

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3364, Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4349–S4608

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1641–1671, and S. Res. 234–236. **Pages S4425–26**

Measures Reported:

S. 1648, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–137)

S. 1655, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–138)

S. 1662, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–139)

S. Con. Res. 15, expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2017, as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day”, with an amendment.

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Measures Passed:

Wounded Officers Recovery Act: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3298, 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, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4361–62**

Flake Amendment No. 409, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4362**

Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act: By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 175), Senate passed H.R. 3364, to provide congressional review and to counter aggression by the Govern-

ments of Iran, the Russian Federation, and North Korea. **Pages S4387–89**

Measures Considered:

American Health Care Act: 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 S4349–61, S4362–87, S4389–S4415**

Adopted:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 177), Enzi (for Heller) Amendment No. 502 (to Amendment No. 267), to strike the sunset of the repeal of the tax on employee health insurance premiums and health plan benefits. **Pages S4389–99**

Rejected:

By a unanimous vote of 57 nays, 43 responding present (Vote No. 173), 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. **Pages S4350–70**

By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 176), Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Pages S4398–99**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 178), Murray motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions. **Pages S4400–15**

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 179), McConnell Amendment No. 667 (to Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4399–S4415**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 267, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4350**

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

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 174), 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 the waiver provisions of applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Enzi (for Strange) Amendment No. 389 (to Amendment No. 267), to provide for premium assistance for low-income individuals. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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Subsequently, H.R. 1628 was returned to the Senate Calendar.

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Newsom Nomination—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S4416**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4416**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 2017. **Page S4416**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 2017. **Page S4606**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

C.J. Mahoney, of Kansas, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative (Investment, Services, Labor, Environment, Africa, China, and the Western Hemisphere), with the rank of Ambassador.

John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Michael James Dodman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

J. Steven Dowd, of Florida, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Justin Hicks Siberell, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Halsey B. Frank, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Jeffrey B. Jensen, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Mark A. Klaassen, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

Byung J. Pak, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Brian D. Schroder, of Alaska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

D. Michael Hurst, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

William C. Lamar, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S4606–08**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S4606**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—179) **Pages S4370, S4386–87, S4389, S4398–99, S4415**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017 and adjourned at 1:56 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017, until 4 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4606.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill (S. 1662) entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”;

An original bill (S. 1655) entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”; and

An original bill (S. 1648) entitled, “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer, Ellen M. Lord, of Rhode Island, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Lucian Niemeyer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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 Ashoo, 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.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, 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.

ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE U.S. ELECTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from William Browder, Hermitage Capital Management, London, United Kingdom.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 90 public bills, H.R. 3441–3524; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 114–115; H. Con. Res. 74; and H. Res. 479, 482–484, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6520–21

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 480, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 114) 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 (H. Rept. 115–262); and

H. Res. 481, providing for consideration of the bill (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; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules; and providing for proceedings during the period from July 31, 2017, through September 4, 2017 (H. Rept. 115–263). **Pages H6513–14**

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. George Dillard, Peachtree Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia.

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Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018: The House passed H.R. 3219, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 435. Consideration began yesterday, July 26th. **Pages H6480–H6512**

Rejected the Roybal-Allard motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 434. **Pages H6510–11**

Agreed to:

Granger en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261: Jackson Lee (No. 1) that allocates \$2 million to provide the Secretary of Defense the flexibility needed for technical assistance by U.S. military women to military women in other countries combating violence as a weapon of war, terrorism, human trafficking, narcotics trafficking; Bridenstine (No. 2) that increases Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force, by \$5 million in order to continue funding for a commercial weather data pilot program; reduces Operation and Maintenance, Army, by the same amount; Lowenthal (No. 3) that increases the STARBASE fifth grade youth STEM education program found in Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, Civil Military Programs by \$5 million, and to reduce Operations and Maintenance, Army, Other Servicewide Activities by the offsetting amount; Collins (NY) (No. 4) that increases Air Force RDT&E funding to support qualification testing for next generation strategically radiation hardened microelectronic processors by reducing the Operation and Maintenance, Army account; Mast (No. 5) that increases Navy RTD&E funds for Cost-Effective Management of Environmental Regulatory Requirements to FY17 appropriated level; Shea-Porter (No. 6) that provides Department of Defense funding for a health impact study on perfluorinated chemicals, such as PFOA/PFOS, which were used by the military and have contaminated drinking water sources on and near military bases across the country; Meehan (No. 7) that decreases the Operation and Maintenance, Defense Wide account and increases the Environmental Restoration, Defense-Wide by \$10 million to allocate funds for the Secretary of Defense to enter into intergovernmental agreements to provide health screenings in communities near formerly used defense sites that have been exposed to

perfluoroctanesulfonic acid and perfluoroctanoic acid; Lance (No. 9) that allocates \$100,000 in Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide for the purposes of creating a commendation program for military working dogs and their handlers; Napolitano (No. 11) that ensures that funding for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program and STARBASE is \$194,897 million (\$169,897 million for Youth Challenge and \$25 million for STARBASE); Gallagher (No. 14) that shifts \$26.2M from defense-wide operation and maintenance to support MK-48 torpedo procurement; Hunter (No. 15) that increases funding for the Marine Corps Procurement by \$20M, offset by a \$20 million reduction to the O and M, Defense-Wide account to support installation of broadband Satellite communications tech for the Marine Corps MV-22s, under the NOTM-Airborne program; Rosen (No. 16) that increases funding for Army missile technology by \$6,000,000, offset by an equal decrease in Defense-wide operations and maintenance; Wilson (SC) (No. 17) that increases funding for the medical technology account within the Department of Defense; Shuster (No. 18) that provides \$20 million to support Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) derived technology for undersea warfare, offset with commensurate funds from the Operation and Maintenance Account, Defense-Wide; Soto (No. 19) that increases funding for Gulf War illness research under the Defense Health Program by \$1 million; Soto (No. 20) that increases funding for prostate cancer research under the Defense Health Program by \$10 million; McGovern (No. 21) that increases funding for a program to award competitive grants to nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations in the planning, designing, establishing, or operating of programs to provide service dogs to covered members and veterans; Nolan (No. 22) that provides an additional \$2 million for the Department of Defense's Lung Cancer Research Program and decreases the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account by the same amount; Delaney (No. 23) that provides for an additional \$5 million for the Fisher House Foundation which is offset by an outlay neutral reduction in the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account; Knight (No. 24) that adds \$16 million to Aircraft Procurement, Air Force account; Jackson Lee (No. 25) that reduces funding for Procurement, Defense-Wide, by \$10 million and increases funding for Defense Health Programs by a similar amount in order to address breast cancer research; Cheney (No. 26) that Ensures the Secretary is able to use restoration funds for missile defense requirements resulting from urgent or emergent operational needs; Paulsen (No. 28) that increases funding for Army Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation to assist the Army in qualifi-

fying new medium caliber ammunition rounds; Emmer (No. 29) that allocates an increase of \$5 million to Army RDT&E Environmental Quality and Technology for explosive Ordnance Disposal in co-operation with the Navy for the additional targeted research to demonstrate technology capable of both remotely defeating mines threatening our Naval forces, and remotely demilitarizing underwater munitions without damaging critical habitat; Garamendi (No. 32) that provides \$10 million for the purposes of carrying out a GPS backup technology demonstration; Langevin (No. 33) that supports the Missile Defense Agency's R&D efforts for directed energy solutions for boost phase missile defense; Brown (MD) (No. 34) that seeks a funding increase of \$4.135 million to Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions with a corresponding decrease of the same amount to Advanced Innovative Analysis and Concepts, in the Research, Development, Test & Eval, Defense-Wide section; Courtney (No. 36) that amends Section 8010 to provide multiyear authority for up to 13 Virginia class submarines; Palazzo (No. 37) that strikes the limitation on a DDG-51 multi-year procurement authority of "up to 10"; Welch (No. 40) that prohibits funds from being used to procure additional uniforms for the Afghan National Army; Delaney (No. 44) that prohibits funds from being used for the closure of a BSL4 laboratory; Conyers (No. 46) that states none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to provide arms, training, or other assistance to the Azov Battalion; Speier (No. 49) that increases the Sexual Assault Special Victims' Counsel Program by \$10 million; Jackson Lee (No. 50) that reduces funding for Operations and Maintenance-Defense Wide, by \$6.25 million and increases funding for Defense Health Care for PTSD by \$5 million; Langevin (No. 52) that supports the next phase of electromagnetic railgun development to bring the system closer to successful installation within the fleet; Nolan (No. 53) that provides an additional \$6 million for the Army, Research, Development Test and Evaluation account to support the United States Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center and decreases the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund by \$12 million; and Raskin (No. 54) that increases funding for the Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program by \$10 million, offset by a \$10 million decrease to Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide;

Pages H6493–94

Langevin amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that supports the reinvigoration of the DOD Cyber Scholarship Program; **Page H6496**

Grothman amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that reduces the Operation

and Maintenance, Defense-wide account by \$30 million and increase the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle account by \$30 million;

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Dunn amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that reduces the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force account by \$30 million and increases the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force to accelerate deployment of Air Force Major Range Test Facility Base (MRTFB) open-air range capabilities in the Eastern Gulf;

Pages H6499–H6500

DeSantis amendment (No. 47 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that prohibits funds from being used to purchase heavy water from Iran (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the Chair put the question *de novo*);

Pages H6505–07

Suozzi amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to increase Environmental Restoration, Navy funding by \$34,734,000 and decreases Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$34,734,000 (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 430);

Pages H6497–98, H6507

Brendan F. Boyle (PA) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that increases by \$30 million each the Navy Environmental Restoration Account and the Air Force Environmental Restoration Account for the purpose of remediating perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) drinking water contamination and outreach and engagement with local communities with impacted drinking water systems (by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 431); and

Pages H6498–99, H6507–08

Cartwright amendment (No. 43 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that prohibits the use of funds be used to plan for, begin, continue, complete, process, or approve a public-private competition to determine whether Federal civilian jobs should be outsourced (by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 433).

Pages H6503–04, H6509

Rejected:

Blackburn amendment (No. 62 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was debated on July 26th that sought to provide for a one percent across the board cut to the discretionary spending levels in Division D of the bill (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 285 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 428);

Pages H6491–92

Perry amendment (No. 63 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was debated on July 26th that sought 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”

(by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 429);

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Speier amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to specify that \$25 million appropriated for Defense Health Program research, development, test and evaluation may be used to award grants to medical researchers and universities to support research into early detection of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE);

Pages H6500–01

Foster amendment (No. 42 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to develop a space-based ballistic missile intercept layer;

Pages H6502–03

Davidson amendment (No. 45 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to prohibit use of funds with respect to military action in Yemen to the extent that such action is inconsistent with the War Powers Resolution; and

Pages H6504–05

Nadler amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to strike sections 8094 and 8095 relating to the release or transfer of detainees currently held at Guantanamo Bay to secure facilities in the United States and allows for funding to construct, acquire, or modify domestic facilities to host these relocated detainees (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 432).

Pages H6501–02, H6508–09

H. Res. 478, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3219) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 427, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 426.

Pages H6490–91

Wounded Officers Recovery Act of 2017: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3298, 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 5:26 p.m. and reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6491.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6490–91, H6491–92, H6492, H6507, H6507–08, H6508–09, H6509, H6510–11, and H6511–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OF THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Continued Oversight of the Transfer of Excess Military Equipment to Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Mike Cannon, Disposition Services, Defense Logistics Agency; Wayne McElrath, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Zina Merritt, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and Mike Scott, Deputy Director, Logistics Operations, Defense Logistics Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a 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”. H.R. 767, H.R. 772, H.R. 880, H.R. 931, H.R. 2422, H.R. 3387, and H.R. 3388 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a 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 Ethi-

opia; 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 Hezbollah 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”. H. Res. 128, H. Res. 259, H. Res. 311, H. Res. 357, H. Res. 359, H.R. 1918, and H.R. 2061 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 449 and H.R. 2408 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a 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 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. H. Res. 422 and H.R. 3320 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H. Res. 445 and H.R. 2732 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

U.S. INTERESTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC: FY 2018 BUDGET HEARING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Interests in the Asia-Pacific: FY 2018 Budget Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Susan Thornton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT: HOW CAN FEMA IMPROVE THE INTEGRITY OF ITS WORKFORCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing

entitled “Employee Misconduct: How Can FEMA Improve the Integrity of its Workforce”. Testimony was heard from David Grant, Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Chris P. Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

THE NEED FOR THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Need for the Balanced Budget Amendment”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ratcliffe, Scott of Virginia, Buchanan, Stivers, Amash, Loudermilk, and Murphy of Florida; and public witnesses.

ANTITRUST CONCERNs AND THE FDA APPROVAL PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Antitrust Concerns and the FDA Approval Process”. Testimony was heard from Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Markus Meier, Acting Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, and Assistant Director, Health Care Division, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cheney, Jenkins of West Virginia, and Emmer; and public witnesses.

CHALLENGES TO THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Challenges to the Freedom of Speech on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMBATTING HOMEgrown TERRORISM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Combating Homegrown Terrorism”. Testimony was heard from Kerry Sleeper, Assistant Director, Office of Partner Engagement, Federal Bureau of Investigation; George Selim, Director of Countering Violent Extremism, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BONUS TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3180, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”; and S. 114, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3180. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, and the bill as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of August 1, 2017. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from July 31, 2017, through September 4, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Finally, section 7 of the rule provides that each day during the period addressed

by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for the purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII. (motions to instruct conferees). The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for S. 114. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Roe of Tennessee and Representatives Walz, Nunes, Schiff, Hill, and Khanna.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a 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". H. Res. 437 and H. Con. Res 69 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1735, H.R. 3176, and H.R. 1758 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
4 p.m., Monday, July 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, July 28

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of S. 114—Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3180—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Subject to a Rule).

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