

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5243–S5707

Measures Introduced: Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1802–1804, and S. Res. 251–254. **Pages S5480–81**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2017”. (S. Rept. No. 115–154)

S. 1447, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program. (S. Rept. No. 115–155) **Page S5480**

Measures Passed:

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 252, designating September 2017 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S5706–07**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 253, designating the week beginning September 18, 2017, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”. **Page S5707**

Relative to the Death of Former Senator Pete Domenici: Senate agreed to S. Res. 254, relative to the death of Pietro “Pete” Vichi Domenici, former United States Senator for the State of New Mexico. **Page S5707**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5253–S5474**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 545 (to Amendment No. 1003), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5259**

Rejected:

McConnell (for Paul) Amendment No. 871 (to Amendment No. 1003), to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force and the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002. (By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 195), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5253–59**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 15, 2017. **Page S5474**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003. **Page S5474**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017. **Page S5707**

Patenaude Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; that there be 40 minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S5474**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Douglas W. Domenech, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S5474, S5707**

Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—195)	Page S5259

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Pete Domenici, in accordance with S. Res. 254, at 7:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5707.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation innovation, focusing on automated trucks and our Nation's highways, after receiving testimony from Scott G. Hernandez, Colorado State Patrol, Lakewood, on behalf of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance; Troy Clarke, Navistar, Inc., Lisle, Illinois; Deborah A.P. Hersman, National Safety Council, and Ken Hall, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, both of Washington, D.C.; and Chris Spear, American Trucking Association, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

CARBON CAPTURE, UTILIZATION, AND SEQUESTRATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding and accelerating the deployment and use of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration, after receiving testimony from Matt Fry, Wyoming Natural Resource Policy Advisor, Cheyenne; David Greeson, NRG Energy, Inc., Houston, Texas, and S. Julio Friedmann, CarbonWrangler LLC, Livermore, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Daniel J. Kaniewski, of Minnesota, to

be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

OMB FEDERAL WORKFORCE MEMORANDUM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the Office of Management and Budget's memorandum on the Federal workforce, focusing on OMB's ongoing government-wide reorganization, after receiving testimony from Robert Shea, Grant Thornton Public Sector, Alexandria, Virginia; and Rachel Greszler, The Heritage Foundation, Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, and Anthony M. Reardon, National Treasury Employees Union, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 984, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe;

S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands, with an amendment; and

S. 1333, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

HIGH RISK INDIAN PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine high risk Indian programs, focusing on progress and efforts in addressing Government Accountability Office recommendations, after receiving testimony from Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Michael Black, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, both of the Department of the Interior; and Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3754–3770; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 514–519 were introduced. **Pages H7381–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7383–84**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3328, to require a study regarding security measures and equipment at Cuba's airports, require the standardization of Federal Air Marshal Service agreements, require efforts to raise international aviation security standards, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–308, Part1). **Page H7381**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Trott to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7317**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7322**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, September 14. **Pages H7324–25**

Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 513, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3697) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens associated with criminal gangs, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from September 15, 2017, through September 22, 2017, by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 487, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 486. **Pages H7325–34**

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 14th. **Page H7334–78**

Agreed to:

Mullin amendment (No. 73 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 8th that prohibits funds for enforcing the Obama Administration's EPA methane rule (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 488); **Pages H7334–35**

Mullin amendment (No. 74 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 8th that prohibits funds for implementing the Obama Ad-

ministration's Social Cost of Carbon rule (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 489); **Pages H7335–36**

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 175 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that provides \$5 million for grants that enhance infant and early childhood mental health promotion, intervention, and treatment programs (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the Chair put the question de novo); **Page H7338**

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 176 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that provides \$9 million to provide access to behavioral health integration in pediatric primary care by supporting the development and improvement of statewide or regional pediatric mental health care telehealth access programs (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the Chair put the question de novo); **Page H7338**

Graves (GA) en bloc amendment No. 5 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–297: Kuster (No. 194) that increases funding to the Office of National Drug Control Policy by \$6.902M, or its FY2017 amount, and decreases funding for the General Services Administration's real property account by the same amount; Murphy (FL) (No. 197) that increases funding for Small Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$1 million, with the increase intended to support the Women's Business Centers program; decreases funding for the Public Buildings Reform Board by \$1 million; Soto (No. 202) that increases funding for Tax Counseling for the Elderly by \$1 million; Cartwright (No. 209) 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; Kustoff (No. 210) that increases funding to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program by \$10 million and reduces the General Services Administration's rental of space allocation by \$10 million; Schneider (No. 214) that increases funding for Small Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$4 million, with the increase intended to support Entrepreneurship Education; Courtney (No. 215) that provides funding to develop a revenue procedure related to the deduction of casualty losses in homes experiencing damage over time; Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) (No. 216) that increases SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$5 million and reduces

SBA Salaries and Expenses by the same amount; Comstock (No. 217) that increases funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA) by \$5,000,000 and reduces the funds in the rental of space program under the GSA Real Property Activities Federal Building Funds by \$5,000,000; Denham (No. 219) that transfers \$1 million from the Asset Proceeds and Space Management Fund into the Public Buildings Reform Board Account for effective implementation of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (P.L. 114–287) to provide the highest return for the taxpayer; Gabbard (No. 220) that increases funding by \$1 million for financial assistance, technical assistance, training and outreach programs designed to benefit Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Native Alaskan communities; and Velazquez (No. 224) that increases funding for Small Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$10 million, with the increase intended to specifically support Small Business Development Centers;

Pages H7338–40

Roskam amendment (No. 190 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits any funds from being used to authorize a transaction by a U.S. financial institution (as defined under section 561.309 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations) that is ordinarily incident to the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran;

Pages H7340–41

Roskam amendment (No. 191 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that prohibits any funds from being used to issue a license pursuant to any Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) memo regarding section 5.1.1 of Annex II to the JCPOA, including the OFAC memo titled, “Statement of Licensing Policy For Activities Related to the Export Or Re-Export to Iran of Commercial Passenger Aircraft and Related Parts and Services” and any other OFAC memo of the same substance;

Pages H7341–42

Jenkins (WV) amendment (No. 205 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that increases funding for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) by \$6 million with an offset from the IRS Enforcement account;

Pages H7351–52

Amodei amendment (No. 221 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that strikes section 906 in title IX which would eliminate the provision of the bill which subjects the NCUA to appropriations;

Pages H7358–59

Torres amendment (No. 87 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that increases funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program which is offset by a reduction in funding for the General Administration Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Justice (by a recorded vote of 279 ayes to 137 noes, Roll No. 493);

Pages H7362–63

Flores amendment (No. 124 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that states that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce Executive Order No. 13547 (75 Fed. Reg. 43023, relating to the stewardship of oceans, coasts, and the Great Lakes), including the National Ocean Policy developed under such Executive Order (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 497);

Pages H7365–66

Buck amendment (No. 125 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that requires that localities receiving State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funds comply with federal immigration law (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 498);

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Kildee amendment (No. 131 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that increases funding for Youth Employment Activities by \$10 million and reduces Department of Labor Salaries and Expenses by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 499);

Pages H7366–67

Meng amendment (No. 138 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that increases funding for the Women’s Bureau within the Department of Labor by \$1.064 million, and decreases funding by the same amount for the Bureau of Labor Statistics—Prices and Cost of Living Division (by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 501);

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Kildee amendment (No. 145 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that increases funding for the Healthy Start Program by \$24.8 million and decreases General Departmental Management in the Office of the Secretary by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 502);

Pages H7368–69

Clark amendment (No. 154 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that restores funding to SAMHSA’s mental health programs, offset with HHS program administration funds (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 503);

Pages H7369–70

Ben Ray Lujan (NM) amendment (No. 160 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that decreases funding for HHS General Departmental Management by \$2 million and transfers those funds to the Peer Support Programs (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 505);

Pages H7370–71

Lowey amendment (No. 161 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that restores funding to 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, offset with Department of

Education program administration funds (by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 506);

Pages H7371–72

Walberg amendment (No. 173 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that prevents funding to implement the National Labor Relations Board's Ambush Election rule (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 512); and

Pages H7375–76

Gibbs amendment (No. 187 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that prohibits funds to implement, administer, or enforce the final regulations on "Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses" (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 515). **Pages H7377–78**

Rejected:

Polis amendment (No. 75 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 8th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to support the closure or consolidation of any regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 490);

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Polis amendment (No. 76 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 8th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pursue any extra-legal ways to transfer Federal lands to private owners in contravention of existing law (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 491);

Pages H7336–37

Norman amendment (No. 77 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 8th that sought to reduce total appropriations to the Environmental Protection Agency by \$1,869,087,000 (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 492);

Pages H7337–38

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 206 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to increase funding for the Fund Program Account of the Community Development Financial Institutions by \$500,000 and reduces funding for taxpayer services at IRS by \$1 million;

Pages H7352–53

Heck amendment (No. 211 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to restore funding for the Small Business Administration's ScaleUp program, offset by the Department of the Treasury's salaries and expenses account;

Pages H7356–58

Kildee amendment (No. 222 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that sought to strike Sec. 133, which prohibits Treasury from enforcing rule or guideline implementing the Treasury guidance that ends US support of multilateral development bank funding for new overseas coal projects;

Pages H7359–60

Flores amendment (No. 149 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that increases CDC funding by \$40 million for an opioid

drug overdose prevention program, increase National Cancer Institute funding by \$40 million for pediatric cancer research, increase National Institute on Aging funding by \$40 million for Alzheimer's research, decrease CMS Program Management by \$120 million (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the Chair put the question de novo) **Page H7362**

Grothman amendment (No. 105 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to reduce the funding level for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives by five percent (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 494);

Pages H7363–64

Scott (VA) amendment (No. 113 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to strike section prohibiting the EEOC from using funds to implement pay data collection (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 495);

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Norton amendment (No. 117 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to prohibit the Federal Bureau of Prisons from requiring individuals in halfway houses or on home confinement to pay a subsistence fee (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 496);

Pages H7364–65

Pocan amendment (No. 134 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to restore funding to worker protection agencies, offset with DOL/HHS/ED program administration funds (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 500);

Pages H7367–68

Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 155 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to support funding of the Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program to train pregnancy and health counselors regarding how to offer adoption as an option to women with unplanned pregnancies (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 504);

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Courtney amendment (No. 164 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to increase Funding for Magnet Schools Assistance by \$1,184,000; decrease funding for Charter School Grants by \$1,184,000 (by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 507); **Page H7372**

Lewis (MN) amendment (No. 167 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to increase funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE) State Grants by \$70,246,000 (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 263 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 508); **Pages H7372–73**

Grothman amendment (No. 168 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to reduce funding for the Department of

Education's Program Administration, Office of Inspector General, and Office of Student Aid Administration by 2% (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 509); **Pages H7373–74**

Grothman amendment (No. 170 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to reduce the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) budget by \$99,000,000, funding the NLRB at \$150,000,000 for FY2018; the amendment would also reduce budget authority by \$99 million and reduce outlays by \$92 million (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 510); **Page H7374**

Meadows amendment (No. 172 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to reduce the number of positions and funding at Mine Safety and Health Administration by 10% (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 238 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 511); **Pages H7374–75**

Blackburn amendment (No. 174 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to provide for a 1% across the board cut to Division F (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 513); and **Page H7376**

Ellison amendment (No. 186 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 12th that sought to prohibit funds from going federal contracts with willful or repeated violators of the Fair Labor Standards Act (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 514). **Pages H7376–77**

Proceedings Postponed:

Palmer amendment (No. 192 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to implement the District of Columbia's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act; **Pages H7342–44**

Gohmert amendment (No. 195 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to reduce the Internal Revenue Service's Operations Support account by \$165,300.00 and transfer that amount to the Spending Reduction account; **Page H7344**

Norton amendment (No. 196 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to strike the repeal of the District of Columbia's Local Budget Autonomy Amendment Act of 2012; **Page H7345**

Ellison amendment (No. 199 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to strike section 926 on page 590, relating to bringing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process; **Pages H7345–47**

Ellison amendment (No. 200 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to strike section 915 on page 563, relating to manufactured housing; **Pages H7347–49**

Ellison amendment (No. 201 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to strike section 928, relating to removal of authority to regulate small-dollar credit; **Pages H7349–50**

Mitchell amendment (No. 204 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to reduce by 10% general administrative and departmental salary and expense accounts in Division D, and transfers the savings to the Spending Reduction Account; **Pages H7350–51**

Huizenga amendment (No. 207 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce a SEC rule pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act relating to conflict minerals; and **Pages H7353–56**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 223 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that seeks to provide additional funding to the Taxpayer Advocate Service for the purpose of assisting the parents of a deceased child, when that child's information has been stolen and used on personal income taxes filed with the IRS, when the parent or guardian of record must report the identity theft of their deceased child's information. **Pages H7360–62**

H. Res. 504, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) was agreed to Thursday, September 7th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and twenty-nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7332–33, H7333–34, H7334–35, H7335–36, H7336, H7336–37, H7337–38, H7363, H7363–64, H7364, H7365, H7365–66, H7366, H7367, H7367–68, H7368, H7368–69, H7369–70, H7370, H7370–71, H7371–72, H7372, H7372–73, H7373–74, H7374, H7374–75, H7375–76, H7376, H7376–77, and H7377–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections; and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a joint hearing on H.R. 3441, the “Save Local Business Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BIG RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESS: LEGISLATION REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS ON SMALL MANUFACTURERS AND OTHER JOB CREATORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Big Relief for

Small Business: Legislation Reducing Regulatory Burdens on Small Manufacturers and Other Job Creators". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MODERNIZING FDA'S REGULATION OF OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Modernizing FDA's Regulation of Over-the-Counter Drugs". Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 1148, the "FAST Act of 2017"; H.R. 2465, the "Steve Gleason Enduring Voices Act of 2017"; H.R. 2557, the "Prostate Cancer Misdiagnosis Elimination Act of 2017"; H.R. 3120, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the volume of future electronic health record-related significant hardship requests; H.R. 3245, the "Medicare Civil and Criminal Penalties Update Act"; H.R. 3263, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program; and H.R. 3271, the "Protecting Access to Diabetes Supplies Act of 2017". H.R. 1148 and H.R. 3271 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 2465, H.R. 2557, H.R. 3120, H.R. 3245, and H.R. 3263, were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO IMPEDE NORTH KOREA'S ACCESS TO FINANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled "A Legislative Proposal to Impede North Korea's Access to Finance". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE IN LIBERIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "The Future of Democracy and Governance in Liberia". Testimony was heard from Donald Yamamoto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Cheryl Anderson, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

THE VENEZUELA CRISIS: THE MALICIOUS INFLUENCE OF STATE AND CRIMINAL ACTORS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled "The Venezuela Crisis: The Malicious Influence of State and Criminal Actors". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SIXTEEN YEARS AFTER 9/11: ASSESSING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING EFFORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled "Sixteen Years After 9/11: Assessing Suspicious Activity Reporting Efforts". Testimony was heard from Robin Taylor, Acting Deputy Secretary, Intelligence Operations, Department of Homeland Security; Rick Fuentes, Superintendent, State Police, New Jersey; Bill Evans, Police Commissioner, Boston, Massachusetts; and Joseph M. Flynn, Deputy Director, Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 210, the "Native American Energy Act"; H.R. 424, the "Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017"; H.R. 717, the "Listing Reform Act"; H.R. 1274, the "State, Tribal and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act"; H.R. 2603, the "SAVES Act"; H.R. 3131, the "Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act"; and H.R. 3668, the "SHARE Act". H.R. 3668 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3731, the "Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act of 2017"; H.R. 3739, the "Presidential Allowance Modernization Act of 2017"; H.R. 1701, the "Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act"; H.R. 3019, the "Promoting Value Based Procurement Act of 2017"; H.R. 3737, the "Reporting Use of Social Media in Clearance Investigations Act of 2017"; H.R. 3071, the "Federal Acquisition Savings Act of 2017"; H.R. 2331, the "Connected Government Act"; H.R. 294, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2700 Cullen Boulevard in Pearland, Texas, as the "Endy Ekpanya Post Office Building"; H.R. 452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the "Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue

in Richmond, California, as the “Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building”; H.R. 1207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the “Tilden Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 1208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9155 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas, as the “Converse Veterans Post Office Building”; H.R. 1209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the “Mission Veterans Post Office Building”; H.R. 1210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 W. Goodwin Street, Pleasanton, Texas, as the “Pleasanton Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 400 N. Main Street, Encinal, Texas, as the “Encinal Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 1858, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4514 Williamson Trail in Liberty, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office”; H.R. 1950, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Pike Street in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Police Officer Scott Bashioun Post Office Building”; H.R. 2254, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2635 Napa Street in Vallejo, California, as the “Janet Capello Post Office Building”; H.R. 2302, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 259 Nassau Street, Suite 2 in Princeton, New Jersey, as the “Dr. John F. Nash, Jr. Post Office”; H.R. 2464, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 New Chardon Street Lobby in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “John Fitzgerald Kennedy Post Office”; H.R. 2815, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant John Basilone Post Office”; H.R. 2873, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 Glenside Avenue in Wyncote, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Peter Taub Post Office Building”; H.R. 3109, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 North 2nd Street in Chillicothe, Illinois, as the “Sr. Chief Ryan Owens Post Office Building”; H.R. 3230, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the “Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building”; and H.R. 3369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 North Main Street in Spring Lake, North Carolina, as the “Howard B. Pate, Jr. Post Office”. H.R. 3731, H.R. 3739, H.R. 3071, H.R. 3737, H.R. 294, H.R. 452, H.R. 606, H.R. 1207, H.R. 1208, H.R. 1209, H.R.

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SERVING SMALL BUSINESSES: EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HUBZONE REFORMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Serving Small Businesses: Examining the Effectiveness of HUBZone Reforms”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDERS’ PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Economic Development Stakeholders’ Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1721, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an “American World War II City”, and for other purposes; H.R. 1900, the “National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act”; H.R. 3122, the “Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 3656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable; H.R. 3657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide headstones and markers for the graves of spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries; and legislation on the Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017; and legislation on the Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rouzer, Stivers, Cartwright, Banks of Indiana, Beatty, and Pingree; Matthew T. Sullivan, Deputy Under Secretary for Finance and Planning, and Chief Financial Officer, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth H. Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3729, the “Comprehensive Operations, Sustainability, and Transport Act of 2017”; H.R. 3727, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include additional telehealth services for purposes of MA organization bids, and for other purposes; H.R. 3726, the “Stark Administrative Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 2824, the “Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act”; and H.R. 2792, the “Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017”. H.R. 3726, H.R. 3727, H.R. 3729, H.R. 2824, and H.R. 2792 were ordered reported, as amended.

IRS REFORM: RESOLVING TAXPAYER DISPUTES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “IRS Reform: Resolving Taxpayer Disputes”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D915)

H.R. 601, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Signed on September 8, 2017. (Public Law 115–56)

H.R. 3732, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased fiscal year 2017 and 2018 payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries. Signed on September 12, 2017. (Public Law 115–57)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine nutrition programs, focusing on perspectives for the 2018 Farm Bill, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine individual tax reform, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on health care stakeholders, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Federal Communication Commission’s Lifeline Program, focusing on a case study of government waste and mismanagement, 10:15 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1766, to reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, and the nominations of Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Stephen S. Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Robert J. Higdon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, J. Cody Hiland, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Joshua J. Minkler, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, Byung J. Pak, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, and Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health: hearing entitled “Powering America: Defining Reliability in a Transforming Electricity Industry”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Supporting Tomorrow’s Health Providers: Examining Workforce Programs Under the Public Health Service Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Health and Technology: hearing entitled “Tech Talks: How SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs Have Evolved with Technology”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the scourge of Russian disinformation, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, September 14

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3354—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018. Consideration of H.R. 3697—Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act.

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