

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2599–S2632*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2812–2834, and S. Res. 503–506. **Page S2623**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1867, to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the sunset of certain provisions relating to information technology, to amend the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to extend the sunset relating to the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative. (S. Rept. No. 115–244)

S. 2178, to require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to make open recommendations of Inspectors General publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–245)

S. 79, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–246)

S. 1059, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 115–247)

S. 1981, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas. (S. Rept. No. 115–248) **Page S2622**

#### Measures Passed:

**Teachers of the United States:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 505, recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States. **Pages S2630–31**

**National Senior Fraud Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 506, supporting the designation of May 15, 2018, as “National Senior Fraud Awareness Day” to raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent schemes targeted at older people of the United States, to encourage the implementation of

policies to prevent these scams from happening, and to improve protections from these scams for seniors.

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**Firefighter Cancer Registry Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 931, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2631–32**

Portman (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2242, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters. **Page S2631**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, with respect to the Central African Republic; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–37)

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**Carson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Page S2607**

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

By 71 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 90), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2607**

**Nalbandian Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of John B. Nalbandian, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S2611**

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

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 91), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2611**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, at 12 noon, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018; and that the confirmation vote on the Nalbandian nomination occur immediately following disposition of the Carson nomination. **Page S2611**

#### **Scudder and St. Eve Nominations—Agreement:**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motions on the nominations of Michael Y. Scudder, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, be withdrawn; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 14, 2018. **Page S2611**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the Scudder nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 14, 2018; and that following disposition of the St. Eve nomination, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Page S2632**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 89), Michael B. Brennan, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Page S2600–07**

Patrick Hovakimian, of California, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2020.

Gregory Allyn Forest, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Bradley A. Maxwell, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years. **Page S2614, S2632**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Kyle McCarter, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

Tibor Peter Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

Gordon D. Sondland, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the

European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S2632**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018.

Adam Lerrick, of Wyoming, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018. **Page S2632**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2620**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2630**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—91) **Pages S2607, S2611**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:51 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2632.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior.

**APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce.

**APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa Porter, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, James N. Stewart, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary, James H. Anderson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Gregory J. Slavonic, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who was introduced by Senator Lankford, all of the Department of Defense, and Charles P. Verdon, of California, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration,

Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**MODERNIZING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine modernizing development finance, including S. 2463, to establish the United States International Development Finance Corporation, after receiving testimony from Ray W. Washburne, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Daniel F. Runde, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and George M. Ingram, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.2559, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the Marrakesh Treaty; and

The nominations of Mark Jeremy Bennett, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nancy E. Brasel, and Eric C. Tostrud, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Robert R. Summerhays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, and Cheryl A. Lydon, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina, Sonya K. Chavez, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, Scott E. Kracl, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska, and J. C. Raffety, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia, all of the Department of Justice.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 5745–5772; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 134; and H. Res. 886–890 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H3930–31**

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

H.R. 1026, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–667); and

H.R. 3746, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to clarify the authority of the

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with respect to persons regulated by a State insurance regulator, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–668).

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 179 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 180.

**Pages H3911–12**

**Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act:** The House passed H.R. 3053, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, by a recorded vote of 340 ayes to 72 noes, Roll No. 179.

**Pages H3890–H3911**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules

Committee Print 115–69, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Pages H3901–06**

Agreed to:

Keating amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–665) that requires the Department of Energy to publish a financial statements summary in its annual Nuclear Waste Fund financial statement audit; and

**Pages H3906–07**

Schneider amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–665) that requires a report on existing resources across the federal government that could assist communities struggling with the economic impact of a nuclear plant closure and housing spent nuclear fuel and assist communities in the decommissioning process with developing economic adjustment plans.

**Pages H3907–08**

Rejected:

Titus amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–665) that sought to strike the language of H.R. 3053 and insert language establishing a consent-based siting process for determining a permanent nuclear waste repository (by a recorded vote of 80 ayes to 332 noes, Roll No. 178). **Pages H3908–10**

H. Res. 879, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3053) was agreed to yesterday, May 9th.

**Supporting robust relations with the State of Israel bilaterally and in multilateral fora upon seventy years of statehood:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 835, supporting robust relations with the State of Israel bilaterally and in multilateral fora upon seventy years of statehood, as amended by Representative Royce. **Pages H3912–13**

**Commission on International Religious Freedom—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective May 14, 2018, and ending May 14, 2020: Dr. Tenzin Dorjee of Fullerton, California. **Page H3913**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, May 11th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 15th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H3920**

**Permission to File Report:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations have until 6 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2018 to file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. **Page H3920**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the Central African Republic that was declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014 is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2018—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–123). **Page H3920**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3910, H3910–11, H3911–12. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESSES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “American Indian/Alaska Native Public Witnesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”. H.R. 5515 was ordered reported, as amended.

### FY19 BUDGET: MEMBERS' DAY

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “FY19 Budget: Members' Day”. Testimony was heard from Representative Kildee.

### EXAMINING THE STATE OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE: INVESTMENT, PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, AND ALTERNATIVES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Examining the State of Electric Transmission Infrastructure: Investment, Planning, Construction, and Alternatives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D496)*

S. 447, to require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues. Signed on May 9, 2018. (Public Law 115–171)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MAY 11, 2018**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, May 14

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nominations of Michael Y. Scudder, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed at 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Friday, May 11

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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