

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4123–S4163

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1616–1623, and S. Res. 229–230. **Pages S4135–36**

Measures Reported:

S. 595, to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with additional flexibility to expedite the hiring process for applicants for law enforcement positions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–133)

S. 760, to expand the Government’s use and administration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–134)

S. 756, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris. (S. Rept. No. 115–135)

S. 1096, to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–136) **Page S4135**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and

for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 166), David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—166) **Page S4130**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 11:19 p.m., until 12 noon on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4139.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3356–3357, 3359–3361, 3363–3376; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 72; and H. Res. 469–472, were introduced. **Pages H6212–13**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6214–15**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on July 21, 2017 as follows:

H.R. 3353, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–237);

H.R. 3354, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–238);

H.R. 3355, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–239); and

H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027 (H. Rept. 115–240).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1927, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–241);

S. 249, to provide that the pueblo of Santa Clara may lease for 99 years certain restricted land, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–242);

H.R. 2749, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–243);

H.R. 3358, making appropriations for the Departments of labor, health, and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–244);

H.R. 282, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers to elect to use the same residences as the servicemembers (H. Rept. 115–245);

H.R. 2006, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the procurement practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–246);

H.R. 3218, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–247, Part 1);

H.R. 2772, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for requirements relating to the reassignment of Department of Veterans Affairs senior executive employees (H. Rept. 115–248);

H.R. 1690, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–249);

H.R. 2781, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certify the sufficient participation of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and small business concerns owned by veterans with service-connected disabilities in contracts under the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–250);

H.R. 3180, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–251);

H. Res. 468, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Arbitration Agreements” (H. Rept. 115–252); and

H.R. 3362, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–253).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017: H.R. 3218, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 409;

Pages H6158–70, H6197–98

Military Residency Choice Act: H.R. 282, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers to elect to use the same residences as the servicemembers;

Pages H6170–71, H6198

Veterans Affairs Provider Equity Act: H.R. 1058, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Pages H6171–72, H6198

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”

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Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act: H.R. 1690, amended, to amend title

38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Pages H6172–73, H6198

Veterans Affairs Medical Scribe Pilot Act of 2017: H.R. 1848, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the use of medical scribes in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers;

Pages H6173–74, H6198–99

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the use of medical scribes in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.”

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Veterans Affairs Procurement Efficiency and Transparency Act: H.R. 2006, to amend title 38, United States Code, and to improve the procurement practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2017: H.R. 2749, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans;

Pages H6175–76, H6199

Ensuring Veteran Enterprise Participation in Strategic Sourcing Act: H.R. 2781, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certify the sufficient participation of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and small business concerns owned by veterans with service-connected disabilities in contracts under the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative;

Pages H6176–78, H6199

Small Business Investment Opportunity Act of 2017: H.R. 2333, amended, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount of leverage made available to small business investment companies;

Pages H6178–79

Microloan Modernization Act of 2017: H.R. 2056, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program;

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Investing in Main Street Act of 2017: 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

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Authorizing the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States

Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries: H.R. 3298, amended, to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Requesting the Senate return to the House H.J. Res. 76: The House agreed to H. Res. 469, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives request the Senate to return to the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission.

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Suspensions: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018: H.R. 3180, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 407; and

Pages H6187–95, H6196

Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act: S. 114, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 408.

Pages H6151–58, H6196–97

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–57).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6150.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6196, H6197, and H6197–98. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION RELATING TO “ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS”; DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 111, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Arbitration Agreements”; and H.R. 3219, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018” [Make America Secure Appropriations Act, 2018]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 111. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony on H.J. Res 111 was heard from Chairman Hensarling and Representative Waters. Testimony on H.R. 3219 was heard from Chairman Frelinghuysen, Chairman Brooks of Indiana, and Representatives Lamborn, Lowey, Yoder, Ryan of Ohio, Dent, Wasserman Schultz, Simpson, Kaptur, Granger, Visclosky, Carter of Texas, Roybal-Allard, Slaughter, McGovern, Polis, Barr, Courtney, Garamendi, Davidson, Gomez, Dunn, Langevin, Lee, Gohmert, Panetta, Graves of Louisiana, Suozzi, Hurd, Titus, Mast, Perry, and Young of Alaska.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine commodities, credit, and crop insurance, focusing on perspectives on risk management tools and trends for the 2018 Farm Bill, 8:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science and Related

Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018.”, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to receive testimony on options and considerations for achieving a 355-ship Navy from naval analysts, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine efforts on marine debris in the oceans and Great Lakes, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine developing and deploying advanced clean energy technologies, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine assessing the maximum pressure and engagement policy toward North Korea, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Stephen S. Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Evaluating DOD Equipment and Uniform Procurement in Iraq and Afghanistan”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight and Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1624, the “Municipal Finance Support Act of 2017”; H.R. 2864, the “Improving Access to Capital Act”; H.R. 3110, the “Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act”; H.R. 3321, the “National Strategy for Combating Terrorist, Underground, and Other Illicit Financing Act”; H.R. 3326, the “World Bank Accountability Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 442, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide certain documents in the Secretary’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to President Trump’s financial connections to Russia, certain illegal financial schemes, and related information, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Authorization for the Use of Military Force and Current Terrorist Threats”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Examining the President’s FY 2018 Budget Proposal for Europe and Eurasia”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Held for Ransom: The Families of Iran’s Hostages Speak Out”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Deter, Detect and Interdict: Technology’s Role in Securing the Border”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security, hearing entitled “Securing Air Cargo: Industry Perspectives”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “No Regulation Without Representation: H.R. 2887 and the Growing Problem of States Regulating Beyond Their Borders”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Assessing Current Conditions and Challenges at the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center in American Samoa”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Full Committee, begin markup on H.R. 825, the “Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act”; H.R. 873, the “Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act”; H.R. 965, the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation Act”; H.R. 1074, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”; H.R. 1418, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1491, the “Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1547, the “Udall Park Land Exchange Completion Act”; H.R. 2075, the “Crooked River Ranch Fire Protection Act”; H.R. 2083, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”; H.R. 2199, the “Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 2316, the “Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act of 2017”; H.R. 2371, the “Western Area Power Administration Transparency Act”; H.R. 2374, the “Eastern Nevada Economic Development and Land Management Improvement Act”; H.R. 2423, the “Washington County, Utah, Public Lands Management Implementation Act”; H.R. 2582, the “Confirming State Land Grants for Education Act”; H.R. 2611, the “Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act”; H.R. 2615, the “Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2017”; H.R. 2768, the “Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act”; H.R. 3115, the “Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017”; H.R. 3279, the “Helium Extraction Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3281, the “Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act”, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs; and Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled “Examining ‘Sue and Settle’ Agreements: Part II”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3219, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018” {Make America Secure Appropriations Act, 2018} {Meeting II}, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Examining Advancements in Biofuels: Balancing Federal Research and Market Innovation”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Coast Guard Sea, Land, and Air Capabilities, Part II”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “PTSD Claims: Assessing Whether VBA is Effectively Serving Veterans”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Internal Revenue Service’s Electronic Record Retention Policies: Improving Compliance”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 25 through July 28, 2017

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 25, to hold hearings to examine commodities, credit, and crop insurance, focusing on perspectives on risk management tools and trends for the 2018 Farm Bill, 8:30 a.m., SD-106.

July 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rostin Behnam, of New Jersey, Brian D. Quintenz, of Ohio, and Dawn DeBerry Stump, of Texas, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: July 25, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, 11 a.m., SD-192.

July 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

July 26, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

July 27, Full Committee, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, an original bill entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,

2018”, and an original bill entitled, “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018”, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: July 25, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to receive testimony on options and considerations for achieving a 355-ship Navy from naval analysts, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 27, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Re-appointment), and to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 25, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine efforts on marine debris in the oceans and Great Lakes, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Peter B. Davidson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Commerce, and Mark H. Buzby, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, and Ronald L. Batory, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 26, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 32, to provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, S. 357, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain exchanged non-public lands, S. 436, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, S. 467, to provide for the disposal of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, S. 468, to establish a procedure for resolving claims to certain rights-of-way, S. 614, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, S. 785, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans, S. 837, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Washington County, Utah, to authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Utah, S. 884, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with

a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 941, to withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, S. 1149, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to repeal a provision limiting the export of timber harvested from land conveyed to the Kake Tribal Corporation under that Act, S. 1230, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, S. 1271, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”, and S. 1548, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

July 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Brenda Burman, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, and Susan Combs, of Texas, and Douglas W. Domenech, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Interior, and Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, David S. Jonas, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, and Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, all of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 25, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine developing and deploying advanced clean energy technologies, 10 a.m., SD-406.

July 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1514, to amend certain Acts to reauthorize those Acts and to increase protections for wildlife, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 25, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine assessing the maximum pressure and engagement policy toward North Korea, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

July 26, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine South Sudan’s conflict and famine; to be immediately followed by a full committee hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Arthur Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Maria E. Brewer, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, and John P. Desrocher, of New York, to be Ambassador to the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2018”, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 26, business meeting to consider S. 873, to amend section 8433 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from the Thrift Savings Fund, S. 288, to require notice and comment for

certain interpretative rules, S. 886, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an Acquisition Review Board in the Department of Homeland Security, S. 906, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for congressional notification regarding major acquisition program breaches, S. 1199, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize the Border Enforcement Security Task Force program within the Department of Homeland Security, S. 938, to require notice of cost-free Federal procurement technical assistance in connection with registration of small business concerns in procurement systems, S. 1208, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may elect to have the United States Postal Service use the Hold for Pickup service or the Signature Confirmation service in delivering the document, S. Con. Res. 15, expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2017, as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day”, H.R. 1293, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees, H.R. 1117, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster, H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency, H.R. 195, to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States, H.R. 194, to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and an original bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Judicial Conference of the United States to redact sensitive information contained in financial disclosure reports of judicial officers and employees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 26, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal infrastructure permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 26, business meeting to consider 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, and H.R. 984, 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; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office reports on human trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Stephen S. Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Foreign Agents Registration Act and attempts to influence United States elections, focusing on lessons learned from current and prior administrations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: July 26, business meeting to consider S. 1598, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 25, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 27, Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup pending intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 26, to hold hearings to examine progress toward a cure for Type I Diabetes, focusing on research and the artificial pancreas, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

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Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 26, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Assessing the U.S.-Qatar Relationship”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 27, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 259, expressing concern and condemnation over the political,

economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela; H. Res. 311, recognizing that for 50 years the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has worked toward stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia; H.R. 2061, the “North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2408, the “Protecting Girls’ Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H. Res. 422, urging adherence to the “one country, two systems” policy as prescribed in the Joint Declaration between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the Question of the Hong Kong; H. Res. 445, honoring the life and legacy of Liu Xiaobo for his steadfast commitment to the protection of human rights, political freedoms, free markets, democratic elections, government accountability, and peaceful change in the People’s Republic of China; H.R. 2732, the “North Korea Travel Control Act”; and H.R. 3320, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes, 2:15 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “U.S. Interests in the Asia-Pacific: FY 2018 Budget Hearing”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2626, the “Strong Visa Integrity Secures America Act”; H.R. 2805, to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program; H.R. 3202, the “Cyber Vulnerability Disclosure Reporting Act”; H.R. 3284, the “Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series Act of 2017”; H.R. 3328, the “Cuban Airport Security Act of 2017”; legislation to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 447, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Department of Homeland Security policies and activities relating to businesses owned or controlled by President Donald J. Trump, 11:30 a.m., HVC-210.

July 27, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Employee Misconduct: How Can FEMA Improve the Integrity of its Workforce”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

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July 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Need for the Balanced Budget Amendment”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 27, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Antitrust Concerns and the FDA Approval Process”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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July 27, Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Challenges to the Freedom of Speech on College Campuses”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, July 25

Senate Chamber

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House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 111—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Arbitration Agreements” (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the Rules: 1) H.R. 3178—Medicare Part B Improvement Act of 2017; 2) H.R. 2182—Plum Island Preservation Act; and 3) H.R. 3364—Russia, Iran, and North Korea Sanctions Act.

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