

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2255–2259, and S. Res. 362–363. **Page S8181**

Measures Reported:

S. 1827, to extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–197)

S. 1333, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–198)

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Measures Passed:

Freedom of the Press: Senate agreed to S. Res. 150, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance. **Page S8154**

San Antonio Rose 75th Anniversary: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 326, recognizing the crew of the San Antonio Rose, B–17F, who sacrificed their lives during World War II, and honoring their memory during the week of the 75th anniversary of that tragic event, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8154**

National Ernie Pyle Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 345, designating August 3, 2018, as “National Ernie Pyle Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8154**

USS Jacksonville: Senate agreed to S. Res. 362, recognizing the service of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine the USS Jacksonville and the crew of the USS Jacksonville, who served the United States with valor and bravery. **Page S8154**

Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act: Senate passed S. 117, to designate a mountain peak in the

State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Senate passed S. 501, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. **Page S8185**

Rood Nomination-Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on January 3, 2018, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; that there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate, and that no further motions be in order; provided further that notwithstanding Rule XXXI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the nomination be held in status quo into the second session of the 115th Congress. **Page S8183**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bruce D. Jette, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Thomas Harker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

John P. Roth, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Page S8185**

Duane A. Kees, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Stephen R. McAllister, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Ryan K. Patrick, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Michael B. Stuart, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years. **Page S8183**

44 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Paradise Baxter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Colm F. Connolly, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Kari A. Dooley, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Gordon P. Giampietro, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Marilyn Jean Horan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Chad F. Kenney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Maryellen Noreika, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8185.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FREIGHT MOVEMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine freight movement, after receiving testimony from David Thomas, Maryland Department of Transportation Port Administration Deputy Executive Director, Baltimore; Tim Parker, Waterways Council, Inc., Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Chris Spear, American Trucking Associations, Arlington, Virginia; and Mark Policinski, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, Cincinnati, on behalf of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4690–4705; and 1 resolution, and H. Res. 669 were introduced. **Pages H10344–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10346**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 668, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018 (H. Rept. 115–476). **Page H10249**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rogers (KY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10249**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H10250**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 194 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 703. **Pages H10250, H10330–31**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 669, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H10261**

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R.

1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 699. **Pages H10252–H10312**

H. Res. 668, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 698, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 697. **Pages H10252–61**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Consideration began Monday, December 18th.

United States and Israel Space Cooperation Act: H.R. 1159, amended, to provide for continuing cooperation between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Israel Space Agency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 700. **Pages H10312–13**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 6:08 p.m. **Page H10329**

Motion to Fix Next Convening Time: Agreed by voice vote to the Yoder motion that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 21. **Page H10329**

Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 4015, to improve the quality of proxy advisory firms for the protection of investors and the U.S. economy, and in the public interest, by fostering accountability, transparency, responsiveness, and competition in the proxy advisory firm industry, by a ye-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 702.

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Rejected the Sarbanes motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a ye-and-nay vote of 189 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 701. **Pages H10328–30**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–46 shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H10313–29**

H. Res. 657, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2396) and (H.R. 4015) was agreed to Wednesday, December 13th.

Recess: The House recessed at 8:42 p.m. and reconvened at 10:44 p.m. **Page H10343**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H10251 .

Quorum Calls Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10260, H10261, H10312, H10313, H10329–30, H10330, H10331. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SENATE AMENDMENT TO AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RECONCILIATION PURSUANT TO TITLES II AND V OF THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate amendment to H.R. 1, an Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018 [Tax Cuts and Jobs Act]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides 20 minutes of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that clause 5(b) of rule XXI shall not apply to the motion.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1324)

H.R. 228, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources. Signed on December 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–93)

S. 371, to make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017. Signed on December 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–94)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,

House

DECEMBER 21, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4667, making further supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and calendar year 2017 wildfires, and for other purposes; and continue hearing on the Senate amendment to H.R. 1370, the “Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017” [Further Continuing Resolution], 8 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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