

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S81–S112

Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2283–2284, and S. Res. 369–370. **Page S110**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 369, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S111**

Minority Party's Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 370, to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S111**

Parker Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. **Pages S89–S101**

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

By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 4), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 10, 2018; that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination; and that all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 2:30 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate. **Pages S111–12**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 3), William L. Campbell, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. **Pages S89, S112**

Messages from the House: **Page S104**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S111**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—4) **Page S89**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S111–12.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating money laundering and other forms of illicit finance, focusing on opportunities to reform and strengthen Bank Secrecy Act enforcement, including S. 2080, a bill to increase the role of the financial industry in combating human trafficking, after receiving testimony from Greg Baer, The Clearing House Association, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Dennis M. Lormel, DML Associates, LLC, Lansdowne, Virginia; and Heather A. Lowe, Global Financial Integrity, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ATTACKS ON U.S. DIPLOMATS IN CUBA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine attacks on United States diplomats in Cuba, focusing on response and oversight, after receiving testimony from Francisco L. Palmieri, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Todd J. Brown, Assistant Director, International Programs Directorate, and Charles Rosenfarb, Medical Director, Bureau of Medical Services, all of the Department of State.

THE OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the opioid crisis, focusing on how to move forward, after receiving testimony from Sam Quinones, *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*, Los Angeles, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4272–4279 were introduced. **Page H82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H82–83**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4577, to establish a working group to determine ways to develop a domestic canine breeding network to produce high quality explosives detection canines, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–488);

H.R. 4564, to require a threat assessment on current foreign terrorist fighter activities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–489);

H.R. 4567, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–490);

H.R. 4569, to require counterterrorism information sharing coordination, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–491);

H.R. 4578, to authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–492);

H.R. 4581, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop best practices for utilizing advanced passenger information and passenger name record data for counterterrorism screening and vetting operations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–493);

H.R. 4553, to require a review of the authorization, funding, management, and operation of the National Targeting Center and the Terrorist Screening Center, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–494, Part 1);

H.R. 1486, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure non-profit facilities from terrorist attacks, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–495);

H.R. 4433, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to achieve security of sensitive assets among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–496);

H.R. 4559, to conduct a global aviation security review, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–497);

H.R. 4561, to provide for third party testing of transportation security screening technology, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–498);

H.R. 4555, to authorize the participation in overseas interagency counterterrorism task forces of personnel of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–499);

H.R. 4519, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to resource extraction, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–500);

H.R. 4475, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–501);

H.R. 4568, to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–502);

H. Res. 681, providing for consideration of the bill (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 (H. Rept. 115–503); and

H. Res. 682, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 139) to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–504). **Pages H81–82**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marshall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H21**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H28**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Tiberi, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Twelfth Congressional District of Ohio, effective at 5 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2018. **Page H29**

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

Domestic Explosives Detection Canine Capacity Building Act: H.R. 4577, amended, to establish a working group to determine ways to develop a domestic canine breeding network to produce high quality explosives detection canines; **Pages H32–34**

Security Assessment Feasibility for Equipment Testing and Evaluation of Capabilities for our Homeland Act: H.R. 4561, amended, to provide for third party testing of transportation security screening technology; **Pages H36–38**

Securing American Non-Profit Organizations Against Terrorism Act: H.R. 1486, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure non-profit facilities from terrorist attacks; **Pages H38–40**

Global Aviation System Security Reform Act of 2017: H.R. 4559, amended, to conduct a global aviation security review; **Pages H41–43**

Cyber Vulnerability Disclosure Reporting Act: H.R. 3202, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report on cyber vulnerability disclosures; **Pages H43–46**

Department of Homeland Security Interagency Counterterrorism Task Force Act: H.R. 4555, amended, to authorize the participation in overseas interagency counterterrorism task forces of personnel of the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H46–47**

Post-Caliphate Threat Assessment Act of 2017: H.R. 4564, to require a threat assessment on current foreign terrorist fighter activities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 3; **Pages H47, H62–63**

Counterterrorism Information Sharing Improvement Act: H.R. 4569, to require counterterrorism information sharing coordination; **Pages H48–49**

Screening and Vetting Passenger Exchange Act: H.R. 4581, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop best practices for utilizing advanced passenger information and passenger name record data for counterterrorism screening and vetting operations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 4; **Pages H49–50, H63–64**

Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms Act: H.R. 4433, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to achieve security of sensitive assets among the components of the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H50–51**

Supporting the rights of the people of Iran to free expression, condemning the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests: H. Res. 676, supporting the rights of the people of Iran to free expression, condemning the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 2; **Pages H51–57, H62**

Taiwan Travel Act: H.R. 535, to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels; and **Pages H57–59**

Directing the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization: H.R. 3320, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization. **Pages H59–62**

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

Department of Homeland Security Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act: H.R. 4567, amended, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan; and **Pages H34–36**

Counter Terrorist Network Act: H.R. 4578, to authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. **Pages H40–41**

Senate Referral: S. 1425 was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H80**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H28.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H62, H62–63, and H63–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHINA'S PURSUIT OF EMERGING AND EXPONENTIAL TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “China’s Pursuit of Emerging and Exponential Technologies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOE MODERNIZATION: ADVANCING DOE'S MISSION FOR NATIONAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENERGY SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “DOE Modernization: Advancing DOE’s Mission for National, Economic, and Energy Security of the United States”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Dan Brouillette, Deputy Secretary; Mark Menezes, Under Secretary of Energy; Paul Dabbar, Under Secretary for Science; Frank Klotz, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Thomas Zacharia, Director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

EVALUATING CFIUS: CHALLENGES POSED BY A CHANGING GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Evaluating CFIUS: Challenges Posed by a Changing Global Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for a More Efficient Federal Financial Regulatory Regime: Part III”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ON THE LINE: BORDER SECURITY FROM AN AGENT AND OFFICER PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “On the Line: Border Security from an Agent and

Officer Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee On Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 4532, the “Shash Já National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Curtis; Gary R. Herbert, Governor, Utah; and public witnesses.

TO AMEND THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE WATER RIGHTS QUANTIFICATION ACT OF 2010 TO CLARIFY THE USE OF AMOUNTS IN THE WMAT SETTLEMENT FUND; RAPID DNA ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on 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; and S. 139, the “Rapid DNA Act of 2017” [FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for S. 140. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–54 shall be considered as adopted and 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. The Committee granted, by record vote of 6–3, a structured rule for S. 139. The rule provides one hour of debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and 20 minutes 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 an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–53 shall be considered as adopted and 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 the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which 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 amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to commit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives LaMalfa, Rokita, Scott of Virginia, Moore, Nunes, Schiff, Amash, Himes, Davidson, Lofgren, Farenthold, Nadler, and Poe of Texas.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine America's water infrastructure needs and challenges, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Barry W. Ashe, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Howard C. Nielson, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and James R. Sweeney II, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of Defense Update on the Financial

Improvement and Audit Remediation (FIAR) Plan", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "A Further Examination of Federal Reserve Reform Proposals", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Sanctions and Financial Pressure: Major National Security Tools", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "Upcoming Elections in the Western Hemisphere: Implications for U.S. Policy", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, ratification of subcommittee assignments; markup on H.R. 506, the "Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 219, the "Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project Boundary Correction Act"; H.R. 801, the "Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act"; H.R. 1220, to establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107-62, and for other purposes; H.R. 2711, the "National Memorial to Fallen Educators Act"; H.R. 3133, the "Streamlining Environmental Approvals Act of 2017"; and S. 117, the "Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act of 2017", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4675, the "Low Dose Radiation Research Act of 2017", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled "Home Loan Churning Practices and How Veteran Homebuyers are Being Affected", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 10

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of 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 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of S. 139—FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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