

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4029–S4059

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1572–1577. **Page S4056**

Bush Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of John Kenneth Bush, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S4038–51**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 19, 2017; and that the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S4059**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 92 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 162), Patrick M. Shanahan, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. **Pages S4031–38, S4059**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—162) **Page S4038**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4059.)

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Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018".

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Paul J. Selva, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer, Ellen M. Lord, of Rhode Island, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Lucian Niemeyer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, who was introduced by former Senator John Warner, and Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ACHIEVING A 355-SHIP NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to receive testimony on options and considerations for achieving a 355-

ship Navy from former Reagan administration officials, after receiving testimony from John F. Lehman, Jr., former Secretary of the Navy; Everett Pyatt, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Shipbuilding and Logistics; and William J. Schneider, Jr., former Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of J. Paul Compton, Jr., of Alabama, to be General Counsel, and Anna Maria Farias, of Texas, and Neal J. Rackleff, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Richard Ashooh, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Elizabeth Erin Walsh, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, and Christopher Campbell, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENERGY AND RESOURCE SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status and outlook for United States and North American energy and resource security, after receiving testimony from Brigadier General Stephen A. Cheney, USMC (Ret.), American Security Project, and Jamie Webster, Boston Consulting Group Center for Energy Impact, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert Coward, American Nuclear Society, Alexandria, Virginia; Daniel McGroarty, Carmot Strategic Group Inc., Ashton, Maryland; and Mark P. Mills, Manhattan Institute, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

EXAMINE COMPREHENSIVE TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine comprehensive tax reform, focusing on prospects and challenges, after receiving testimony from Mark J. Mazur, Urban Brookings Tax Policy Center, Pamela F. Olson, Eric Solomon, and Jonathan Talisman, all former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David J. Kautter, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, who was introduced by Senator Johnson, Nathan Alexander Sales, of Ohio, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, who was introduced by Senator Portman, George Edward Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, who was introduced by Senator Wyden, and Carl C. Risch, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary (Consular Affairs), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THE FOUR FAMINES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy concluded a hearing to examine “The Four Famines”, focusing on root causes and a multilateral action plan, after receiving testimony from Matthew Nims, Acting Director, Office of Food for Peace, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; David Beasley, United Nations World Food Program, Society Hill, South Carolina; Justin Forsyth, United Nations Children’s Fund, New York, New York; Dominik Stillhart, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland; Deepmala Mahla, Mercy Corps, Juba, South Sudan; and Eric Schwartz, Refugees International, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

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