

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Gina Haspel, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2735–S2780*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2872–2885, and S. Res. 515–516. **Page S2773**

#### Measures Passed:

*National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System Act:* Senate passed S. 346, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2776–78**

McConnell (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2252, to modify the authorization of appropriations. **Pages S2777–78**

*Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:* Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 60, providing for the reappointment of Barbara M. Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S2778**

*70th Anniversary of the Reactivation in 1948 of the 3d Infantry Regiment:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, honoring the 70th anniversary of the reactivation in 1948 of the 3d Infantry Regiment of the United States Army. **Page S2778**

*National Physical Education and Sport Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 516, designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2018, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”. **Page S2778**

#### Measures Considered:

**Budget Resolution:** By 21 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate rejected Paul motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 36, a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the

United States Government for fiscal year 2019 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2020 through 2028. **Pages S2736–48**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2735**

#### House Messages:

**Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2761–62, S2762–68**

#### Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S2761**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2246 (to the House Amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S2761**

McConnell Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2246), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2761**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2248, to change the enactment date. **Pages S2761–62**

McConnell Amendment No. 2249 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2248), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2762**

McConnell Amendment No. 2250 (to Amendment No. 2249), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2762**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of

the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Pages S2778–79**

Prior to the consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2761**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the House message to accompany the bill be at 5 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2018. **Pages S2778–79**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a social security totalization agreement with Iceland, titled “Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Iceland” and the accompanying legally binding administrative arrangement titled “Administrative Arrangement between the Competent Authorities of the United States of America and Iceland for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Iceland”; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–38) **Page S2772**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a social security totalization agreement with Slovenia, titled “Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia” and the accompanying legally binding administrative arrangement titled “Administrative Arrangement between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Republic Slovenia”; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–39) **Page S2772**

**Baiocco Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Page S2761**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 17, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2018. **Page S2761**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2761**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2761**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2018; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Thursday, May 17, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2018. **Pages S2778–79**

**McWilliams Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S2762**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the House message to accompany S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks. **Page S2762**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2762**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2762**

**McWilliams Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S2762**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S2762**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2762**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2762**

**Evans Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Department of State. **Page S2762**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to

be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S2762**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2762**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2762**

**Montgomery 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, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and that there be four hours 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.

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 101), Gina Haspel, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Pages S2735, S2748–61**

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

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 100), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2735, S2748–60**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

**Pages S2735, S2748**

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

67 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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

**Pages S2779–80**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S2772–73**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2773**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S2742, S2773**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S2773**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2773–75**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Pages S2775–76**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2770–72**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S2776**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2776**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—101) **Pages S2747, S2760–61**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2778–79.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, and General David L. Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*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 National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Norman Sharpless, Director, National Cancer Institute, Walter Koroshetz, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, and Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, all of the National Institutes of Health.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FCC AND FTC

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Joseph Simons, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 436, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, with an amendment;

S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 612, and H.R. 1547, bills to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City;

S. 930, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1030, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1142, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1459, to establish Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in the State of South Carolina, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1573, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the “American Discovery Trail”, with an amendment;

S. 1645, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland;

S. 1646, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, with an amendment;

S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2102, to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4609, to provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station;

S. 2857, to designate the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington, as the “National Nordic Museum”;

H.R. 497, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain non-Federal lands;

H.R. 965, to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”;

H.R. 995, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations, with amendments;

H.R. 1900, to designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum;

H.R. 2582, to authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions;

H.R. 2768, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”;

H.R. 2786, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify as a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, with an amendment;

H.R. 2897, to authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Aimee Kathryn Jorjani, of Wisconsin, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

#### AMERICA’S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2800, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after receiving testimony from R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 5857–5873; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 901–903 were introduced. **Pages H4208–09**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H4210**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative DesJarlais to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4141**

**Recess:**The House recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4148**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor John Zenz, Holy Name Parish, Birmingham, Michigan. **Pages H4148–49**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 188 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 192. **Pages H4149, H4163–64**

**Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018:** The House considered H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. Consideration began yesterday, May 16th.

**Pages H4164–73, H4173–88, H4188–99, H4199–201, H4201–05**  
Agreed to:

Herrera-Beutler amendment (No. 10 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that directs the payment of a portion of stewardship project revenues to the county in which the stewardship project occurs;

**Pages H4164–65**

Gosar amendment (No. 11 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that authorizes counties to be included in Good Neighbor Authority cooperative agreements and contracts in order to improve forest health and bolster watershed restoration;

**Pages H4165–66**

Gianforte amendment (No. 12 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that authorizes expedited salvage operations for areas burned by wildfire to salvage dead trees and reforest to prevent re-burn, provide for the utilization of burned trees, or to provide a funding source for reforestation; requires a two month environmental assessment for reforestation activities and at least 75% of the burned area be reforested;

**Pages H4166–67**

Pearce amendment (No. 15 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that allows the Village of Santa Clara to purchase land from the United States Forest Service that was formerly part of Fort Bayard Military Reservation;

**Page H4170**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 16 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that streamlines the Forest Service application process required to construct broadband infrastructure on federal land;

**Pages H4170–72**

Westerman amendment (No. 17 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that instructs the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior to provide Congress a yearly report tabulating the metrics surrounding wildfire prevention, including the number of acres treated and agency response time;

**Page H4172**

Pearce amendment (No. 18 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that reauthorizes the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program for another 10 years;

**Page H4172**

Tipton amendment (No. 19 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that authorizes the U.S. Forest Service to convey 3.61 acres of Forest Service Land to Dolores County, Colorado for the strict purpose of building a fire station;

**Pages H4172–73**

Thornberry amendment (No. 20 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that establishes Cattle and Carcass Grading Correlation and Training Centers to limit subjectivity and increase the accuracy of grading cattle across the country;

**Page H4173**

Conaway amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that makes technical and conforming changes, in addition to making amendments to titles IV, VI and XI of H.R. 2; these amendments consist of changes to nutrition programs, requiring consultation between USDA and NTIA on broadband loan and grant programs and establishing a food access liaison at USDA;

**Pages H4177–81**

LaHood amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that streamlines the sign up process for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) by directing the Secretary of Agriculture to change the regulatory requirements from an annual sign up to a "one and done" process for ARC and PLC only;

**Page H4184**

Faso amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that expands USDA's ability to assess natural resource concerns through enhanced measurement, evaluation, and reporting on conservation program outcomes;

**Pages H4185–86**

Fortenberry amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that provides sequencing and prioritization for volunteer visits and improves communication and coordination between USDA, USAID and implementing partners; the amendment also establishes a geographically defined crop yield metrics system and an Internet-based resource for

data and knowledge sharing among the participants, stakeholders and the public; **Pages H4188–89**

MacArthur amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that ensures that if an individual becomes ineligible to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program as a household member due to failure to meet the requirements under subparagraph (B), the remaining household members (including children), shall not become ineligible to apply to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program due to such individuals ineligibility; **Pages H4189–91**

Holding amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that ends eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for convicted violent rapists, pedophiles and murderers after enactment into law; **Page H4191**

González-Colón amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study on developing a Thrifty Food Plan to calculate the amount of the Nutritional Assistance Program for Puerto Rico; **Pages H4191–92**

Young (AK) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that expands access to traditional foods for native populations first created in Sec. 4033 of PL 113–79; **Page H4194**

González-Colón amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide an extension of study on comparable access to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance for Puerto Rico; **Pages H4194–95**

Faso amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that provides states the flexibility to contract out administrative functions of SNAP (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 196); **Pages H4192–94, H4198**

Westerman amendment (No. 13 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that requires the Forest Service to consider long-term health of our nations forests when developing collaborative management plans, and shields agency decision making from certain injunctions on sustainable forest management (by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 198); **Pages H4167–68, H4199–H4200**

Young (AK) amendment (No. 14 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that exempts all National Forests in Alaska from the U.S. Forest Service Roadless Rule (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 199); **Pages H4168–70, H4200–01**

Turner amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that ensures that newly designated 1890 Institution's base funding is calculated by using the same formula as already established 1890 Institutions; **Pages H4203–04**

Stefanik amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that adds invasive vegetation to Section 602 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act; and

**Page H4204**

Cheney amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that directs the USFS and DOI to make vacant allotments available to grazing permit or lease holders in the event of a natural disaster, conflict with wildlife, or court-issued injunction; to prevent a court injunction in the event that the federal agency is unable to make a vacant allotment available.

**Pages H4204–05**

Rejected:

Foxx amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that sought to modernize and reform the sugar program by removing barriers to domestic production and implementing market reforms (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 193);

**Pages H4174–77, H4196**

McClintock amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that sought to phase out agricultural subsidies (by a recorded vote of 34 ayes to 380 noes, Roll No. 194);

**Pages H4181–84, H4196–97**

McClintock amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that sought to amend SNAP work requirements to repeal geographic area waivers to allow states to exempt only 5% of SNAP recipients, set the same hour per week work requirement for married parents as for single parents, exempt parents of children under 3 instead of children under 6, and require participants in training programs to go through E Verify (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 330 noes, Roll No. 195); and

**Pages H4186–88, H4197–98**

Biggs amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that sought to repeal the bioenergy subsidy programs established in title IX of the 2002 farm bill (by a recorded vote of 75 ayes to 340 noes, Roll No. 197).

**Pages H4195–96, H4198–99**

Withdrawn:

Rogers (AL) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that amends the Conservation Title to cap the number of CRP acres at 24 million a year.

**Page H4185**

Proceedings Postponed:

Russell amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that seeks to amend the Agricultural Risk Protection act of 2000 to prohibit the Department of Agriculture (USDA) from awarding value-added agricultural product market development grants to support the marketing of beer, wine, distilled spirits, hard cider, or other alcohol products; the amendment also rescinds \$8 million of the unobligated funds that were previously provided to USDA for grants.

**Pages H4201–03**

H. Res. 891, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5698), (S. 2372), and (H.R. 2) was agreed to yesterday, May 16th.

H. Res. 900, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 191, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 190.

**Pages H4150–63**

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 900, amendment numbered 7 printed in House Report 115–679 may be considered out of sequence.

**Page H4188**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Doyle presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 873, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 129) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to “Restoring Internet Freedom” (Discharge Petition No. 11).

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–125).

**Page H4150**

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Iceland—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–127).

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**Senate Referral:** S. 2349 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Page H4207**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4164.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4162, H4162–63, H4163–64, H4196, H4197, H4197–98, H4198, H4199, H4199–H4200, and H4200–01. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2019 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY

2019 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### PROTECTING PRIVACY, PROMOTING DATA SECURITY: EXPLORING HOW SCHOOLS AND STATES KEEP DATA SAFE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting Privacy, Promoting Data Security: Exploring How Schools and States Keep Data Safe”. Testimony was heard from David Couch, K–12 CIO and Associate Commissioner, Kentucky Office of Education Technology; Gary Lilly, Superintendent, Bristol Tennessee City Schools; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4684, the “Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act of 2018”; H.R. 5329, the “Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2018”; H.R. 5580, the “STOP Fentanyl Deaths Act of 2018”; H.R. 5587, the “Peer Support Communities of Recovery Act”; H.R. 5795, the “Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act”; H.R. 5812, the “Creating Opportunities that Necessitate New and Enhanced Connections That Improve Opioid Navigation Strategies Act”; H.R. 5590, the “Opioid Addiction Action Plan Act”; H.R. 5603, the “Access to Telehealth Services for Opioid Use Disorder”; H.R. 5605, the “Advancing High Quality Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders in Medicare Act”; H.R. 5798, the “Opioid Screening and Chronic Pain Management Alternatives for Seniors Act”; H.R. 5804, the “Post-Surgical Injections as an Opioid Alternative Act”; H.R. 5809, the “Postoperative Opioid Prevention Act of 2018”; H.R. 5715, the “Strengthening Partnerships to Prevent Opioid Abuse Act”; H.R. 5716, the “Commit to Opioid Medical Prescriber Accountability and Safety for Seniors Act”; H.R. 5796, the “Responsible Education Achieves Care and Healthy Outcomes for Users’ Treatment Act of 2018”; H.R. 1925, the “At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 3192, the “CHIP Mental Health Parity Act”; H.R. 4005, the “Medicaid Reentry Act”; H.R. 4998, the “Health Insurance for Former Foster Youth Act”; H.R. 5477, the “Rural Development of Opioid Capacity Services Act”; H.R. 5583, the “Requiring Medicaid Programs to Report on All Core Behavioral Health Measures”; H.R. 5789, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicaid coverage protections for pregnant and postpartum women while receiving inpatient treatment for a substance use disorder; H.R. 5797, the “IMD CARE Act”; H.R. 5799, the “Medicaid DRUG Improvement

Act”; H.R. 5800, the “Medicaid IMD ADDITIONAL INFO Act”; H.R. 5801, the “Medicaid PARTNERSHIP Act”; H.R. 5808, the “Medicaid Pharmaceutical Home Act of 2018”; H.R. 5810, the “Medicaid Health HOME Act”; H.R. 5228, the “Stop Counterfeit Drugs by Regulating and Enhancing Enforcement Now Act”; H.R. 5752, the “Stop Illicit Drug Importation Act of 2018”; H.R. 5806, the “21st Century Tools for Pain and Addiction Treatments”; and H.R. 5811, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to post-approval study requirements for certain controlled substances, and for other purposes. H.R. 5228, H.R. 5752, H.R. 5811, H.R. 3192, H.R. 4005, H.R. 4998, H.R. 5477, H.R. 5789, H.R. 5797, H.R. 5799, H.R. 5801, H.R. 5810, H.R. 5715, H.R. 5590, H.R. 5603, H.R. 5605, H.R. 5329, H.R. 5587, and H.R. 5795 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5806, H.R. 1925, H.R. 5583, H.R. 5800, H.R. 5808, H.R. 5716, H.R. 5796, H.R. 5798, H.R. 4684, H.R. 5580, H.R. 5804, H.R. 5809, and H.R. 5812 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM—STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program—Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Costello, Chief Resilience Officer, Office of the Mayor, Houston, Texas; Rodney Ellis, Commissioner, Harris County, Texas; Heather Lagrone, Deputy Director, Texas General Land Office; and public witnesses.

#### **AN OVERVIEW OF HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “An Overview of Homelessness in America”. Testimony was heard from Peter Lynn, Executive Director, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, California; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5626, the “Intercountry Adoption Information Act of 2018”; H.R. 5754, the “Cambodia Democracy Act”; H.R. 5819, the “BURMA Act of 2018”; H.R. 1911, the “Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2017”; H.R. 2259, the “Sam Farr Peace Corps Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4989, the “Protecting Diplomats from Surveillance Through Consumer Devices Act”; and H.R. 3030, the “Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atroc-

ities Prevention Act of 2017”. H.R. 4989 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1911, H.R. 2259, H.R. 3030, H.R. 5626, H.R. 5754, and H.R. 5819 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT: LESSONS LEARNED AND WAYS FORWARD**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Global Health Supply Chain Management: Lessons Learned and Ways Forward”. Testimony was heard from Irene Koek, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Global Health Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Deborah L. Birx, M.D., U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, Department of State.

#### **ASSESSING THE TSA CHECKPOINT: THE PRECHECK PROGRAM AND AIRPORT WAIT TIMES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security held a hearing entitled “Assessing the TSA Checkpoint: The PreCheck Program and Airport Wait Times”. Testimony was heard from Darby LaJoye, Assistant Administrator, Office of Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; William Russell, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2561, the “POLICE Act of 2017”. H.R. 2561 was ordered reported, as amended.

#### **FEDERAL IMPEDIMENTS TO COMMERCE AND INNOVATIVE INJURIOUS SPECIES MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “Federal Impediments to Commerce and Innovative Injurious Species Management”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2365, the “Desert Community Lands Act”; H.R. 3777, the “Juab County Conveyance Act of 2017”; H.R. 4824, the “Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act of 2018”; and H.R. 5023, the “Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cook, Love,

Curtis, and Norton; Timothy Spisak, Acting Associate Director, Energy, Minerals, and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Lori Lamson, Assistant Town Manager, Apple Valley, California; Byron Woodland, County Commissioner, Juab County, Utah; and public witnesses.

#### **A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE EVOLVING OPIOID CRISIS: REVITALIZING THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Sustainable Solution to the Evolving Opioid Crisis: Revitalizing the Office of National Drug Control Policy”. Testimony was heard from Senator Cornyn; Rahul Gupta, Commissioner and State Health Officer, Bureau for Public Health, Department of Health and Human Resources, West Virginia; Gretta Goodwin, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **AMERICA’S HUMAN PRESENCE IN LOW-EARTH ORBIT**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America’s Human Presence in Low-Earth Orbit”. Testimony was heard from William Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **HOTLINE TRUTHS II: AUDIT REVEALS INCONSISTENCIES IN DEFENSE SUBCONTRACTING**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Hotline Truths II: Audit Reveals Inconsistencies in Defense Subcontracting”. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Roark, Assistant Inspector General, Readiness and Global Operations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Defense; Tommy L. Marks, Director, Army Office of Small Business Programs, Office of the Secretary of the Army; and a public witness.

#### **VA RESEARCH: FOCUSING ON FUNDING, FINDINGS, AND PARTNERSHIPS**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “VA Research: Focusing on Funding, Findings, and Partnerships”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **A REVIEW OF VA’S VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program”. Testimony was heard from Jack Kammerer, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **SECURING AMERICANS’ IDENTITIES: THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Securing Americans’ Identities: The Future of the Social Security Number”. Testimony was heard from Nancy Berryhill, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **CHINA’S WORLDWIDE MILITARY EXPANSION**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “China’s Worldwide Military Expansion”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **OPPORTUNITY ZONES**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the promise of Opportunity Zones, after receiving testimony from Senator Scott; John Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group, Washington, D.C.; and Terri Ludwig, Enterprise Community Partners, and Maurice A. Jones, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, both of New York, New York.

#### **PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**

*Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the structure and financial outlook of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, after receiving testimony from W. Thomas Reeder, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MAY 18, 2018**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing on H.R. 2278, the “Responsible Disposal Reauthorization Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2389, to

reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Quantum Computing”, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “Accountability for OPEC: H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, the ‘No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act’”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, continue hearing entitled “Progress Report on the 2020 Census”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, May 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

(The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the House Message to accompany S. 2372, Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act, is at 5 p.m.)

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, May 18

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018.

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