

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 601, Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5023–S5083

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1769–1783, S. Res. 250, and S. Con. Res. 24.

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Measures Reported:

S. 822, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–148)

S. 1395, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Delaware. (S. Rept. No. 115–149)

S. 1771, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–150)

Report to accompany S. 1761, 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. (S. Rept. No. 115–151)

S. 1780, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. (S. Rept. No. 115–152)

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Measures Passed:

Honoring the Heroism of Joseph Leon George: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 243, expressing the sense of the Senate that Joseph Leon George should be honored for heroism at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 24, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 601.

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Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 69, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

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Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 597, to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers, and the bill was then passed.

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Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1165, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture: 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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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 7, 2017, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2017.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 5:30 p.m.

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House Messages:

Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act: By 80 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 192), Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to H.R. 601, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, with McConnell Amendment No. 808 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill), in the nature of a substitute, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: Pages S5031–38

Rejected:

McConnell motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell (for Paul) Amendment No. 816, relating to supplemental appropriations. (By 87 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 189), Senate tabled the motion.) Pages S5031, S5035

McConnell motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions. (By 72 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 190), Senate tabled the motion.) Pages S5035–36

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 809 (to Amendment No. 808), to change the enactment date. Pages S5031, S5038

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

McConnell Amendment No. 817 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 816), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell (for Paul) Amendment No. 816 (listed above), was tabled. Pages S5031–32

McConnell Amendment No. 818 (to Amendment No. 817), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 817 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 816) (listed above), fell. Page S5032

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 191), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill with McConnell Amendment No. 808, (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill), in the nature of a substitute.

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Moment of Silence for 9/11 Victims—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the prayer and pledge on Monday, September 11, 2017, Senate observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001. Page S5078

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

R. Stan Baker, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

John W. Broomes, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Rebecca Grady Jennings, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Karen Gren Scholer, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Brett Joseph Talley, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Rainey R. Brandt, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Deborah J. Israel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth L. Branch, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Matthew J. Kacsmaruk, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Gregory G. Katsas, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Emily Coody Marks, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Jeffrey Carl Mateer, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—192) Pages S5035, S5036, S5038

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5078.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill (S. 1780) entitled, “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018”; and

An original bill (S. 1771) entitled, “Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1463, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council; and

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.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine evaluating sanctions enforcement and policy options on North Korea, including S. 1591, to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, after receiving testimony from Adam J. Szubin, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Anthony Ruggiero, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Woodbridge, Virginia; and John Park, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Korea Working Group, Belmont, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Murkowski, and Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor, who was introduced by Senator Risch, both of the Department of the Interior, and Richard Glick, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, and Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program, focusing on the path forward, after receiving testimony from Anne L. Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission; Linda Nablo, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services Chief Deputy Director, Richmond; and Leanna M. George, Benson, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gilbert B. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Matthew Bassett, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Robert Charrow, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

FEDERAL PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT STEERING COUNCIL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal infrastructure permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, after receiving testimony from Janet Pfleeger, Acting Executive Director, Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council; Terry L. Turpin, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Robyn S. Colosimo, Assistant for Water Resources Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense; Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Marc S. Gerken, American Municipal Power, Inc., Columbus, Ohio; and Brent Booker, North America's Building Trades Unions, William L. Kovacs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Scott Slesinger, Natural Resources Defense Council, all of Washington, D.C.

INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on governors, after receiving testimony from Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker, Boston; Montana Gov-

ernor Steve Bullock, Helena; Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, Nashville; Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert, Salt Lake City; and Colorado Governor John W. Hickenlooper, Denver.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 705, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Kurt G. Alme, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Donald Q. Cochran, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, Russell M. Coleman, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Bart M. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, Brian J. Kuester, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and R. Trent Shores, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3692–3710; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 117; and H. Res. 598, 510, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3326, to increase accountability, combat corruption, and strengthen management effectiveness at

the World Bank, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–298); and

H. Res. 509, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 601) to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education

and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–299).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Louis M. Murphy, Sr., Mount Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, FL.

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Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018: The House considered H.R. 3354, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 8th.

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Agreed to:

Hunter amendment (No. 77 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was debated on September 6th that transfers \$5 million dollars from the Coast Guard's Operations Expenses to its Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Account, for the purpose of supporting Coast Guard Icebreaker sea trials (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 463);

Pages H7117–18

Rogers (KY) en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295: Lowey (No. 90) that states a decrease/increase of funding for Diplomatic Policy and Support from the Diplomatic and Consular Programs account regarding deportation status of Mr. Jakiw Palij; Mitchell (No. 93) that prohibits the use of funds to attend a Canadian water resources conference in opposition to the construction of a deep geological repository for nuclear waste on the Canadian shore of Lake Huron; Valadao (No. 100) that ensures continued funding for de-mining projects in Nagorno-Karabakh, Azerbaijan; Lynch (No. 102) that increases funding for the Department of the Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance by \$4,545,000; Foster (No. 103) that reduces the NADR account by \$10,000,000 and increases the account by the same amount, to be used for the Synchrotron-Light for Experimental Science and Applications project in order to promote scientific diplomacy and peace in the Middle East; Budd (No. 104) that prevents funds from being used to honor the families of those engaged or connected to terrorist activity; Torres (No. 105) that provides an exemption from the withholding requirements that are set forth in Sections 7045(a)(3) of Division G, which

apply to all assistance for each of the central governments of Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador; Trott (No. 108) that prohibits the use of funds made available by the Department of State to close or merge the Office of International Religious Freedom; Schneider (No. 109) that prohibits the use of funds made available to the Department of State from being used to close or merge the Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism; Ted Lieu (CA) (No. 111) that prohibits the use of funds made available to the Department of State from being used to close or merge the Office of Global Criminal Justice; and Meeks (No. 117) that ensures none of the funds made available in this Act may be used to reduce the number of fellows in the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program, the Thomas Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program, or the Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship Program below current levels;

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Gaetz amendment (No. 113 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that prevents funds from being given to a list of Palestinian schools named after terrorists;

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Calvert en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–297: Soto (No. 3) that increases funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System by \$500,000 for the Wildlife and Habitat Management of invasive species; Courtney (No. 7) that designates \$300,000 within the Operation of the National Park System for the New England Scenic Trail; Cicilline (No. 9) that increases the funds appropriated to the Operations of the National Park System by \$2,000,000; Clyburn (No. 10) that increases funding by \$2 million for historic preservation grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and is offset by a \$2 million reduction in the Office of the Secretary; Heck (No. 11) that restores appropriations for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to the FY17 enacted level by shifting \$5.5 million from the Department of the Interior, Departmental Operations, Office of the Secretary account; O'Halleran (No. 16) that reduces Interior operations funds and increase BIA construction funds by 10 million dollars; Plaskett (No. 17) that restores current funding for assistance to territories; Carolyn Maloney (NY) (No. 19) that increases the Smithsonian Institution Salaries and Expenses account by \$2,000,000 and decreases the Office of the Secretary of the Interior account by \$2,000,000; Brendan F. Boyle (PA) (No. 20) that makes funding for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) equal to that of FY17 and FY16 levels; Welch (No. 22) that restores funding for the Lake Champlain Basin Program to the FY17 amount of \$4.399M and reduces

Operations and Maintenance funding of EPA's Science and Technology account by a corresponding amount; Mast (No. 23) that increases Environmental Protection Agency to FY18 appropriated level; EPA's office of Research and Development supports scientific research activities for Human and ecological health effects research to provide information on human exposure to HAB toxins; such research is critical in identifying food-chain bioaccumulation and allergenic aspects of toxins produced by cyanobacteria; it also develops and optimizes analytical procedures for measuring HAB toxins in drinking and source waters, including the qualitative and quantitative analysis of microcystin toxins, which are also being examined for toxicity levels; Soto (No. 25) that increases funding for the National Estuary Program by \$468,000; Mast (No. 26) that appropriates an additional \$1 million to non-point source pollution grants to state projects for mitigation and removal of toxic substances; Polis (No. 34) that increases funding to Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA provides grants to volunteer fire departments protecting communities with 10,000 or fewer residents to purchase equipment and training for use in wildland fire suppression) by \$1.382 million and State Fire Assistance (SFA provides financial and technical support to states to enhance fire-fighting capacity, supports community-based hazard mitigation, and expands outreach and education to homeowners and communities concerning fire prevention) by \$10.989 million, funded by the National Forest System Account; O'Halleran (No. 35) that addresses staffing and operation of IHS facilities opening in FY 2018; Jackson Lee (No. 47) that states that none of the funds made available in this Act may be used to limit outreach programs administered by the Smithsonian Institution; Jackson Lee (No. 48) that prohibits use of funds by the National Park Service in contravention of section 320101 of title 54, United States Code which provides that it is a national policy to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings, and objects of national significance for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States, especially as it relates to National Heritage Areas (NHAs); Jackson Lee (No. 49) that prohibits the use of appropriated funds to eliminate the Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership or programs that are for the reforestation of urban areas; Poliquin (No. 58) that prohibits the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from adding additional inspections to sea urchins and sea cucumbers exports; and Speier (No. 79) that prohibits any funds in the bill from being used towards the National Park Services' proposed Dog Management Rule in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area;

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Calvert en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–297: McSally (No. 1) that increases the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Forest Management Program, which manages and conserves 58 million acres of forest and woodland in 12 western States and Alaska, by \$316,000; Mast (No. 6) that increase the USGS Water Sciences Research Center funds under National Institute of Health to increase funding to monitor bodies of water, conduct research on how HABs affect animals; risks associated with exposure to certain types of algae and associated disease-causing organisms; develop new tools to better understand and predict cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms; Mast (No. 24) that supports research activities and provide grants for researching the health effects associated with exposure to harmful algal bloom (HAB) toxins; and supporting research that reduces human exposure to HAB toxins; McSally (No. 28) that increases the Forest Service's National Forest System Hazardous Fuels account by \$3 million to mitigate wildfire hazards and lessen catastrophic fires and their threat to public and firefighter safety, and damage to property; McKinley (No. 33) that transfers funds from within the Forest Service funds to emphasize lack of wood harvesting; Byrne (No. 52) that states that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to propose to repeal section 105(a)(2) or section 105(b) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note); Burgess (No. 54) that prevents funds from being used to hire new employees at the EPA under the Title 42 special pay authority intended for public health professionals in the Department of Health and Human Services; and Emmer (No. 70) that prohibits funding from being used to implement a January 13, 2017 effort by the U.S. Department of Interior and Agriculture to restrict all leasing, exploration, and potential development of approximately 234,328 acres of federal land in Northeast Minnesota;

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McSally amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that increases the National Park Service's Facility Maintenance and Operations account by \$9.692 million to help address longstanding deferred park maintenance needs;

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Griffith amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 115–297), as modified, that restores the number of Appalachian states eligible for grants for the reclamation of abandoned mine lands to be used for economic and community development from 3 to 6;

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Katko amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that increases the Clean Water State Revolving fund by \$250 million, maintaining fiscal

year 2016 levels to preserve critical water infrastructure funding; **Pages H7147–48**

Long amendment (No. 40 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits funds from being used to enforce reporting requirements of hazardous substances from farms in accordance with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986; **Pages H7153–54**

Buck amendment (No. 41 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits the federal government from entering into an agreement to establish a heritage partnership program in nine counties in southeast Colorado; **Pages H7154–55**

Young (AK) amendment (No. 44 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits funds from this Act to be used by the Department of Interior to change existing placer mining plans of operations in regard to re-vegetation; **Pages H7156–57**

Westerman amendment (No. 45 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that restricts funding from being used to enforce the final rule entitled “Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Measurement of Oil” and published by the Bureau of Land Management on November 17, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 81462); **Page H7157**

Austin Scott (GA) amendment (No. 92 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that increases the appropriation for Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation by \$10 million dollars and reduces the appropriation for contributions to International Organizations by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 468); **Pages H7123–24, H7161–62**

Thompson (PA) amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that restores funding for the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation pilot program to its 2017 level, while reducing EPA’s Environmental Programs and Management by the same amount (\$32,491,000) (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 472); **Pages H7142–43, H7164–65**

Ben Ray Luján (NM) amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that decreases and increases State and Tribal Assistance Grants by \$6 million to direct the EPA to work with the affected States and Indian tribes to implement a long-term monitoring program for water quality of the Animas and San Juan Rivers in response to the Gold King Mine spill (by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 475); **Pages H7148–49, H7166–67**

Young (AK) amendment (No. 43 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to prohibit funds to be used to implement a rule by the National Park Service regarding wildlife management practices on Na-

tional Preserves in Alaska (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 478); **Pages H7155–56, H7168–69**

Goodlatte amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency from using any funds to take retaliatory, or EPA described “backstop” actions, against any of the six states in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in the event that a state does not meet the goals mandated by the EPA’s Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 479); **Pages H7157–58, H7169–70**

Perry amendment (No. 59 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits funds from being used to give formal notification under, or prepare, propose, implement, administer, or enforce any rule or recommendation pursuant to, section 115 of the Clean Air Act; **Page H7173**

Pearce amendment (No. 62 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prevents funds being used to implement the Bureau of Land Management’s “Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Site Security” rule; **Pages H7174–75**

Lamborn amendment (No. 67 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits funds for being used to implement or enforce the threatened species or endangered species listing of any plant or wildlife that has not undergone a review as required by section 4(c)(2) of the Endangered Species Act; and **Pages H7178–79**

Lamborn amendment (No. 68 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits funds for being used to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the Preble’s meadow jumping mouse under the Endangered Species Act. **Pages H7179–80**

Rejected:

Castro (TX) amendment (No. 71 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was debated on September 6th that sought to increase funding for the CBP Camera Technology Initiative (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 459); **Page H7115**

Roybal-Allard amendment (No. 74 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was debated on September 6th that sought to reduce funding for ICE—Operations and Support (Enforcement and Removal Operations) by \$849,500,000 and increases funding for Coast Guard—Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements (Polar Icebreaker) by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 460); **Pages H7115–16**

Castro (TX) amendment (No. 75 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was debated on September 6th that sought to increase funding for ICE

to incorporate body-worn cameras (by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 461);

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Correa amendment (No. 76 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was debated on September 6th that sought to reduce funding for ICE—Operations and Support (Enforcement and Removal Operations) by \$100,000,000 and increase funding for Coast Guard—Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements (cutters for drug interdiction) by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 462);

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King (IA) amendment (No. 80 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295), as modified, that was debated on September 6th that sought to ensure that no funds are used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 464);

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Castro (TX) amendment (No. 81 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was debated on September 6th that sought to prohibit the use of privatized immigration detention facilities (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 465);

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Jayapal amendment (No. 84 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was debated on September 6th that sought to prohibit funding from being used to expand or build new detention facilities (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 466);

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Buck amendment (No. 94 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to defund the United States Institute of Peace and transfers funds to the spending reduction account;

Pages H7125–28

Engel amendment (No. 95 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to increase funding for USAID's global health programs by \$209 million in order to increase funding for bilateral tuberculosis (TB) assistance to \$450 million;

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Paulsen amendment (No. 101 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to increase funding for the US African Development Foundation by \$15 million;

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Price (NC) amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to provide \$104,235,000 to restore funding to EPA's Science and Technology account;

Pages H7144–45

Beyer amendment (No. 36 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to strike section 430 on page 134, lines 17 through 25, relating to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

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Beyer amendment (No. 37 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to strike section 431 on page 135, lines 1 through 23, 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 H7150–52

Sanford amendment (No. 51 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to prohibit funds to authorize, permit, or conduct geological or geophysical activities in support of oil, gas, or methane and hydrate exploration and development in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic or the Straits of Florida;

Pages H7158–60

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 97 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to designate \$12 million for programs benefiting the Ethiopian-Israeli community (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 H7130, H7160

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 98 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to designate \$20 million for psychosocial support programs for religious and ethnic minorities persecuted by ISIS (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 H7130–31, H7160

Rothfus amendment (No. 91 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to transfer \$30 million to the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement account from the Fulbright Program (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 467);

Pages H7120–23, H7160–61

Grothman amendment (No. 99 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to reduce the amount appropriated for the Economic Support Fund by \$12,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 469);

Pages H7131–32, H7162–63

Yoho amendment (No. 110 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to make any U.S. contributions to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 470);

Pages H7132–34, H7163

Grijalva amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to restore funding to Superfund enforcement within the Hazardous Substance Superfund account with an equivalent cut to the oil and gas program within the BLM account (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 471);

Pages H7137–38, H7164

Grijalva amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to restore funding for the Environmental Justice Program within the EPA Environmental Programs and Management account with an equivalent cut to Leadership and Administration within the DOI Office of the Secretary (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 473);

Pages H7143–44, H7165–66

Biggs amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to cut \$10,234,000 from the EPA Environmental Programs and Management Account enforcement line and redirects funds to the EPA Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 474);

Pages H7147, H7166

Ellison amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to strike the language that would delay the implementation of the new Ozone Standards (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 476);

Pages H7152–53, H7167–68

Lowenthal amendment (No. 39 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to strike a provision relating to the use of the National Ocean Policy (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 477);

Pages H7153, H7168

McEachin amendment (No. 65 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to prevent funds from being used to prepare a five-year offshore oil and gas leasing program that would schedule OCS oil or gas leases before 2022; and

Pages H7176–77

Grothman amendment (No. 66 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the rule entitled “National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone” published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register on October 26, 2015.

Pages H7177–78

Withdrawn:

Frankel amendment (No. 96 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the Economic Support Fund by \$8.5 million;

Pages H7129–30

Bacon amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife land acquisition account by 4,000,000 and redirected funds to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species delisting efforts; and

Pages H7138–39

Langevin amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding by \$1 million for the Southern New England Program under Geographic Programs.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Blackburn amendment (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to call for 1% across the board cuts;

Pages H7170–71

Palmer amendment (No. 56 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to ensure that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used for the Environmental Protection Agency’s Criminal Enforcement Division;

Pages H7171–72

Carbajal amendment (No. 57 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to state that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to process any application under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) for a permit to drill or a permit to modify, that would authorize use of hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf; and

Pages H7172–73

Pearce amendment (No. 63 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to prevent funds from being used to implement the Bureau of Land Management’s “Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation” rule.

Pages H7175–76

H. Res. 504, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 458, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 457.

Pages H7106–15

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 23 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. S. 652 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 849 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 920 was held at the desk. S. 1359 was held at the desk. S. 597 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on the Budget. S. 1165 was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. S. Con. Res. 24 was held at the desk.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate appear on pages H7101, H7125, H7146–47.

Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and twenty-one recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7113–14, H7114, H7115, H7116, H7116–17, H7117, H7118, H7118–19, H7119, H7119–20, H7160–61, H7161–62, H7162–63, H7163, H7164, H7164–65, H7165–66, H7166, H7166–67, H7167–68, H7168, H7168–69, and H7169. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NAVY READINESS—UNDERLYING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USS FITZGERALD AND USS JOHN S. MCCAIN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing entitled “Navy Readiness—Underlying Problems Associated with the USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Upper Half Ronald A. Boxall, Director, Surface Warfare (N96), U.S. Navy; Admiral Bill Moran, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; and John H. Pendleton, Director, Defense Force Structure and Readiness Issues, Government Accountability Office.

THE BROADCAST INCENTIVE AUCTION: UPDATE ON REPACKING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Broadcast Incentive Auction: Update on Repacking Opportunities and Challenges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR A MORE EFFICIENT FEDERAL FINANCIAL REGULATORY REGIME

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for a More Efficient Federal Financial Regulatory Regime”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority”. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Cook, President and Chief Executive Officer, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

MAINTAINING U.S. INFLUENCE IN SOUTH ASIA: THE FY 2018 BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Maintaining U.S. Influence in South Asia: The FY 2018 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Alice G. Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE COUNTERTERRORISM BUREAU: THE FY 2018 BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of State Counterterrorism Bureau: The FY 2018 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Alexander Sales, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2142, the “International Narcotics Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming Contraband with Technology Act”; H.R. 3101, the “Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2017”; H.R. 3551, to amend the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 to reauthorize the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3669, the “Securing General Aviation and Commercial Charter Air Carrier Service Act of 2017”. H.R. 2142, H.R. 3551, and H.R. 3669 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3101 was ordered reported, without amendment.

CHALLENGES OF RECRUITING AND RETAINING A CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Challenges of Recruiting and Retaining a Cybersecurity Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3229, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes; H.R. 620, the “ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 488, 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. 3229 and H.R. 620 were ordered reported, without amendment. H. Res. 488 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE SHIPMENT OF ILLICIT DRUGS IN INTERNATIONAL MAIL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Shipment of Illicit Drugs in International Mail”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE READ ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 601, the “READ Act” [Hurricane Supplemental, Debt Limit, Continuing Appropriations, and Flood Insurance Package]. The Committee granted, by voice vote of, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 601. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 601. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

PRIVATE SECTOR LUNAR EXPLORATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Private Sector Lunar Exploration”. Testimony was heard from Jason Crusan, Director, Advanced Exploration Systems, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE SMALL BUSINESS LABOR MARKET

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Examining the Small Business Labor Market”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 479, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide to the House of Representatives the tax return information of President Donald J. Trump as well as the tax returns of each business entity disclosed by Donald J. Trump on his Office of Government Ethics Form 278e. H. Res. 479 was ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, September 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

(At approximately 3 p.m., Senate will observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, September 8

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 601—Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act (Subject to a Rule). Continue consideration of H.R. 3354—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018.

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