

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 2372, Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2843–S2887

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2927–2944, S.J. Res. 61, and S. Res. 520–521. **Pages S2877–78**

Measures Reported:

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

S. 2377, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the “Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

S. 2734, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

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

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 121, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 2372.

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Ensuring Patient Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatments Act: Senate passed S. 916, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for the delivery of a controlled substance by a pharmacy to an administering practitioner, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Cassidy) Amendment No. 2267, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell (for Cassidy) Amendment No. 2268, to amend the title.

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Tribal HUD–VASH Act: Senate passed S. 1333, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Inspector General Recommendation Transparency Act: Senate passed S. 2178, to require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to make open recommendations of Inspectors General publicly available, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Condemning the Attack in Santa Fe, Texas: Senate agreed to S. Res. 521, condemning the horrific attack in Santa Fe, Texas, and expressing support and prayers for all of those impacted by the tragedy.

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House Messages:

Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act: By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 106), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in 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 taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

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. (Senate tabled the motion.)

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

McConnell Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2246), of a perfecting nature, fell when 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) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S2865**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Tillis be authorized to sign the enrollment of S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections. **Page S2886**

McWilliams Nominations—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Pages S2866–71**

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

By 72 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 107), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2866**

Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Pages S2866–71**

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

By 73 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 108), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2866**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the McWilliams nominations be considered expired at 12 noon, on Thursday, May 24, 2018; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Department of State, the time until 1:45 p.m., be equally divided in the usual form, and at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the James Randolph Evans nomination. **Page S2871**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nominations, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 24, 2018. **Page S2886**

Marcus 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 Kenneth L. Marcus, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education; and that there then be ten 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 74 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 105), Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S2846–65, S2887**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Harry B. Harris, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. **Page S2887**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Harry B. Harris, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, which was sent to the Senate on February 13, 2018. **Page S2887**

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S2873**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—108) **Pages S2865–66**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2886.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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 Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Assistant Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

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 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from James F. Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 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, Gregory J. Slavonic, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Charles Douglas Stimson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, Charles P. Verdon, of California, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, and 280 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019".

HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the housing finance system, after receiving testimony from Melvin L. Watt, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

FRAGMENTATION, OVERLAP, AND DUPLICATION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office's annual report on additional opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Emory A. Rounds III, of Maine, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, who was introduced by Senator King, Kelly Higashi, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Rep-

resentative Norton, and Frederick M. Nutt, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2852, to reauthorize certain programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Isakson and Perdue, Allen Cothrel Winsor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Patrick R. Wyrick, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senator Lankford, and Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, and Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration concluded a hearing to examine the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act and exploited loopholes affecting unaccompanied alien children, after receiving testimony from Senators Menendez and Heller; Alysa Erichs, Acting Deputy Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, and Matthew Albence, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, both of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Richard M. Hudson, Deputy Chief, Operational Programs, Law Enforcement Operations Directorate, Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, all of the Department of Homeland Security; and Steven Wagner, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

OPIOID MISUSE AMONG OLDER AMERICANS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing and treating opioid misuse among older Americans, after receiving testimony from Gary Cantrell, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and

Human Services; Charles F. Pattavina, St. Joseph Hospital, Bangor, Maine; William B. Stauffer, Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance, Harris-

burg; and Nicholas Terry, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Hall Center for Law and Health, Bloomington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 5924–5951 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jenkins (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4585**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4589**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019: The House considered H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration began yesterday, May 22nd.

Pages H4603–06, H4606–73, H4673–82

Agreed to:

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–702: Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) (No. 1) that authorizes the Air Force Research Lab to create an open campus initiative modeled after the Army Research Lab's program, which fosters innovation and provides for rapid transition of technologies into products by entrepreneurs; Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) (No. 2) that authorizes the Secretary to support national security innovation and entrepreneurial education programs for Department of Defense laboratory personnel; Suozzi (No. 4) that expresses a sense of Congress encouraging DoD to accelerate, expedite and streamline environmental restoration efforts, reduce the financial burden on state and local governments and allay community concerns about the safety of drinking water; directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment to brief the Congressional Armed Services committees on initiatives being pursued to accelerate environmental restoration efforts; Cicilline (No. 5) that requires the Defense Logistics Agency to provide direct notification to existing contractors when a branch of the military announces a change

to uniform components produced by that contractor; Connolly (No. 6) that provides not less than \$12 million for the assessment monitoring, and evaluation of security cooperation activities in accordance with section 383 of title 10, U.S. Code; Crawford (No. 7) that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a plan to Congress on how USNORTHCOM will organize a joint task force for EOD and countering improvised explosive devices; Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) (No. 9) that authorizes entrepreneurial sabbatical programs across all the defense laboratories and allows researchers to take an unpaid sabbatical to work for a private sector firm in order to build their research for commercial purposes; Kuster (NH) (No. 11) that requires SECDEF to submit a report to Congress within 90 days of passage detailing corrective actions taken based on IOT&E Report on MHS Genesis prior to its fielding beyond initial facilities; Schneider (No. 12) that allows for increased flexibility for use of funding within Phase I and Phase II of the SBIR/STTR programs; Lawson (FL) (No. 14) that requires the head of all agencies that have SBIR programs to implement a Commercialization Assistance Pilot Program, if not currently operating such a similar program, within one year of passage of this provision for the purpose of increasing commercialization of SBIR research by the use of sequential Phase II awards that require a match of outside funding; Velázquez (No. 15) that grants agencies the ability to double the value of the contract awarded to specified small business concerns for purposes of the small business prime contracting goal for a duration of four years after enactment of the legislation; there is also a reporting requirement to track the number and amount of contracts awarded to eligible firms; Clarke (NY) (No. 16) that grants agencies the ability to double the value of the contract awarded to U.S. Virgin Islands small business concerns for purposes of the small business prime contracting goal for a duration of four years after enactment of the legislation; there is also a reporting requirement to track the number and amount of contracts awarded to eligible firms; Hartzler (No. 17) that prohibits federal agencies from procuring certain Chinese-made video surveillance equipment or services; McCaul (No. 18) that

amends Section 880 of the base bill, which prohibits all Federal agencies from buying from or contracting with covered companies; the amendment extends the prohibition to Federal grant money, and loans; Velázquez (No. 20) that directs SBA to raise awareness and support business conversions to employee ownership through SBA entrepreneurial development and lending programs; modernizes SBA's 7(a) loan guarantee program to increase access to capital for employee owned small businesses and cooperatives; Norman (No. 21) that states that the Secretary of Defense shall include, with the Department of Defense budget, a report regarding the funding for product support strategies for major weapons systems; Poliquin (No. 23) that clarifies that section 916 is not intended to require or encourage any reduction in work force at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service; Wilson (SC) (No. 24) that changes "shall" on page 467 to "should"; Russell (No. 25) that reduces the risk for military service members so that pilots and crews are better protected in training areas; Hastings (No. 26) that directs the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on military installations that have been available for disaster recovery over the past 10 fiscal years, and installations assessed to be available for fast response in the future; Adams (No. 27) that promotes increased participation in Federal procurement by HBCUs; Sessions (No. 28) that provides clarifying language that allows the SECDEF to enter into agreement with charitable organizations to provide assistance to local populations abroad; Smith (WA) (No. 29) that clarifies that the Federal Aviation Administration is allowed to disburse funding to carry out a project to mitigate noise if the project is located at a school near the airport and if the school entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the agency before September 30, 2002, even if the airport does not meet the requirements of part 150 Title 14; Jody B. Hice (GA) (No. 30) that reforms the pensions and allowances provided to former Presidents and surviving spouses; Meadows (No. 33) that requires the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to jointly certify and report to Congress that assistance to the Ministry of the Interior of Iraq under the Iraq Train and Equip Fund will not be disbursed to any group that is, or is known to be affiliated with, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps—Quds Force or other state sponsor of terrorism; Demings (No. 34) that expresses the sense of Congress that the intelligence community should dedicate resources to further expose key financial networks used by the Russian political class to hide stolen money; in addition, requires a classified report on Putin and other senior Russian officials regarding their financial assets, which shall be submitted to Congress within 60

days of enactment; Brendan F. Boyle (PA) (No. 35) that requires a report from State Department and DOD on Russia's support for the Taliban in Afghanistan; Cheney (No. 36) that requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a list of technology that is currently eligible for export to China but the export of that technology may harm national security; Bass (No. 37) that requires a comprehensive report within 90 days by Department of State, Department of Defense, and USAID on U.S. security and humanitarian interests in Yemen; the purpose is to build support for a comprehensive strategy to address humanitarian and security crisis in Yemen through increasing coordination in Yemen's Famine-Risk Areas between federal agencies, the UN Offices for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; Crowley (No. 38) that requires a report on Bangladesh's ability to respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises including recommendations for enhancing cooperation on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief; Brendan F. Boyle (PA) (No. 39) that requires a report from Secretary of State on U.S. cybersecurity cooperation with Ukraine; Hunter (No. 40) that directs a report on the military installations within Djibouti; Meeks (No. 41) that states sense of Congress that the 3 Seas Initiative could serve as a valuable counterweight to the Kremlin's efforts to divide Europe and Chinese regional expansionism, particularly in the context of energy and infrastructure; Vela (No. 42) that Requires the Department of Defense to report to Congress on the impact of violence and cartel activity in Mexico on U.S. national security; Norman (No. 44) that requires the Office of Management and Budget to keep separate accounts for overseas contingency operations and the accounts for the Department of Defense; McMorris Rodgers (No. 45) that states that each Secretary concerned may conduct a study on the feasibility of IGSA's for terms not exceeding 20 years; McSally (No. 46) that authorizes a land transfer for the purpose of relocating and extending a parallel runway at Tucson International Airport; Norton (No. 47) that authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a land exchange in the vicinity of the Washington Navy Yard; Beyer (No. 48) that directs the Secretary of the Army to grant Arlington County a permanent easement as part of the southern expansion of Arlington National Cemetery for the purpose of commemorating Freedman's Village; LaMalfa (No. 49) that extends the existing sunset provision currently set to expire on October 1st, 2019 to October 1st, 2020; the extension would further prohibit funds from being used by the U.S. Air Force for the removal of the Over-the-Horizon-Backscatter Radar (OTHB) station located in Modoc County, CA; Pannetta (No. 51) that directs the Administrator for Nuclear Security to accelerate the elimination of the

use of cesium chloride in blood irradiation devices; cesium chloride represents a risk because of its potential employment in a radiological or 'dirty bomb,' and is no longer required due to the availability of new treatment technologies that do not create a radiological threat; Hunter (No. 52) that contains the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017, which supports and strengthens the United States Coast Guard in its critical missions to save lives, safeguard our shores, protect living marine resources, and facilitate a modern 21st century maritime transportation system; Curbelo (FL) (No. 53), as modified, authorizes the Navy to lease surplus housing units at Naval Air Station, Key West, FL; Stefanik (No. 54) that requires foreign-owned media outlets based in the United States to submit a report to Congress and the FCC on the relationship of such outlet to the foreign principal, legal structure of that relationship, and funding source; Graves (LA) (No. 56) that allows the National Guard to be reimbursed in a timely manner in response to an emergency declared under the Stafford Act; Takano (No. 57) that creates demonstration project in the Air Force for 15–20 Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals; Tenney (No. 58) that provides the Secretary with the ability to open certain fitness centers, located at geographically separated units, to retirees; Lipinski (No. 59) that requires an annual report from the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence describing Iranian expenditures on military and terrorist activities outside the country; this report must be submitted annually until such time as the Secretary of State determines Iran no longer provides support for terrorism; and Jones (No. 60) that renames the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps; **Pages H4607–56**

Guthrie amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–702) that authorizes the Secretary of the Army to continue to provide for the production, treatment, management, and use of natural gas located under Fort Knox, Kentucky; **Pages H4656–57**

Gallagher amendment (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 115–702) that adds the use of immigration programs and visas by the Chinese Communist Party to enter the United States for the purposes of political, academic, or social influence efforts to the strategy required in Section 1252; **Pages H4667–68**

Amodei amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–702) that addresses mine permitting issues in relationship to minerals deemed critical for national security and the nation's infrastructure; the amendment is consistent with EO 13604 and EO 13817 from 2012 and 2017 respectively which ordered federal agencies to reduce the time required to make permitting and review decisions for critical mineral

projects (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 223); **Pages H4657–60, H4668–69**

McGovern amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 115–702) that requires the Secretary of Defense to design and produce a military service medal to honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces who are radiation-exposed veterans (Atomic Veterans) (by a recorded vote of 408 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 224); **Pages H4660–61, H4668–70**

Engel amendment (No. 43 printed in H. Rept. 115–702) that authorizes financial and visa sanctions against perpetrators of ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya by the Burmese military and security forces; limits U.S. military and security assistance with Burma until reforms take place; incentivizes reform of the Burmese gemstone sector which is notoriously dominated by the military; and requires a determination of what crimes the Burmese military committed, including genocide (by a recorded vote of 382 ayes to 30 noes, Roll No. 227); **Pages H4663–66, H4668–72**

Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–702: Ross (No. 31) that requires OPM to submit a detailed report to Congress on the use of 'Official Time' by federal employees; Zeldin (No. 32) that creates a policy of cooperation with foreign countries that support the United States' efforts to counter Iran's destabilizing activities in the Middle East; Blunt Rochester (No. 61) that expresses a sense of Congress honoring the Dover Air Force Base and specifically the Center for Mortuary Affairs; Fitzpatrick (No. 62) that directs the Secretary of Defense to implement a process to coordinate annual research requests between all services and offices under Department of Defense in order to maximize the benefit of each request and minimize duplication, and achieve cost savings; Fitzpatrick (No. 63) that directs DOD to conduct a review of the foreign currency rates used at disbursement to determine whether cost-savings opportunities exist by more consistently selecting cost-effective rates; Fitzpatrick (No. 64) that directs the Secretary of Defense to raise the priority of completing DOD Directive 2310.07E in order to clarify processes and efficiencies in recovering the remains of heroes missing in action, via the POW/MIA Accounting Agency; Poe (TX) (No. 65) that directs the President to impose sanctions on two Iranian proxies in Syria and Iraq for terrorism and requires report detailing entities in which the IRGC has an ownership interest of 33 percent or greater; Carbajal (No. 66) that encourages the Secretary of Defense to transition training manuals, emergency guidance, and other publications needed to train service members to a mobile app which would enable innovative technologies and interaction between

trainees and information needed to complete training, as well as provide a cost-efficient mechanism for less printing and less distribution costs; Lance (No. 67) that requires each military department to carry out a program for awarding medals and other commendations to the military working dogs and/or their handlers; Foster (No. 68) that requires an independent assessment of nuclear forensic analysis conducted by the Federal Government, and requires the President to provide to Congress a briefing on the involvement of senior-level executive branch leadership in recent and planned nuclear terrorism preparedness or response exercises; Cárdenas (No. 69) that creates a pilot program to train members of the Armed Forces in mindfulness-based stress reduction techniques before deploying to combat zones; a report on the effect of the program on stress management and post-traumatic stress disorder; Meng (No. 70) that requires the creation and use of exit surveys that will allow DOD to assess the reasons that attrition levels for women in the military are higher than for men at various career points; Meng (No. 71) that authorizes the Jet Noise Reduction Program within the Office of Naval Research; Meng (No. 72) that adds oversight as a responsibility of the newly formed Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Policy and Oversight Council; Smith (WA) (No. 73) that requires a report from the Secretary of Defense on Department of Defense missions, operations, and activities in Niger and the broader region; Bera (No. 74) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the VA, Education, and Labor, to submit a report to Congress detailing the transfer of skills into college credit or technical certifications for members of the Armed Forces leaving the military; Meadows (No. 75) that promotes responsible leasing of DOD property by requiring the Secretary of Defense to direct the military departments to certify, prior to entering into a new lease, that there is not available DOD property which may be reconfigured to support the purpose of the proposed lease in a more cost effective manner; and, requires a breakout of annual rent plus other costs including parking costs for multiple assets associated with a single lease; and, requires GAO to submit a one-time report on the completeness of these requirements in updating the DOD's Real Property Database (RPAD) by the DOD; and Schiff (No. 76) that requires a report by the Secretary of Defense to Congress on the legal basis for strikes by the United States against Syrian regime targets in April 2017 and April 2018; and

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Thornberry en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 115–702: Heck (No. 77) that amends the

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to permit an individual to provide to a creditor as proof of military service, in order to qualify for the active service interest rate limitation, a certified letter from a commanding officer or any other appropriate indicator of military service; a creditor may use information from the Defense Manpower Database Center indicating that the individual is on active duty; Esty (No. 78) that requires a study on the feasibility of requiring service members to apply for VA benefits prior to discharge; Krishnamoorthi (No. 79) that requires DoD to report how many underemployed reserve members in an employment program are in a field that matches their skills and training; Gabbard (No. 80) that includes a study to evaluate the personal protective equipment required by civil defense agencies and civilian communities located near active volcanic activity to protect against dangers such as sulfur dioxide gas and other hazards; this amendment also authorizes the transfer or excess Department of Defense personal protective equipment to state and local agencies if it is determined that the Department of Defense does not require such equipment for current or planned requirements; Crawford (No. 81) that authorizes a pilot program to examine the feasibility and effectiveness of the Army National Guard EOD soldiers in Title 32 status versus using the current Mobilization Day EOD soldiers mobilized in Title 10 status to provide this support; Crawford (No. 82) that assigns the Explosive Ordnance Disposal research, development, and acquisition program to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs; Castro (TX) (No. 83) that supports Department of Defense efforts to deepen multilateral cooperation on disaster response; Thornberry (No. 84) that directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a joint study with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on the impact wind farms have on weather radars and military operations; Ben Ray Luján (NM) (No. 85) that requires the Secretary of Defense to select and contract with an independent Federally Funded Research and Development Center to review, assess and prepare a report on NNSA's strategy for the recapitalization of plutonium science and production capabilities; it also requires the Secretary of Energy to provide briefings on this strategy, and requires the Nuclear Weapons Council to provide annual certifications related to this effort; Biggs (No. 86) that expresses the sense of Congress on allied contributions to the common defense; requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on annual defense spending by ally and partner countries; McSally (No. 87) that grants a waiver of time limitations so that the Distinguished-Service Cross can be awarded to Staff Sgt. Gallegos, a soldier from AZ

who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009; Jackson Lee (No. 88) that requires Secretary of Defense to report to Congress programs and procedures employed to ensure students studying abroad through Department of Defense National Security Education Programs are trained to recognize, resist, and report against recruitment efforts by agents of foreign governments; Jackson Lee (No. 89) that provides a report 220 days after enactment on the DoD's capacity to provide survivors of natural disasters with emergency short term housing; Jackson Lee (No. 90) that directs that the Secretary of DoD 240 days from enactment will provide a report on the risks posed by man-made space debris in low-earth orbit, including recommendations on remediation of such risks, and outlines of plans to reduce the incident of space debris; Jackson Lee (No. 91) that seeks a report 180 days following enactment from the Secretary of DoD, which will include the Coast Guard, on the rate of maternity mortality rate among members of the Armed Forces and the dependents of such members; and Jackson Lee (No. 92) that assures that a report already required by the bill on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning will also provide information on the "Opportunities and Risks" related to advances in the area of AI and its sub discipline of machine learning; the report shall have a classified section.

Pages H4678–82

Rejected:

Nolan amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–698) that was debated on May 22nd that sought to strike the authorization of funds made available under the Overseas Contingency Operations account (by a recorded vote of 62 ayes to 351 noes, Roll No. 219);

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Gabbard amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–698) that was debated on May 22nd that sought to strike section 1225, a required strategy to counter destabilizing activities of Iran (by a recorded vote of 60 ayes to 355 noes, Roll No. 220);

Pages H4604–05

Aguilar amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–698) that was debated on May 22nd that sought to add to an already-mandated annual report, this amendment would require DoD to include a 20-year estimate of the projected life cycle costs of each type of nuclear weapon and delivery platform in its text (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 221);

Pages H4605–06

Garamendi amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–698) that was debated on May 22nd that sought to limit 50% of the funding for the W76–2 warhead modification program until the Secretary of Defense submits a report assessing the program's impacts on strategic stability and options to reduce the

risk of miscalculation (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 222);

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McKinley amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 115–702) that sought to institute domestic sourcing requirements for dinner ware within the Department of Defense (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 225);

Pages H4661–62, H4668–70

Tenney amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 115–702) that sought to reinstate the Berry Amendment's long-standing domestic sourcing requirement for stainless steel flatware and provides a one year phase-in period (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 226); and

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Polis amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 115–702) that sought to reduce the amount authorized for the National Nuclear Security Administration's Weapons Account to the amount in the budget request (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 228).

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H. Res. 905, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5515), (S. 204), and (S. 2155) was agreed to yesterday, May 22nd.

H. Res. 908, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 218, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 217.

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Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 5515 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 908, the fourth set of amendments en bloc offered by Representative Thornberry pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 905 be considered to have been adopted with the modification placed at the desk.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, May 24th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4598.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4602–03, H4603, H4604, H4604–05, H4605–06, H4606, H4669, H4669–70, H4670, H4671, H4671–72, and H4672. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019. The FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended. The Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019 was ordered reported, without amendment.

REGULATORY REFORM: UNLEASHING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform: Unleashing Economic Opportunity for Workers and Employers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE OLYMPIC COMMUNITY’S ABILITY TO PROTECT ATHLETES FROM SEXUAL ABUSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Olympic Community’s Ability to Protect Athletes from Sexual Abuse”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO HELP FUEL CAPITAL AND GROWTH ON MAIN STREET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Help Fuel Capital and Growth on Main Street”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IMPACT OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ON THE FUTURE OF INSURANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Autonomous Vehicles on the Future of Insurance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING AMERICAN DIPLOMACY: REVIEWING THE STATE DEPARTMENT’S BUDGET, OPERATIONS, AND POLICY PRIORITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Strengthening American Diplomacy: Reviewing the State Department’s Budget, Operations, and Policy Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Mike Pompeo, Secretary, Department of State.

ASIA’S DIPLOMATIC AND SECURITY STRUCTURE: PLANNING U.S. ENGAGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Asia’s Diplomatic and Security Structure: Planning U.S. Engagement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINESE INVESTMENT AND INFLUENCE IN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Chinese Investment and Influence in Europe”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMBATTING TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL THREATS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Combating Transnational Criminal Threats in the Western Hemisphere”. Testimony was heard from Richard Glenn, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Jennifer Fowler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of Treasury; Rear Admiral Brian Hendrickson, U.S. Navy, Director, Network Engagement Team, U.S. Southern Command; and Raymond Villanueva, Assistant Director for International Operations, Homeland Security Investigations, Department of Homeland Security.

ISIS-POST CALIPHATE: THREAT IMPLICATIONS FOR AMERICA AND THE WEST

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “ISIS-Post Caliphate: Threat Implications for America and the West”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION REFORM ACT (FITARA) SCORECARD 6.0

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 6.0”. Testimony was heard from Gary Washington, Chief Information Officer, Department of Agriculture; Lynn Moaney, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture; Donald Bice, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Agriculture; David Powner, Director of IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Dana Deasy, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Mark Easton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense; and Kevin Fahey, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 877, a resolution of inquiry directing the Secretary of Commerce to provide certain documents in the Secretary’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to the decision to include a question on citizenship in the 2020 decennial census of population; H.R. 5925, to codify provisions relating to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and for other purposes; H.R. 5415, the “GAO–IG Act”; H.R. 5896, the “Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Amendments Act of 2018”; H.R. 2648, the “Veterans Transition Improvement Act”; H.R. 5321, the “Too Long; Didn’t Read Act of 2018”; H.R. 4407, the “Corporal Jeffery Allen Williams Post Office Building”; H.R. 4946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the “Specialist Trevor A. Win’E Post Office”; H.R. 5205, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 6th Street in Hawthorne, Nevada, as the “Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic Post Office”; H.R. 5238, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office”; H.R. 5349, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1320 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building”; H.R. 5412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 2nd Avenue in Brentwood, New York, as the “Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building”; H.R. 5504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service lo-

cated at 4801 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the “Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building”; H.R. 5737, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the “Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office”; and H.R. 5784, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the “Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building”. H.R. 5925, H.R. 5415, H.R. 2648, H.R. 5321, and H.R. 5896 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 877, H.R. 4407, H.R. 4946, H.R. 5205, H.R. 5238, H.R. 5349, H.R. 5412, H.R. 5504, H.R. 5737, and H.R. 5784 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5905, the “Department of Energy Science and Innovation Act of 2018”; H.R. 5907, the “National Innovation Modernization by Laboratory Empowerment Act”; and H.R. 5906, the “ARPA–E Act of 2018”. H.R. 5905 and H.R. 5906 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5907 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2018”. H.R. 8 was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 2409, to allow servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed; H.R. 5452, the “Reduce Unemployment for Veterans of All Ages Act of 2018”; H.R. 5538, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain additional periods of active duty service for purposes of suspending charges to veterans’ entitlement to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs during periods of suspended participation in vocational rehabilitation programs; H.R. 5644, the “VET OPP Act”; H.R. 5649, the “Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William ‘Bill’ Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2018”; and legislation to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the termination by a spouse of a lessee of certain leases when the lessee dies while in military service. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brownley of California, Peters, Wenstrup, Bustos, and Costello; Margarita Devlin,

Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

TAX REFORM AND SMALL BUSINESSES: GROWING OUR ECONOMY AND CREATING JOBS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Tax Policy held a hearing entitled “Tax Reform and Small Businesses: Growing Our Economy and Creating Jobs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 5861, the “Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services for Success Act”.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D511)

S.J. Res. 57, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act”. Signed on May 21, 2018. (Public Law 115–172)

H.R. 3210, to require the Director of the National Background Investigations Bureau to submit a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance investigations. Signed on May 22, 2018. (Public Law 115–173)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2019”, an original bill entitled, “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”, and to consider 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on risks to the financial services industry and its preparedness, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine rural health care in America, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 9 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2645, to establish a demonstration program under which the Drug Enforcement Administration provides grants to certain States to enable those States to increase participation in drug take-back programs, S. 2535, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to strengthen Drug Enforcement Administration discretion in setting opioid quotas, S. 2789, to prevent substance abuse and reduce demand for illicit narcotics, S. 207, to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues, S. 2838, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require the Drug Enforcement Administration to report certain information on distribution of opioids, S. 2837, to improve the systems for identifying the diversion of controlled substances, and the nominations of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S. Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Michael J. Truncale, J. Campbell Barker, and Jeremy D. Kernodle, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Susan Brnovich, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Chad F. Kenney, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Erica H. MacDonald, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and Scott Patrick Illing, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on FY 2019 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Union Time on the People’s Dime: A Closer Look at Official Time”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 5861, the “Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services for Success Act”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, May 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nominations of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the nominations of Jelena McWilliams, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Department of State. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

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