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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3183–3186, and S. Res. 569.

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Measures Reported:

- S. 2511, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–291)
- S. 2717, to reauthorize provisions relating to the Maritime Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–292)
- S. 808, to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.
- S. 1112, to support States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and in the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.
- S. 3029, to revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act), with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S4843

Appointments:

Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115–123, on behalf of the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Ranking Member of the Finance Committee, respectively,

appointed the following individuals as members of the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships: Donald R. Cohen, of California, and Harlan Yu, of Washington, D.C. Page S4845

Bennett Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Mark Jeremy Bennett, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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By 72 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 144), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, July 10, 2018; and that Senate immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 10, 2018; and that all time during adjournment, Leader remarks, morning business, and recess count post-cloture on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Kathleen Ann Kavalec, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Philip S. Kosnett, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Francisco Luis Palmieri, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

John Cotton Richmond, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

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Karen L. Williams, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

Bryan Jarrett, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

William Bryan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

John M. Garrison, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: Pages S4841-42

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—144) **Page S4836**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$4845.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2497, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, S. Res. 557, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the strategic importance of NATO to the collective security of the transatlantic region and urging its member states to work together at the upcoming summit to strengthen the alliance, the nominations of Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, and Alaina B. Teplitz, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently

and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 50, the "Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2017"; and H.R. 3281, the "Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act", 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 10 through July 13, 2018

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Mark Jeremy Bennett, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the Bennett nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Following disposition of the Benczkowski nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Paul C. Ney, Jr., of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 12, to hold hearings to examine the credit bureaus and the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 11, to hold hearings to examine complex cybersecurity vulnerabilities, focusing on lessons learned from Spectre and Meltdown, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 11, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 3172, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, 3 p.m., SD–366.

July 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the policy issues facing interstate delivery networks for natural gas and electricity, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 11, to hold hearings to examine the long-term value to United States taxpayers of low-cost Federal infrastructure loans, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: July 11, Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine the importance of paid family leave for American working families, 3 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 10, business meeting to consider S. 2497, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, S. Res. 557, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the strategic importance of NATO to the collective security of the transatlantic region and urging its member states to work together at the upcoming summit to strengthen the alliance, the nominations of Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, and Alaina B. Teplitz, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

July 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine tariffs, focusing on implications for United States foreign policy and the international economy, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 11, Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management, to hold hearings to examine warrantless smartphone searches at the border, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 11, business meeting to consider H.R. 597, to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 2599, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 11, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Stephen R. Clark, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, John M. O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, Joshua Wolson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and James W. Carroll, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD–226.

July 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2946, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms "act of war" and "blocked asset", and the nominations of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., of South Carolina, and Julius Ness Richardson, of South Carolina, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Roy Kalman Altman, and Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, and Maria Chapa Lopez, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and Richard E. Taylor, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: July 11, to hold hearings to examine election security preparations, focusing on Federal and vendor perspectives, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: July 10, business meeting to consider the nomination of Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 12, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, July 11, Full Committee, markup on FY 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 11, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Department of Defense's Role in Foreign Assistance", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 11, Sub-committee on Health, hearing entitled "Opportunities to Improve the 340B Drug Pricing Program", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Protecting Customer Proprietary Network Information in the Internet Age", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Examining Drug-Impaired Driving", 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 11, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1611, the "Gender Diversity in Corporate Leadership Act of 2017"; H.R. 3555, the "Exchange Regulatory Improvement Act"; H.R. 6021, the "Small Business Audit Correction Act of 2018"; H.R. 6177, the "Developing and Empowering our Aspiring Leaders Act"; legislation on the Expanding Investment in Small Businesses Act; legislation on the Enhancing Multi-Class Stock Disclosure Act; legislation on the Middle Market IPO Underwriting Cost Act; legislation on the Promoting Transparent Standards for Corporate Insiders Act; legislation on the Investment Adviser Regulatory Flexibility Improvement Act; and legislation on the National Senior Investor Initiative Act of 2018, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled "Countering the Financial Networks of Weapons Proliferation", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Advancing U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing entitled "China's Predatory Trade and Investment Strategy", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Combating Tuberculosis in Southern Africa", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "Nicaraguan Crisis: Next Steps to Advancing Democracy"; and markup on H. Res. 981, condemning the violence, persecution, intimidation, and murders committed by the Government of Nicaragua against its citizens, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled "DHS's Progress in Securing Election Systems and Other Critical Infrastructure", 10:30 a.m., HVC–210.

July 12, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, joint hearing entitled "Access Denied: Keeping Adversaries Away from the Homeland Security Supply Chain", 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 12, Full Committee; and full Committee of the House Committee on Oversight

and Government Reform, hearing entitled "Oversight of FBI and DOJ Actions Surrounding the 2016 Election: Testimony by FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 11, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 577, to designate a peak in the State of Nevada as Maude Frazier Mountain; H.R. 1482, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 3764, the "Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2017"; H.R. 5613, the "Quindaro Townsite National Historic Landmark Act"; H.R. 6077, the "National Comedy Center Recognition Act"; and H.R. 6302, to enact as law certain regulations relating to the taking of double-crested cormorants, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 11, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 6038, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota; H.R. 6039, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes; H.R. 6040, the "Contra Costa Canal Transfer Act"; and H.R. 5556, the "Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2018", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 12, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled "The Essential Role of Livestock Grazing on Federal Lands and its Importance to Rural America", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 11, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "The Muslim Brotherhood's Global Threat", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 11, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6237, the "Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019", 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 12, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, joint hearing entitled "Big Data Challenges and Advanced Computing Solutions", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Innovation Nation: How Small Businesses in the Digital Technology Industry Use Intellectual Property", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 12, Full Committee, business meeting to assign Representative Bill Flores of Texas to subcommittees; amend the Committee Rules to establish a Subcommittee on Technology Modernization; set the membership ratio of the subcommittee; assign a chair and ranking member of the subcommittee; assign majority and minority members of the subcommittee; and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 12, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 10:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: July 12, to hold hearings to examine the innovation economy, entrepreneurship, and barriers to capital access, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through June 30, 2018

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	Senate	House	Total	Civilian nominations, totaling 524 (including 146 nominations carried	
Days in session	99	97		over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Time in session	570 hrs., 58'	429 hrs., 7'		Confirmed	186
Congressional Record:				Unconfirmed	323
Pages of proceedings	4,823	5,981		Withdrawn	15
Extensions of Remarks		957			
Public bills enacted into law	26	67	93	Other Civilian nominations, totaling 840 (including 2 nominations	
Private bills enacted into law		1	1	carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Bills in conference	2	2		Confirmed	777
Measures passed, total	270	381	651	Unconfirmed	62
Senate bills	49	24		Withdrawn	1
House bills	81	276			
Senate joint resolutions	4	2		Air Force nominations, totaling 4,672 (including 76 nominations	
House joint resolutions				carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	1		Confirmed	1,701
House concurrent resolutions	13	14		Unconfirmed	2,971
Simple resolutions	121	64			,-
Measures reported, total	*170	*314	484	Army nominations, totaling 5,560 (including 12 nominations carried	
Senate bills	111	5		over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
House bills	49	266		Confirmed	3,755
Senate joint resolutions	1			Unconfirmed	1,805
House joint resolutions					
Senate concurrent resolutions				Navy nominations, totaling 1,731 (including 11 nominations carried	
House concurrent resolutions		1		over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Simple resolutions	9	42		Confirmed	1,727
Special reports	9	5		Unconfirmed	,
Conference reports					
Measures pending on calendar	285	104		Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,338, disposed of as follows:	
Measures introduced, total	1,129	1,919	3,048	Confirmed	1,336
Bills	908	1,572		Unconfirmed	2
Joint resolutions	10	12		Cacomande	-
Concurrent resolutions	9	30		C	
Simple resolutions	202	305		Summary	
Quorum calls	1	2		Total nominations carried over from the First Session	247
Yea-and-nay votes	143	196		Total nominations received this Session	14,418
Recorded votes		115		Total confirmed	9,482
Bills vetoed				Total unconfirmed	5,167
Vetoes overridden				Total withdrawn	
				Total returned to the White House	0

^{*}These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 92 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 319 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12 noon, Tuesday, July 10

Senate Chamber

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(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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