

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7225–S7268

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2126–2135, and S. Res. 332–334. **Page S7262**

Measures Passed:

Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Senate passed S. 807, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers. **Pages S7266–67**

VALOR Act: Senate passed H.R. 3949, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S7267**

VA Prescription Data Accountability Act 2017: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7267**

USNS Hershel "Woody" Williams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 332, commemorating the christening of the USNS Hershel "Woody" Williams. **Page S7265**

Permitting the Collection of Charitable Items: Senate agreed to S. Res. 333, permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings. **Page S7265**

Authorizing the Taking of a Photograph: Senate agreed to S. Res. 334, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Senate Chamber. **Page S7265**

Otting Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury. **Page S7231**

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

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 276), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7231**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 16, 2017. **Page S7267**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 16, 2017, there be 30 minutes of post-cloture time remaining on the nomination of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that following disposition of the nomination of Joseph Otting, Senate vote on the pending motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, in the order filed, and that if cloture is invoked, the post-cloture time on the nominations run consecutively. **Page S7255**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 89 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army. **Pages S7229–30**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 275), David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. **Pages S7230–31**

Bobby L. Christine, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

David J. Freed, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years. **Pages S7266, S7268**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—276)	Pages S7230, S7231

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7267.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PREVENT AND COMBAT OPIOID OVER MEDICATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to prevent and combat opioid over medication, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Missal, Inspector General, Laurence Meyer, Chief Officer for Specialty Care, Veterans Health Administration, and Friedhelm Sandbrink, Acting National Program Director for Pain Management, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Marvin Simcakoski, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee completed its review of reconciliation legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program in the non-wilderness portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, known as the “1002 Area” or Coastal Plain, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 71, 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, and agreed on recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget thereon.

REDUCING AIR EMISSIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting American leadership in reducing air emissions through innovation, after receiving testimony from

Kipp Coddington, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, Laramie; and Ross Eisenberg, National Association of Manufacturers, and Zoe Lipman, BlueGreen Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine encouraging healthy communities, focusing on perspective from the Surgeon General, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, both of the Department of Education, and Kate S. O’Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Alexander, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, who were all introduced by Senator McConnell, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, who was introduced by Senator Roberts and Moran, James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf, and after receiving testimony from Pamela A. Bresnahan, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4395–4415; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 621–624 were introduced. **Pages H9375–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9377–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 4174, to amend titles 5 and 44, United States Code, to require Federal evaluation activities, improve Federal data management, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–411); and

H.R. 659, to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority (H. Rept. 115–412). **Page H9375**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9257**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9264**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Glynn Stone, Mobberly Baptist Church, Longview, Texas. **Page H9264**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, November 13th.

Connected Government Act: H.R. 2331, amended, to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 634. **Page H9280**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, November 16th. **Page H9281**

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

Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2017: H.R. 4174, amended, to amend titles 5 and 44, United States Code, to require Federal evaluation activities, and improve Federal data management; **Pages H9281–91**

Designating 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. 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”;

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the “Tilden Veterans Post Office”: 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”;

Pages H9292–93

Designating 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. 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”;

Pages H9293–94

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Mathe Avenue in Interlachen, Florida, as the “Robert H. Jenkins Post Office”: H.R. 3893, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Mathe Avenue in Interlachen, Florida, as the “Robert H. Jenkins Post Office”;

Pages H9295–96

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Mathe Avenue in Interlachen, Florida, as the ‘Robert H. Jenkins, Jr. Post Office’.”

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Carter Street in Fairview, Illinois, as the “Sgt. Douglas J. Riney Post Office”: H.R. 2672, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Carter Street in Fairview, Illinois, as the “Sgt. Douglas J. Riney Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 636;

Pages H9296, H9301–02

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 Main Street in Clermont, Georgia, as the “Zachary Addington Post Office”: H.R. 3821, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 Main Street in Clermont, Georgia, as the “Zachary Addington Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 635; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service

located at 430 Main Street in Clermont, Georgia, as the ‘Zack T. Addington Post Office’.” . **Page H9301**

Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize additional emergency uses for medical products to reduce deaths and severity of injuries caused by agents of war: H.R. 4374, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize additional emergency uses for medical products to reduce deaths and severity of injuries caused by agents of war. **Pages H9297–H9300**

Recognizing the deep and abiding friendship between the United States and Israel: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 92, as amended by Representative Royce, recognizing the deep and abiding friendship between the United States and Israel. **Page H9302**

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: The House considered H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H9269–81, H9302–61**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–39 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H9269**

H. Res. 619, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 633, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 632.

Pages H9269, H9279–80

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

Designating 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. 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”.

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Senate Referral: S. 534 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 9269.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9279, H9279–80,

H9280, H9301, H9301–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

2018 VETERANS AFFAIRS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “2018 Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: David J. Shulkin, Secretary; John H. Windom, Program Executive, Electronic Health Record Modernization; and Scott R. Blackburn, Executive in Charge, Office of Information and Technology.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor”. Testimony was heard from R. Alexander Acosta, Secretary, Department of Labor.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a markup on H.R. 1917, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2017”; H.R. 453, the “Relief from New Source Performance Standards Act of 2017”; H.R. 350, the “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1119, the “Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment Act”. H.R. 1917, H.R. 453, and H.R. 350 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1119 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee completed a markup on H.R. 1153, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2017”; H.R. 1638, the “Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act”; H.R. 3093, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 3221, the “Securing Access to Affordable Mortgages Act”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3978, the “TRID Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4015, the “Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017”; H.R. 4247, the “Restoring Financial Market Freedom Act of 2017”; H.R. 4248, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, and

for other purposes; H.R. 4258, the “Family Self-Sufficiency Act”; H.R. 4263, the “Regulation A+ Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4267, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 4270, the “Monetary Policy Transparency and Accountability Act of 2017”; H.R. 4278, the “Independence from Credit Policy Act of 2017”; H.R. 4279, the “Expanding Investment Opportunities Act”; H.R. 4281, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 4289, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to coal and mine safety; H.R. 4292, the “Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act”; H.R. 4293, to reform the Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review process, the Dodd-Frank Act Stress Test process, and for other purposes; H.R. 4294, the “Prevention of Private Information Dissemination Act of 2017”; H.R. 4296, to place requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency; H.R. 4302, the “Congressional Accountability for Emergency Lending Programs Act of 2017”; and H.R. 4324, the “Strengthening Oversight of Iran’s Access to Finance Act”. H.R. 1638, H.R. 4292, H.R. 4279, and H.R. 4293 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4258, H.R. 4324, H.R. 4270, H.R. 4278, H.R. 4302, H.R. 1153, H.R. 3093, H.R. 3221, H.R. 3978, H.R. 4294, H.R. 4296, H.R. 4015, H.R. 4248, H.R. 4263, H.R. 4267, H.R. 4281, H.R. 3299, H.R. 4247, and H.R. 4289 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 336, reaffirming a strong commitment to the United States-Mexico Partnership; H. Res. 401, urging China, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, India, and all nations to outlaw the dog and cat meat trade and to enforce existing laws against the trade; H. Res. 407, condemning the persecution of Christians around the world; H.R. 1164, the “Taylor Force Act”; H.R. 1415, the “End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act”; H.R. 2712, the “Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act of 2017”; H.R. 3542, the “ Hamas Human Shields Prevention Act”; H.R. 3776, the “Cyber Diplomacy Act of 2017”; and H. Con. Res. 90, condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma. H. Res. 336 was ordered reported, without amendment. H. Res. 401, H. Res. 407, H.R. 1164, H.R. 1415, H.R. 2712, H.R. 3542, H.R. 3776, and

H. Con. Res. 90 were ordered reported, without amendment.

DEVELOPMENT FINANCE IN ASIA: U.S. ECONOMIC STRATEGY AMID CHINA’S BELT AND ROAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Development Finance in Asia: U.S. Economic Strategy Amid China’s Belt and Road”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan N. Stivers, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and public witnesses.

MAXIMIZING THE VALUE OF CYBER THREAT INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Maximizing the Value of Cyber Threat Information Sharing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 170, the “Protect and Grow American Jobs Act”. H.R. 170 was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 212, the “EFFECT Act”; H.R. 2320, the “Samish Indian Nation Land Conveyance Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3225, the “Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act”. Testimony was heard from John Tahsuda III, Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 801, the “Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act”; H.R. 2888, the “Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Establishment Act”; H.R. 3979, the “Keep America’s Refuges Operational Act”; and H.R. 4266, the “Acadia National Park Boundary Clarification Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives LaHood, Smith of Missouri, Jeffries, and Poliquin; Sue Masica, Acting Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REFORMS FROM THE INSPECTORS GENERAL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Recommendations and Reforms from the Inspectors General”.

Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Chair, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Inspector General, Department of Justice; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

THE FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION REFORM ACT (FITARA) SCORECARD 5.0

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 5.0”. Testimony was heard from Max Everett, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; Alison Doone, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; John Bashista, Director of Acquisition Management, Department of Energy; Barbara Helland, Associate Director of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Department of Energy; Dave Powner, Director of IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jay Mahanand, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development; Reginald Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development; Wade Warren, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Maria Roat, Chief Information Officer, Small Business Administration; Tim Gribben, Chief Financial Officer, Small Business Administration; and Althea Coetzee Leslie, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4376, the “Department of Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017”; H.R. 4377, the “Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act of 2017”; H.R. 4378, the “Nuclear Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017”; H.R. 4375, the “STEM Research and Education Effectiveness and Transparency Act”; H.R. 4323, the “Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act”; H.R. 4254, the “Women in Aerospace Education Act”; and H.R. 3397, the “Building Blocks of STEM Act”. H.R. 3397 and H.R. 4254 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4323, H.R. 4375, H.R. 4376, H.R. 4377, and H.R. 4378 were ordered reported, without amendment.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SMALL BUSINESSES: PROMOTING GREATER INFORMATION SHARING FOR STRONGER CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Federal Government and Small

Businesses: Promoting Greater Information Sharing for Stronger Cybersecurity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TURKEY’S FAILING RULE OF LAW

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the victims of Turkey’s failing rule of law, after receiving testimony from Jonathan R. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; CeCe Heil, American Center for Law and Justice, Franklin, Tennessee; Nate Schenckan, Freedom House, New York, New York; and Jacqueline Furnari, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nomination of Glen R. Smith, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine Coast Guard readiness, focusing on how far we can stretch our Nation’s only multi-mission, military force, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Judiciary: 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 Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and Scott W. Brady, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Andrew E. Lelling, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “The Race to 5G and its Potential to Revolutionize American Competitiveness”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 12 noon.

Following disposition of the nomination of Joseph Otting, Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, in the order filed.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 1—Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

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