

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4227–S4348

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1632–1640, and S. Res. 232–233. **Pages S4299–S4300**

Measures Considered:

American Health Care Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1628, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2017, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4227–97**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 169), Enzi (for Paul) Amendment No. 271 (to Amendment No. 267), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4227–52**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 170), Donnelly motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions. **Pages S4227, S4252**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 171), Casey motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back with instructions. **Pages S4252–59, S4262**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 267, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4227**

McConnell (for Daines) Modified Amendment No. 340 (to Amendment No. 267), to provide for comprehensive health insurance coverage for all United States residents, improved healthcare delivery. **Page S4263**

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

By 10 yeas to 90 nays (Vote No. 172), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Enzi (for Heller) Amendment No. 288 (to Amendment No. 267), to express the sense of the Senate that Medicaid expansion is a priority and that Obamacare must be improved. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional

Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S4256–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 27, 2017, with the time until 2:15 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to McConnell (for Daines) Modified Amendment No. 340 (to Amendment No. 267) (listed above).

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—172) **Pages S4252, S4262–63**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4348.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell

George, Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Tester; Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and John Ruhs, Acting Deputy Director for Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1514, to amend certain Acts to reauthorize those Acts and to increase protections for wildlife, with amendments.

SOUTH SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine South Sudan’s conflict and famine, after receiving testimony from Joshua Meservey, The Heritage Foundation, and Payton Knopf, and Aly Verjee, both of the United States Institute of Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1584, 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;

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. 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, with an amendment;

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, with amendments;

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; and

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.

ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE U.S. ELECTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held 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, after receiving testimony from Adam S. Hickey, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Bill Priestap, Assistant Director, Counter-intelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, all of the Department of Justice. Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1598, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

TYPE I DIABETES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine progress toward a cure for Type I Diabetes, focusing on research and the artificial pancreas, after receiving testimony from Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Angie and Jonathan Platt, Encino, California, Charlie Albair, Gray, Maine, and Lorynn Watt, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, all of the JDRF 2017 Children’s Congress; and Paul Sparks, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 3399–3440; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 73; and H. Res. 476–477, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2937, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–260); and

H. Res. 478, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3219) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 115–261).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend William D. Johnson, Jr., Harbour Lake Baptist Church, Goose Creek, South Carolina.

Pages H6309–10

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the instructions in each of amendments numbered 60, 61, and 66 printed in House Report 115–259 be modified by striking “the division” and inserting “division D”.

Pages H6326–27

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

Securely Expediting Clearances Through Reporting Transparency Act of 2017: H.R. 3210, amended, to require the Director of the National Background Investigations Bureau to submit a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance investigations;

Pages H6327–28

Escambia County Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 2370, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance;

Pages H6328–30

African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2017: H.R. 1927, amended, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network; and

Pages H6330–31

Calling for the unconditional release of United States citizens and legal permanent resident aliens being held for political purposes by the Government of Iran: H. Res. 317, amended, calling for the unconditional release of United States citizens and legal permanent resident aliens being held for political purposes by the Government of Iran.

Pages H6331–35

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 3219, pursuant to House Resolution 473, amendments numbered 32 and 35 printed in House Report 115–259 may be offered out of sequence.

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Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018: The House began consideration of H.R. 3219, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 27th.

Pages H6335–6428, H6428–37, H6437–62

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–30 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read.

Agreed to:

Love amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that expands the permissible uses of MRA funds that have been designated for Member security to include residential security systems that do not constitute structural improvements to Members’ homes;

Pages H6409–10

Kildee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that increases the House Wounded Warrior Program by \$250,000; this program provides wounded veterans with employment opportunities with the House of Representatives;

Pages H6410–11

Cicilline amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that increases funds in order to provide designated baby changing stations for members of the public who visit publicly accessible buildings controlled by the Architect of the Capitol, including in both male and female publicly accessible bathrooms;

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Russell amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that prohibits the printed distribution of the Federal Register to House offices, unless an office requests a printed copy; **Pages H6417–18**

Dent en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–259: Barr (No. 12) that transfers \$5 million from the Department of Veterans Affairs General Administration account to the VA's Equine Assisted Therapy Grant Program; Kilhuen (No. 14) that cuts and restores funding for medical services in the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to emphasize the responsibility of the Department Veterans Affairs to provide services to veterans and maintain health care clinics in rural communities; Beyer (No. 15) that requires Vet Centers develop a program to partner with organizations that provide outdoor experiences for veterans as part of a continuum of care that helps support veterans in developing a community of support to treat combat-related injuries; Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) (No. 16) that prioritizes funding for hiring more doctors, nurses, and medical staff at VA medical centers; Norcross (No. 17) that specifies \$5 million of funds for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD) research for the purpose of studying the issues affecting veterans with PTSD and an opioid dependency; Keating (No. 18) that directs the VA to create an opioid abuse healthcare kit for community healthcare providers; Jackson Lee (No. 22) that increases the amount of funding for Supportive Services for Veterans Families by \$2 million offset by a reduction of a \$2.5 million in the funding for the VA's Information Technology Systems; Jackson Lee (No. 25) that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the U.S. Code regarding benefits for homeless veterans in training and outreach programs; and Connolly (No. 26) that prohibits the use of funds for charging homeless veterans a fee to obtain a veterans identification card; **Pages H6419–21**

Ratcliffe amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that prohibits funds from being used to propose, plan, or execute a new round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC); **Pages H6422–23**

Brat amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs from spending money on a study that causes significant pain or distress to dogs; clarifies that training programs or studies of service dogs are not included in the ban on funding; **Pages H6423–24**

Bergman amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that increases the Investigations account under the Army Corps of Engineers by \$1,000,000 and reduces Army Corps Expenses by the same amount; **Page H6425**

Simpson en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept.

115–259: Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) (No. 29) that provides \$10 million for environmental infrastructure for authorized reimbursements for projects with executed project cooperation agreements that have completed construction or where non-federal sponsors intend to use the funds for additional water resources development activities; Welch (No. 30) that funds the following projects at the authorized level of \$10M: section 1177 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (PL 114–322) authorized efforts to construct control gates, spillways, and dam safety improvements for aging flood control reservoirs built by the Army Corps of Engineers; Curbelo (No. 33) that increases funding within the Construction account for Army Corps Environmental Infrastructure by \$45,000,000 and decreases the Construction account by \$45,000,000; Nolan (No. 34) that increases the Army Corps' Operation and Maintenance budget by \$325,000 with the intention to provide more funding for the Aquatic Nuisance Control Research program currently funded at \$675,000; Larson (CT) (No. 45) that increases funding for EERE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies program; Takano (No. 47) that restores the Energy Innovation Hubs in the Office of Science, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Nuclear Energy; DeSaulnier (No. 48) that restores \$1.2 million in funding for the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program; Stivers (No. 66) that states that none of the funds made available by division D may be used for the Cape Wind Energy Project on the Outer Continental Shelf off Massachusetts, Nantucket Sound; Gallagher (No. 67) that provides \$10,000,000 for "Department of Energy—Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability" for energy storage systems demonstrations as authorized by section 641 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and decreases The Department of Energy-Departmental Administration by the same amount; Brownley (No. 68) that states none of the funds made available by this Act may be used in contravention of section 2102 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 or section 210 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986; and Rodney Davis (IL) (No. 69) that makes no funds available to the Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) to require an economic re-evaluation of any project authorized under title VIII of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007;

Pages H6426–27

Mast amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that increases Aquatic Plant Control Research Program by \$500,000.00 and aims to (1) provide science-based guidance on developing or using new technologies for managing, preventing, and monitoring aquatic invasive species; (2) improve the

efficacy and diversity of available management options; (3) reduce the impacts of aquatic invasive species on federally listed (threatened and endangered) species; (4) reduce operations and maintenance costs associated with aquatic invasive species management; and (5) develop solutions regarding these species based on field needs;

Pages H6429–30

Heck amendment (No. 35 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that provides funding for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study on the extent to which the agency has used low impact development to comply with Sec. 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110–140);

Pages H6430–31

McKinley amendment (No. 42 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that increases fossil energy funding to 2017 funding levels;

Pages H6436–37

Perry amendment (No. 43 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that increases funding for EERE by \$15,000,000 and decreases funding for Department of Energy departmental administration by \$15,000,000;

Pages H6437–38

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 49 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that redirects \$1 million in funding within the Departmental Administration account in order to address environmental concerns in both urban and rural settings;

Pages H6439–40

Foster amendment (No. 51 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that reduces the NNSA Weapons Account by \$10,000,000 and increases the account by the same amount, to be used to fight bioterror;

Pages H6441–42

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 56 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that allocates an additional \$3 million for post-disaster watershed assessment studies (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 425);

Pages H6446–48, H6454

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 57 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that allocates an additional \$100 million for Army Corps of Engineers construction projects related to flood control;

Pages H6454–55

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 58 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that prohibits use of funds in contravention of the Department of Energy Organization Act and addresses the need to increase programs that educate minorities in science, technology, engineering and math;

Pages H6455–56

Gosar amendment (No. 59 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that prohibits use of funds in contravention of the Department of Energy Organization Act and addresses the need to increase programs that educate minorities in science, technology, engineering and math; and

Pages H6456–57

Burgess amendment (No. 61 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that states that limitation amendment pertaining to lightbulb energy efficiency regulations.

Pages H6458–59

Rejected:

Connolly amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to increase funding for the Government Accountability Office (GAO);

Pages H6408–09

Shea Porter amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to prohibit the use of funds from Members Representative Allowances to mail any unsolicited mass mailing larger than the size of a standard US postcard;

Pages H6416–17

Mitchell amendment (No. 36 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to reduce by 10% the general administrative expense accounts of the USACE, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of the Interior, and Department of Energy. Transfers the savings to the Spending Reduction Account;

Pages H6428–29

Kaptur amendment (No. 37 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to strike section 108 on page 277, line 12, which authorizes the Administrator of the EPA and the Secretary of the Army to withdraw the WOTUS rule without regard to any provision of statute or regulation that establishes a requirement for such withdrawal;

Pages H6431–32

Quigley amendment (No. 40 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to cuts \$921 million from the Department of Energy nuclear weapons activities account and add \$921 million to the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE);

Pages H6434–35

Polis amendment (No. 41 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to increase funds for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account by \$986,292,000 (to FY17 level) and decrease funds for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$634,600,000 and reduce the National Nuclear Security Administration Weapons Activities account by \$352,000,000;

Pages H6435–36

Kihuen (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to strike language that would prohibit closure of the Yucca Mountain project;

Pages H6445–46

Perry amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to reduce the appropriation to the Congressional Budget Office (by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 314 noes, Roll No. 416);

Pages H6411–12, H6448

Griffith amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to eliminate the Budget Analysis Division of the Congressional Budget Office and transfers the duties of that division to the Office of the Director of CBO (by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 417);

Pages H6412–15, H6449

Takano amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to appropriate \$2.5 million to re-institute the Office of Technology Assessment

(OTA), offset from funds from the Architect of the Capitol's Capital Construction and Operations Account (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 418);

Pages H6415–16, H6449–50

King (IA) amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to ensure that no funds are used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 419);

Pages H6424–25, H6450

Castor (FL) amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$177,000,000 and reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$355,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 420);

Pages H6432–33, H6451

Norcross amendment (No. 39 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to add \$161,725 million to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for research and development to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 421);

Pages H6433–34, H6451–52

Esty amendment (No. 44 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to increase funding to the Advanced Manufacturing Office within the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$20 million by cutting \$40 million from the Fossil Energy Research and Development; additional funding would enable the research, development, and deployment of industrial efficiency and clean energy manufacturing technologies (by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 422);

Pages H6438–39, H6452

Garamendi amendment (No. 52 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to reduce the Weapons Activities—Recapitalization—Infrastructure to the President's Budget level and increases the Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation account by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 423); and

Pages H6442–43, H6452–53

Pingree amendment (No. 54 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that sought to strike section 505 on page 325 that pertains to National Ocean Policy and Ocean Planning (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 424). **Pages H6444–6445, H6453–54**

Withdrawn:

Bergman amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced the Veterans Benefits Administration's General Operating Expenses account by \$30,000,000 and increases the Information Technology Systems Development, Modernization, and Enhancement account by the same amount;

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Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased Homeless Veteran Treatment by \$70 million, and decreased General expenses account by \$70 million; **Page H6421**

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prioritized funding for the construction of facilities that NNSA needs to meet its mission;

Pages H6440–41

Rosen amendment (No. 53 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have transferred to the Spending Reduction Account funding for Department of Energy disposal of defense nuclear waste, including acquisition of real property or facility construction/expansion;

Pages H6443–44

DelBene amendment (No. 60 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have ensured the Army Corps of Engineers is using taxpayer dollars on American-made anchor chain;

Pages H6457–58

Budd amendment (No. 64 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to be used to implement, administer, or enforce the prevailing wage requirements in subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Davis-Bacon Act); and

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Mitchell amendment (No. 70 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have ensured none of the funds in this act are used to delay the release of the USACE Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) Brand Road Study.

Pages H6461–62

Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment (No. 62 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that seeks to provide for a one percent across the board cut to the discretionary spending levels in Division D of the bill; and

Pages H6459–60

Perry amendment (No. 63 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce the final rule published by the Secretary of Energy entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps".

Pages H6460–61

H. Res. 473, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3219) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 415, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 414. **Pages H6313–26**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6325–26, H6325, H6448, H6449, H6449–50, H6450, H6451, H6451–52, H6452, H6453, H6453–54, and H6454. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:22 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

Committee Meetings

RENEGOTIATING NAFTA: OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Renegotiating NAFTA: Opportunities for Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPANDING OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS THROUGH EARN-AND-LEARN OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Expanding Options for Employers and Workers Through Earn-and-Learn Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POWERING AMERICA: A REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATION’S WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Powering America: A Review of the Operation and Effectiveness of the Nation’s Wholesale Electricity Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE EXTENSION OF SPECIAL NEEDS PLANS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Extension of Special Needs Plans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE U.S.-QATAR RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Assessing the U.S.-Qatar Relationship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a 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”; H.R. 3359, the “Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act of 2017”; 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. H.R. 3202, H.R. 3284, H.R. 3328, H.R. 3359, and H. Res. 447 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2626 and H.R. 2805 were ordered reported, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS’ STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Library of Congress’ Strategic Plan”. Testimony was heard from Carla D. Hayden, Librarian of Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 391, the “Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 446, resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the removal of former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey. H.R. 391 and H. Res. 446 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee completed a 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”. H.R. 825, H.R. 965, H.R. 1491, H.R. 2075, H.R. 2582, and H.R. 3115 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3281, H.R. 3279, H.R. 2611, H.R. 2615, H.R. 2768, H.R. 2083, H.R. 2199, H.R. 2316, H.R. 2371, H.R. 2374, H.R. 2423, H.R. 1547, H.R. 1074, H.R. 1418, and H.R. 873 were ordered reported, without amendment.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY: REAUTHORIZATION IN THE 115TH CONGRESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Office of National Drug Control Policy: Reauthorization in the 115th Congress”. Testimony was heard from Richard Baum, Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Diana Maurer, Director, Justice and Law Enforcement Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee, concluded a hearing on H.R. 3219, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018” [Make America Secure Appropriations Act, 2018] [Meeting II]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a structured rule for H.R. 3219. The rule provides that no further general debate shall be in order. The rule provides that the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution, and available pro forma amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 473. Each further amendment printed in part B of the report 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, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment except amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 473, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against further amendments printed in part B of the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer further amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of 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 Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment except amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 473, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 5, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of July 27, 2017, or July 28, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section.

STEM AND COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION: PREPARING THE 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “STEM and Computer Science Education: Preparing the 21st Century Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES FROM CYBER ATTACKS: THE CYBERSECURITY INSURANCE OPTION

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting Small Businesses from Cyber Attacks: the Cybersecurity Insurance Option”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JULY 27, 2017*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: 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: 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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider 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, 9:45 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, 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 (Reappointment), and to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2018”, and the nominations of David Steele Bohigian, of Missouri, to be Executive Vice President, and Ray Washburne, of Texas, to be President, both of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Kay Bailey Hutchison, of Texas, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Luis E. Arreaga, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Nathan Alexander Sales, of Ohio, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, George Edward Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Carl C. Risch, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary (Consular Affairs), Sharon Day, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Krishna R. Urs, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Kelly Knight Craft, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to Canada, Kelley Eckels Currie, of Georgia, to be Representative on the Economic

and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Jay Patrick Murray, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Robert Wood Johnson IV, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Lewis M. Eisenberg, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue oversight hearings to examine the Foreign Agents Registration Act and attempts to influence United States elections, focusing on lessons learned from current and prior Administrations, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to markup pending intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness: hearing entitled “Continued Oversight of the Transfer of Excess Military Equipment to Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies”, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 767, the “SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2017”; H.R. 772, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017”; H.R. 880, the “MISSION ZERO Act”; H.R. 931, the “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2017”; H.R. 2422, the “Action for Dental Health Act of 2017”; H.R. 3387, the “Drinking Water System Improvement Act”; and H.R. 3388, the “Designating Each Car’s Automation Level Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: 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”; H.R. 2408, the “Protecting Girls’ Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act”; H. Res. 128, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia; H. Res. 357, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada, recognizing bilateral cooperation that advances United States national

interests, and urging increased bilateral cooperation on security, economic issues, and energy, and for other purposes; H. Res. 359, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members; H. Res. 449, urging the Government of Kenya and Kenya's political parties to respect democratic principles and hold credible, peaceful, and transparent elections in August 2017; and H.R. 1918, the "Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act of 2017", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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.

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

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Need for the Balanced Budget Amendment", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1778, to provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes; H.R. 3117, the "Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2017"; and legislation to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "Combatting Homegrown Terrorism", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3180, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018", 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 437, of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession; H.R. 1735, the "Community Empowerment for Mitigated Properties Act of 2017"; H.R. 3176, the "Disaster Assistance Fairness and Accountability Act of 2017"; H. Con. Res. 69, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and H.R. 1758, the "Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2017", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, July 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1628, American Health Care Act, and vote on or in relation to McConnell (for Daines) Modified Amendment No. 340 (to Amendment No. 267) at 2:15 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3219—Make America Secure Appropriations Act, 2018 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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