

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7005–S7032*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2075–2082. **Pages S7015–16**

**Measures Passed:**

**TSP Modernization Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3031, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from a Thrift Savings Plan account. **Page S7029**

**Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1370, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7029–30**

McConnell (for Johnson/McCaskill) Amendment No. 1579, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7029–30**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015, with respect to Burundi; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–19) **Page S7014**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–20) **Pages S7014–15**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was

originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–21) **Page S7015**

**Engel Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. **Pages S7005–11**

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Thursday, November 2, 2017, which notwithstanding Rule XXII, be modified to have all Executive Session cloture motions ripen following the disposition of the nomination of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, the time post-cloture be counted as if invoked at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017. **Page S7005**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, under the order of October 26, 2017. **Page S7030**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S7015**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7015**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S7015**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S7015**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S7014**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7019–20**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7030.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 4254–4262, were introduced. **Page H8522**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H8523**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3122, to protect individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–385);

H.R. 3562, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–386);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–387);

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, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–388);

H.R. 1066, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report regarding the organizational structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–389);

H.R. 918, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish mental health care to certain former members of the Armed Forces who are not otherwise eligible to receive such care, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–390);

H. Res. 607, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3043) to modernize hydropower policy, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3441) to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (H. Rept. 115–391); and

H.R. 2148, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify capital requirements for certain acquisition, development, or construction loans, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–392). **Pages H8521–22**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Comer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8499**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8500**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 169 nays with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 609. **Pages H8500, H8510–11**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:19 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H8502**

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

*Amending title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title:* H.R. 3562, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 607; **Pages H8502–04, H8509**

*Veterans Affairs Management Alignment Act of 2017:* H.R. 1066, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report regarding the organizational structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-

and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 608; **Pages H8504–05, H8510**

**Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017:** H.R. 3122, amended, to protect individuals who are eligible for increased pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance from dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices;

**Pages H8505–07**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a warning regarding dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices targeting individuals who are eligible for increased pension on the basis of need of regular aid and attendance, and for other purposes.”.

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**Amending 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. 3656, amended, 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; and

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**Amending 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:** H.R. 3657, amended, 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;

**Pages H8508–09**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain burial benefits for spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries, and for other purposes.”.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the attack in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

**Pages H8509–10**

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Burundi that was declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015 is to continue in effect beyond November 22,

2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–76).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979 is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–77).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994 is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2017—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–78).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8509, H8510, and H8510–11. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HYDROPOWER POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2017; SAVE LOCAL BUSINESS ACT

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3043, the “Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3441, the “Save Local Business Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–2, a structured rule for H.R. 3043. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill 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 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 the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3441 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and 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 provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Walden and Foxx, and Representatives Rush, Babin, Garamendi, LaMalfa, Grothman, and Scott of Virginia.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1, the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1140)

H.J. Res. 111, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Arbitration Agreements”. Signed on November 1, 2017. (Public Law 115–74)

H.R. 1329, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on November 2, 2017. (Public Law 115–75)

H.R. 1616, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the National Computer Forensics Institute. Signed on November 2, 2017. (Public Law 115–76)

H.R. 2989, to establish the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission. Signed on November 2, 2017. (Public Law 115–77)

S. 190, to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or

surveillance systems. Signed on November 2, 2017. (Public Law 115–78)

S. 504, to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program. Signed on November 2, 2017. (Public Law 115–79)

S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care Commission. Signed on November 2, 2017. (Public Law 115–80)

S. 1617, to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 77 North in Sarita, Texas, as the “Javier Vega, Jr. Border Patrol Checkpoint”. Signed on November 2, 2017. (Public Law 115–81)

S. 782, to reauthorize the National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program. Signed on November 2, 2017. (Public Law 115–82)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Behler, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Dean L. Winslow, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Secretary, Thomas B. Modly, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and James F. Geurts, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1591, to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine advancing the Internet of Things in rural America, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to receive a closed briefing on North Korea’s cyber capabilities and United States policy response, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, Colleen Kiko, of North Dakota, and James Thomas Abbott, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

## House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Discussion Draft, Energy Star Reform Act of 2017 and H.R. 3477, Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance, Part III”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Examining Federal Reserve Reform Proposals”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Democracy and Governance in the Middle East and North Africa”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, joint hearing entitled “Russia: Counterterrorism Partner or Fanning the Flames?”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “How Effective is the Science and Technology Directorate?: Stakeholder Perspectives”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Anti-Semitism on College Campuses”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Sovereign Immunity and the Intellectual Property System”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Challenges in Puerto Rico’s Recovery and the Role of the Financial Oversight and Management Board”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation to distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, to require sale of approved and scheduled offshore oil and gas leases, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, and to empower States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Full Committee, begin markup on H.R. 995, the “21st Century Respect Act”; H.R. 1532, the “Poarch Band of Creek Indians Land Reaffirmation Act”; H.R. 1800, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs; H.R. 2504, to ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms; H.R. 2907, the “Planning for American Energy Act of 2017”; H.R. 3469, to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foot-hills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”; H.R. 3905, the “Minnesota’s Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act”; H.R. 4239, the “SECURE American Energy Act”; and S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of

amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, 5 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2201, the “Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act”; and H.R. 2874, the “21st Century Flood Reform Act”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade, hearing entitled “Investing in Small Businesses: The SBIC Program”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 7 through November 10,  
2017

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 12 noon.

Following disposition of the nomination of John H. Gibson II, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Following disposition of the nomination of Steven Andrew Engel, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Peter B. Robb, of Vermont, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

Following disposition of the nomination of Peter B. Robb, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Following disposition of the nomination of William L. Wehrum, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: November 9, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Glen R. Smith, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, and Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services*: November 7, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Behler, of

Pennsylvania, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Dean L. Winslow, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Secretary, Thomas B. Modly, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and James F. Geurts, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

November 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert H. McMahon, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary, R. D. James, of Missouri, and Bruce D. Jette, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 7, business meeting to consider S. 1591, to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 7, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine advancing the Internet of Things in rural America, 10 a.m., SR–253.

November 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1693, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking, S. 1668, to rename a waterway in the State of New York as the “Joseph Sanford Jr. Channel”, and the nominations of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, and Nazakhtar Nikakhtar, of Maryland, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Bruce Landsberg, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Raymond Martinez, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation, and Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine protecting consumers in the era of major data breaches, 9:45 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 7, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to receive a closed briefing on North Korea's cyber capabilities and United States policy response, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

November 8, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to receive a closed briefing on a readout of Ambassador Haley's recent trip to Africa, 3 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* November 7, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, Colleen Kiko, of North Dakota, and James Thomas Abbott, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

November 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

November 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, Colleen Kiko, of North Dakota, and James Thomas Abbott, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Jonathan H. Pittman, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* November 8, to hold hearings to examine S. 1400, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, and S. 465, to provide for an independent outside audit of the Indian Health Service, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* November 8, to hold hearings to examine the impact of lawsuit abuse on American small businesses and job creators, 10 a.m., SD–226.

November 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2070, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nominations of Gregory G. Katsas, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Emily Coody Marks, and Brett Joseph Talley, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Holly Lou Teeter, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Bobby L. Christine, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, and David J. Freed, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* November 7, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

## House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services,* November 9, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Aviation Readiness: What's the Flight Plan?”, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* November 8, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, joint hearing entitled “Close to Home: How Opioids are Impacting Communities”, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, November 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “MACRA and Alternative Payment Models: Developing Options for Value-based Care”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 9, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Perspectives on Mixed Martial Arts”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 9, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing on legislation on the Farm Regulatory Certainty Act, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, November 8, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Administration Priorities for the International Financial Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 8, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled “Financial Intelligence and Enforcement: Treasury’s Role in Safeguarding the American Financial System”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 8, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing entitled “The President’s Plan for Afghanistan and Pakistan: Objectives and Resources”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 8, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Examining the Effectiveness of the Kingpin Designation Act in the Western Hemisphere”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 9, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Resolving the Political Crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, November 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Preventing the Next Attack: TSA’s Role in Keeping Our Transportation Systems Secure”, 10:30 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, November 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3989, the “USA Liberty Act of 2017”; and H.R. 170, the “Protect and Grow American Jobs Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, November 8, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 995, the “21st Century

Respect Act”; H.R. 1532, the “Poarch Band of Creek Indians Land Reaffirmation Act”; H.R. 180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs; H.R. 2504, to ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms; H.R. 2907, the “Planning for American Energy Act of 2017”; H.R. 3469, to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”; H.R. 3905, the “Minnesota’s Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act”; H.R. 4239, the “SECURE American Energy Act”; and S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, November 8, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Moving the American Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem: Challenges and Opportunities”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, November 8, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Geoengineering: Innovation, Research, and Technology”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 9, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “An Update on NASA Exploration Systems Development”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, November 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hiring More Heroes: A Review of SBA’s Office of Veterans Business Development”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, November 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4242, the “VA Care in the Community Act”, and H.R. 4243, the “VA Asset and Infrastructure Review Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

November 8, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of the Interagency Transition Assistance Program and the Need for Enhanced Outcome Measurements”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, November 7

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, November 7

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*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 3441—Save Local Business Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3043—Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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