

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1536, to designate a human trafficking prevention coordinator and to expand the scope of activities authorized under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's outreach and education program to include human trafficking prevention activities. (S. Rept. No. 115–177)

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Measures Passed:

SAFER Act: Senate passed S. 1766, to reauthorize the SAFER Act of 2013, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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House Messages:

Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2266, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1568, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1568), of a perfecting nature.

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

By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 246), 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 amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1570, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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McConnell Amendment No. 1571 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1570), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 1570 (listed above), fell.

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McConnell Amendment No. 1572 (to Amendment No. 1571), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 1571 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1570) (listed above), fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 24, 2017; and that all time during morning business, recess, adjournment, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, with respect to the situation in, or in relation to, the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–17)

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Palk Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the House message to accompany H.R. 2266, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S6707

McFadden Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Page S6707

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. Page S6707

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Page S6707

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S6707

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher Caldwell, of Arkansas, to be Federal Cochairperson, Delta Regional Authority.

Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Norway.

9 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. Page S6718

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Tom Marino, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, which was sent to the Senate on September 5, 2017. Page S6718

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—246) Pages S6709–10

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6717.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4090–4098; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 119; and H. Res. 579 and 578 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H8076–77

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4010, to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States and title 28, United States Code, to enhance compliance with requests for information pursuant to legislative power under Article I of the Constitution, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–360);

H.R. 3898, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to place conditions on certain accounts at United States financial institutions with respect to North

Korea, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–361);

H.R. 3972, to clarify that family offices and family clients are accredited investors, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–362);

H. Res. 577, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 469) to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 732) to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–363);

H. Res. 555, resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit, respectively, certain documents and other information to the House of Representatives

relating to the executive order on the review of designations under the Antiquities Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–364); adversely; and

H.R. 3279, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas (H. Rept. 115–365). **Page H8075**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kustoff to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8045**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8045**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 158 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 571. **Page H8063**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Murphy, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H8047**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m. **Page H8046**

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

Department of Homeland Security Accountability Enhancement Act: H.R. 4038, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reassert article I authorities over the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H8048–49**

Cuban Airport Security Act of 2017: 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, and require efforts to raise international aviation security standards; **Pages H8049–52**

Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Reauthorization Act of 2017: H.R. 3551, amended, to amend the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 to reauthorize the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 569; **Pages H8052–56, H8062**

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Reauthorization Act of 2017: S. 504, to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 570; and **Pages H8056–57, H8062–63**

Congressional Subpoena Compliance and Enforcement Act of 2017: H.R. 4010, amended, to

amend the Revised Statutes of the United States and title 28, United States Code, to enhance compliance with requests for information pursuant to legislative power under Article I of the Constitution. **Pages H8059–61**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H8061**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

International Narcotics Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming Contraband with Technology Act: H.R. 2142, amended, to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States. **Pages H8057–59**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–72). **Page H8048**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H8047.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8062, H8062–63, and H8063. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUNSHINE FOR REGULATIONS AND REGULATORY DECREES AND SETTLEMENTS ACT OF 2017; STOP SETTLEMENT SLUSH FUNDS ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 469, the "Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017"; and H.R. 732, the "Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017". The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule for H.R. 469. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature

of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–34 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 732 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Raskin and Jackson Lee.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1090)

H.R. 1117, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an

emergency or disaster. Signed on October 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–69)

S. 178, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases. Signed on October 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–70)

S. 652, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children. Signed on October 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–71)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David J. Ryder, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, focusing on fisheries science, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeffrey Gerrish, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Industrial Competitiveness), Department of State, Gregory Doud, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, and Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, Time to be announced, SD–215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Burma, focusing on geopolitical, economic, and humanitarian considerations, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to markup pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing entitled “The Role of Facilities and Administrative Costs in Supporting NIH-Funded Research”, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining HHS’s Public Health Preparedness for and Response to the 2017 Hurricane Season”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Federal Government’s Role in the Insurance Industry”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing entitled “Public-Private Solutions to Educating a Cyber Workforce”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, begin markup on legislation on the Agricultural Guestworker Act; and H.R. 3711, the “Legal Workforce Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-In”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Political Advertisement Laws and Regulations”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on the Senate Amendment to H. Con. Res. 71, a concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “American Leadership in Quantum Technology”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on legislation to establish a permanent Veterans Choice Program; legislation to modify VA’s authority to enter into agreements with State homes to provide nursing home care to veterans, to direct the Secretary to carry out a program to increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions, and for other purposes; legislation to direct VA to conduct a study of the Veterans Crisis Line; legislation to direct VA to furnish mental health care to veterans at community or non-profit mental health providers participating in the Veterans Choice Program; legislation on the Veteran Coordinated Access and Rewarding Experiences Act; H.R. 1133, the “Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2017”; H.R. 2123, the “VETS Act of 2017”; H.R. 2601, the “VICTOR Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3642, the “Military SAVE Act”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 24 through October 27, 2017

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2266, Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, post-cloture.

Following disposition of the House message to accompany H.R. 2266, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Following disposition of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: October 25, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing naval forces and the Navy’s current and planned capabilities to meet those threats, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

October 26, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on Niger, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 24, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David J. Ryder, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD–538.

October 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, and Suzanne Israel Tufts, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 24, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, focusing on fisheries science, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

October 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the commercial satellite industry, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 26, to hold hearings to examine advanced cyber technologies that could be used to help protect electric grids and other energy infrastructure from cyberattacks, 9:45 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 25, business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Dourson, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, and David Ross, of Wisconsin, each to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Paul Trombino III, of Wisconsin, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, "the Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2017", 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 24, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeffrey Gerrish, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Industrial Competitiveness), Department of State, Gregory Doud, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, and Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, Time to be announced, SD-215.

October 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 24, to hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Burma, focusing on geopolitical, economic, and humanitarian considerations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 25, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to receive a closed briefing on Niger security, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

October 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1928, to establish a review of United States multilateral aid, S. Res. 279, reaffirming the commitment of the United States to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Cambodia, and the nominations of Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Kenneth Ian Juster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Richard Duke Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Jamie McCourt, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Edward T. McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liech-

tenstein, Peter Henry Barlerin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Michael James Dodman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nina Maria Fite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Daniel L. Foote, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, David Dale Reimer, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Eric P. Whitaker, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 26, to hold hearings to examine free speech on college campuses, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 25, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeff Tien Han Pon, of Virginia, to be Director, and Michael Rigas, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director, both of the Office of Personnel Management, and Emily Webster Murphy, of Missouri, to be Administrator of General Services, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

October 26, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine improving oversight of the regulatory process, focusing on lessons from state legislatures, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 25, business meeting to consider S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, S. 1953, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and S. 1942, to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 26, business meeting to consider S. 807, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, and the nominations of Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Stephanos Bibas, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Liles Clifton Burke, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Walter David Counts III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Michael Joseph Juneau, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Tilman Eugene Self III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and John F. Bash, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Erin Angela Nealy Cox, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, and R. Andrew Murray, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of

North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: October 26, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem for women, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 25, business meeting to consider the nominations of Melissa Sue Glynn, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Enterprise Integration), Randy Reeves, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, and Cheryl L. Mason, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 24, closed business meeting to markup pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: October 25, to hold hearings to examine working and aging with disabilities from school to retirement, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, October 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing entitled "Down Syndrome: Update on the State of the Science and Potential for Discoveries Across Other Major Diseases", 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Federal Efforts to Combat the Opioid Crisis: A Status Update on CARA and Other Initiatives", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission", 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 25, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Equifax Data Breach", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 25, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "The President's Iran Decision: Next Steps", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, October 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "State Voter Registration List Maintenance", 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 25, Full Committee, continue markup on legislation on the Agricultural Guestworker Act; and H.R. 3711, the "Legal Workforce Act", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled "Oversight of the United States Refugee Admissions Program", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Empowering State Based Management Solutions for Greater Sage Grouse Recovery", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 25, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 215, the "American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 25, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled "Ongoing Management Challenges at IRS", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, October 25, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Bolstering the Government's Cybersecurity: Assessing the Risk of Kaspersky Lab Products to the Federal Government", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 25, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled "GAO Audit Reveals Half-Measures Taken by Small Business Advocates", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

October 26, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled "Financing Through Fintech: Online Lending's Role in Improving Small Business Capital Access", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 25, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled "Examining How VBA Can Effectively Prevent and Manage Overpayments", 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 25, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup on H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3018, the "Veterans' Entry to Apprenticeship Act"; H.R. 3634, the "Securing Electronic Records for Veterans' Ease Act of 2017"; H.R. 3949, the "VALOR Act"; H.R. 3965, the "Veterans Armed for Success Act"; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the applicability of certain provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act to housing and business loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways And Means, October 25, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled "Miscellaneous Tariff Bill: Providing Tariff Relief to U.S. Manufacturers Through the New MTB Process", 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: October 25, to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 10 a.m., 1100, Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2266, Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, post-cloture.

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