723-24

Jayapal amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-212) that seeks to express the sense of Congress that any authorization to appropriate increases to combined budgets of National Defense Budget (050) and Overseas Contingency Operations should be matched for non-defense discretionary budget;

Pages H5724-26

Nadler amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-212) that seeks to strike section 1022 of the bill prohibiting the use of funds for transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay to the United States;

Pages H5726-27

Blumenauer amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-212) that seeks to modify Sec. 1244 to include limitations on the development of an INF range groundlaunched missile system;

Pages H5729-30

Aguilar amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-212) that seeks to extend a currently required CBO cost estimate review on the fielding, maintaining, modernization, replacement, and life extension of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons delivery systems from covering a 10-year period to covering a 30-year period;

Pages H5731-33

Garamendi amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-212) that seeks to modify and extend the scope of the report required by Section 1043 of the Fiscal Year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act;

Pages H5733-34

Blumenauer amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212) that seeks to limit spending on the Long Range Standoff weapon (LRSO) until the Administration submits a Nuclear Posture Review to Congress including a detailed assessment of the weapon;

Pages H5734–35

McClintock amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212) that seeks to strike section 2702, the prohibition on conducting an additional round of Base Realignment and Closure; and

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Rogers (AL) amendment (No. 88 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–212) that seeks to amend section 1043 of the FY2012 National Defense Authorization Act to state that the Secretary may include information and data on the costs of nuclear weapons modernization beyond the currently required 10-year window if the Secretary determines such is accurate and useful.

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H. Res. 431, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2810) and (H.R. 23) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 348, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 347.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:13 p.m. and reconvened at 12:36 a.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5483–84, H5484–85, H5485, H5530–31, H5532, and H5532–33. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:37 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017.

## Committee Meetings

### THE NEXT FARM BILL: TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN SPECIALTY CROPS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Technology and Innovation in Specialty Crops”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Agriculture Appropriations Bill, FY 2018; and the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, FY 2018. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill, FY 2018; and the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, FY 2018 were ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Interior, Environment, and Related

Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018. The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a markup on the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2018. The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2018 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### REDEFINING JOINT EMPLOYER

### STANDARDS: BARRIERS TO JOB CREATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Redefining Joint Employer Standards: Barriers to Job Creation and Entrepreneurship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS: BATTLES IN THE STATES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Combating the Opioid Crisis: Battles in the States”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Boss, Director, Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, Rhode Island; Brian J. Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Virginia; Boyd K. Rutherford, Lieutenant Governor, Maryland; and John Tilley, Secretary, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky.

### EXAMINING MEDICAL PRODUCT MANUFACTURER COMMUNICATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Medical Product Manufacturer Communications”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### EXAMINING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE TARGETED REGULATORY RELIEF TO COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Legislative Proposals to

Provide Targeted Regulatory Relief to Community Financial Institutions". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BEYOND MICROFINANCE: EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Beyond Microfinance: Empowering Women in the Developing World". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE: THE FY 2018 BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled "Advancing U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere: The FY 2018 Budget Request". Testimony was heard from Francisco Palmieri, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Sarah-Ann Lynch, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### BLACK FLAGS OVER MINDANAO: TERRORISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled "Black Flags over Mindanao: Terrorism in Southeast Asia". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 469, the "Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017"; and H.R. 2851, the "Stop the Importation and Trafficking of Synthetic Analogues Act of 2017". H.R. 469 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2851 was ordered reported, as amended.

### EVALUATING FEDERAL OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled "Evaluating Federal Offshore Oil and Gas Development on the Outer Continental Shelf". Testimony was heard from Katharine MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION—ACQUISITION OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Sub-

committee on Information Technology held a joint hearing entitled "General Services Administration—Acquisition Oversight and Reform". Testimony was heard from Alan Thomas, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration; and Rob Cook, Deputy Commissioner of Technology Transformation Service, General Services Administration.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2810, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018" {amendment consideration}. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–2, a structured rule for further consideration of H.R. 2810. The rule provides for no further general debate. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. 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 the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. In section 3, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc at any time consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cook, Franks of Arizona, Turner, Garamendi, Langevin, O'Rourke, Suozzi, Veasey, Hastings, McGovern, Polis, Comstock, Davidson, Donovan, Griffith, Hurd, Lewis of Minnesota, Mast, Pittenger, Rogers of Alabama, Thomas J. Rooney of Florida, Stewart, Tenney, Westerman, Young of Alaska, Cooper, Cuellar, Doggett, Jackson Lee, Pascrell, Plaskett, and Schiff.

## U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION AND FIRE GRANT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION: EXAMINING EFFECTIVENESS AND PRIORITIES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “U.S. Fire Administration and Fire Grant Programs Reauthorization: Examining Effectiveness and Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Denis Onieal, Acting Administrator, United States Fire Administration; Gavin Horn, Research Program Director, Illinois Fire Service Institute; H. “Butch” Browning, Jr., State Fire Marshall, Louisiana; John Sinclair, Fire Chief, Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue, Washington; and public witnesses.

## HELP OR HINDRANCE? A REVIEW OF SBA’S OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Help or Hindrance? A Review of SBA’s Office of the Chief Information Officer”. Testimony was heard from Maria Roat, Chief Information Officer, Small Business Administration.

## IMPLEMENTING THE FEDERAL ASSETS SALE AND TRANSFER ACT (FASTA): MAXIMIZING TAXPAYER RETURNS AND REDUCING WASTE IN REAL ESTATE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Implementing the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA): Maximizing Taxpayer Returns and Reducing Waste in Real Estate”. Testimony was heard from Tim Horne, Acting Administrator, General Services Administration; Brett Simms, Director, Capital Asset Management Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kevin B. Acklin, Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor William Peduto, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and a public witness.

## CARE WHERE IT COUNTS: ASSESSING VA’S CAPITAL ASSET NEEDS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Care Where It Counts: Assessing VA’s Capital Asset Needs”. Testimony was heard from Debra Draper, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office; James M. Sullivan, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup 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 H.R. 3169, the “VA Acquisition Workforce Improvement and Streamlining Act”. H.R. 2006, H.R. 2749, H.R. 2781, and H.R. 3169 were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup on H.R. 282, the “Military Residency Choice Act”; H.R. 1690, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act”; and H.R. 2772, the “SEA Act”. H.R. 282 and H.R. 2772 were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment. H.R. 1690 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

## Joint Meetings

### U.S. JOB VACANCIES

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine a record six million United States job vacancies, focusing on reasons and remedies, after receiving testimony from Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Washington, D.C.; David T. Harrison, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio; Scot McLemore, Honda North America, Inc., Marysville, Ohio; and Betsey Stevenson, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine opportunities in global and local markets, specialty crops, and organics, focusing on perspectives for the 2018 Farm Bill, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, “Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

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 Transportation, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the attempted coup in Montenegro and malign Russian influence in Europe, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine reopening the American frontier, focusing on promoting partnerships between commercial space and the United States government to advance exploration and settlement, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 10:15 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, and Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, and William J. Emanuel, of California, both to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of 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, Damien Michael Schiff, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Timothy J. Kelly, and Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and John W. Huber, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah, and Jeffrey Bossert Clark, of Virginia, and Beth Ann Williams, of New Jersey, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled “The Future of Farming: Technological Innovations, Opportunities, and Challenges for Producers”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee, markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill, FY 2018; the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, FY 2018; and the Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of the Budget Allocations, FY 2018, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, markup on the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, 3 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2018, 4:30 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Opportunities for State Leadership of Early Childhood Programs”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment, markup on legislation on the Drinking Water System Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment, hearing entitled “Impact of the DOL Fiduciary Rule on the Capital Markets”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “America’s Interests in the Middle East and North Africa: The President’s FY 2018 Budget Request”, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “The Persistent Threat: al Qaeda’s Evolution and Resilience”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Task Force on Denying Terrorists Entry into the United States, hearing entitled “The Terrorist Diaspora: After the Fall of the Caliphate”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “The Impact of Bad Patents on American Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Comparing 21st Century Trust Land Acquisition with the Intent of the 73rd Congress in Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce; and Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, joint hearing entitled “The Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act: State of Small Business Contracting”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Processing of Gulf War Illness Claims”, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Maximizing Access and Resources: An Examination of VA Productivity and Efficiency”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Tax Policy, hearing on “How Tax Reform Will Help America’s Small Businesses Grow and Create New Jobs”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3178, the “Medicare Part B Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 3168, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide continued access to specialized Medicare Advantage plans for special needs individuals, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1843, the “Restraining Excessive Seizure of Property through the Exploitation of Civil Forfeiture Tools Act”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee, markup on the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

## Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to receive a briefing on energy insecurity in Russia’s periphery, 3:30 p.m., SD-G11.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
12:30 p.m., Thursday, July 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Thursday, July 13

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of William Francis Hagerty IV, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Japan, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Continue consideration of H.R. 2810—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Subject to a Rule).

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