

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5115–S5226

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3255, and S. Res. 587. **Page S5130**

Measures Reported:

S. 612, 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. Rept. No. 115–306)

H.R. 1547, 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. Rept. No. 115–307) **Page S5130**

Measures Passed:

Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act: Senate passed H.R. 589, to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5219**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3403, to strike the provisions relating to nuclear energy innovation capabilities. **Page S5219**

Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act: Senate passed S. 2503, to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5219–25**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3404, to strike the provisions relating to nuclear energy innovation capabilities. **Page S5219**

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2353, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5225**

Murkowski (for Alexander) Amendment No. 3408, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5225**

Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5122–26**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 3399, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5122–26**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3399), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5122**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the purpose of Rule XVI in relation to Shelby Amendment No. 3399 (listed above), Division A of H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness for Division A of the amendment; Division B of H.R. 6147, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness for Division B of the amendment; that H.R. 5961, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness for Division C of the

amendment; and that H.R. 6072, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, as reported by the House Appropriations Committee, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness for Division D of the Amendment. **Page S5122**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. **Page S5225**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was established in Executive Order 13581 on July 24, 2011 received during adjournment of the Senate on July 20, 2018; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-46) **Page S5129**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 86 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. EX. 163), Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S5118-22**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher P. Vincze, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2019.

Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Kathe Hicks Albrecht, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Keegan F. Callanan, of Vermont, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

David Armand DeKeyser, of Alabama, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Kim R. Holmes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Phyllis Kaminsky, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2020.

Jean M. Yarbrough, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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

Christopher R. Sharpley, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency, which was sent to the Senate on September 5, 2017. **Page S5226**

Messages from the House: **Pages S5129-30**

Measures Referred: **Page S5130**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S5128-29**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5133-S5219**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S5219**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—163) **Page S5122**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5225.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 6463–6469, 6471–6478; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 1007–1010, 1013–1016 were introduced. **Pages H6648–49**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6650–51**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6077, recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York (H. Rept. 115–854);

H.R. 5979, to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–855);

H.R. 5613, to designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–856);

H.R. 519, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–857);

H.R. 5954, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms “act of war” and “blocked asset”, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–858);

H.R. 1689, to protect private property rights (H. Rept. 115–859);

H. Res. 1011, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 184) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6311) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to modify the definition of qualified health plan for purposes of the health insurance premium tax credit and to allow individuals purchasing health insurance in the individual market to purchase a lower premium copper plan (H. Rept. 115–860);

H. Res. 1012, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6199) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include certain over-the-counter medical products as qualified medical expenses, and providing for the proceedings during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018 (H. Rept. 115–861);

H.R. 6470, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–862); and Conference report on 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–863). **Pages H6647–48**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lesko to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6591**

Recess: The House recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6591**

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

National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act: H.R. 2345, amended, to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 366;

Pages H6592–95, H6631–32

Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act of 2018: H.R. 4881, amended, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for meeting the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 367;

Pages H6595–97, H6632–33

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for reviewing the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States.”. **Page H6633**

Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act: H.R. 5709, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio; **Pages H6597–98**

Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness Act: H.R. 3728, amended, to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to the health professions workforce;

Pages H6598–H6600

Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act: H.R. 5385, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children’s hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs; **Pages H6600–02**

Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act: H.R. 1676, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of

permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine;

Pages H6602–05

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act: H.R. 959, amended, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs;

Pages H6605–08

Advancing Critical Connectivity Expands Service, Small Business Resources, Opportunities, Access, and Data Based on Assessed Need and Demand Act: H.R. 3994, amended, to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth;

Pages H6608–10

Private Property Rights Protection Act: H.R. 1689, to protect private property rights;

Pages H6610–16

Anti-terrorism Clarification Act of 2018: H.R. 5954, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms “act of war” and “blocked asset”;

Pages H6616–18

Foundation of the Federal Bar Association Charter Amendments Act: H.R. 4100, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association;

Pages H6618–20

Knowledgeable Innovators and Worthy Investors Act: S. 2245, to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E–1 and E–2 non-immigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand;

Pages H6620–21

La Paz County Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 2630, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona;

Pages H6621–23

Establishing the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62: H.R. 1220, amended, to establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62;

Pages H6623–24

Eastern Legacy Extension Act: H.R. 3045, amended, to amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail;

Pages H6624–25

Amending the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid

in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws: H.R. 5875, amended, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws;

Pages H6625–27

Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act: H.R. 5979, amended, to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System;

Pages H6627–28

National Comedy Center Recognition Act: H.R. 6077, amended, recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York;

Pages H6628–29

Amending the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund: S. 2850, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund; and

Pages H6629–30

Quindaro Townsite National Historic Landmark Act: H.R. 5613, amended, to designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Historic Landmark;

Pages H6630–31

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Commemorative Site.”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2018—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–142).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and appears on page H6592.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6632 and H6632–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RESTORING ACCESS TO MEDICATION AND MODERNIZING HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ACT OF 2018; INCREASING ACCESS TO LOWER PREMIUM PLANS AND EXPANDING HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS ACT OF 2018; PROTECT MEDICAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6199, the “Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018”; H.R. 6311, the “Increasing Access to Lower Premium Plans and Expanding Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018”; and H.R. 184, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 184 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 6311 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–83, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 6199 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–82 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2,

the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Finally, in section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII (motions to instruct conferees). Testimony was heard from Representatives Jenkins of Kansas, Paulsen, and Levin.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D785)

H.R. 770, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of American innovation and significant innovation and pioneering efforts of individuals or groups from each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, to promote the importance of innovation in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–197)

H.R. 2061, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–198)

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. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–199)

H.R. 219, to correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–200)

H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project. Signed on July 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–201)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
JULY 24, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Michael R. Bright, of the District of Columbia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's blue economy initiative, focusing on supporting commerce in American oceans and Great Lakes, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening and empowering United States amateur athletes, focusing on moving forward with solutions, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Teri L. Donaldson, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Karen S. Evans, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response), Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Daniel Simmons, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), all of the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine factors that are impacting global oil prices, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the China challenge, focusing on economic coercion as statecraft, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing on H.R. 4219, the "Workflex in the 21st Century Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining Advertising and Marketing Practices within the

Substance Use Treatment Industry", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "DOE Modernization: Legislation to Authorize a Pilot Project to Commercialize the Strategic Petroleum Reserve", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1511, the "Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2017"; H.R. 2069, the "Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2017"; H.R. 2570, the "Mortgage Fairness Act of 2017"; H.R. 3626, the "Bank Service Company Examination Coordination Act of 2017"; H.R. 5036, the "Financial Technology Protection Act"; H.R. 5059, the "State Insurance Regulation Preservation Act"; and H.R. 6332, the "Improving Strategies to Counter Weapons Proliferation Act", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Egypt: Security, Human Rights, and Reform", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5869, the "Maritime Border Security Review Act"; H.R. 6198, the "Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 2018"; H.R. 6265, the "PreCheck is PreCheck Act of 2018"; H.R. 6374, the "FIT Act"; H.R. 6400, the "United States Ports of Entry Threat and Operational Review Act"; H.R. 6430, the "Securing the Homeland Security Supply Chain Act of 2018"; H.R. 6438, the "DHS Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act"; H.R. 6439, the "Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act of 2018"; H.R. 6443, the "Advancing Cybersecurity Diagnostics and Mitigation Act"; H.R. 6459, the "TSA Opportunities to Pursue Expanded Networks for Business Act"; H.R. 6461, the "TSA National Deployment Force Act"; H.R. 6447, the "Department of Homeland Security Chief Data Officer Authorization Act"; H. Res. 1005, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the border security policies, procedures, and activities as such relate to the interdiction of families by the U.S. Border Patrol between ports of entry, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "Boots at the Border: Examining the National Guard Deployment to the Southwest Border", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Wayfair decision and its Ramifications for Consumers and Small Businesses", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Assessing Innovative and Alternative Uses of Coal", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 5244, the "Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation Reaffirmation Act"; S. 607, the "Native American Business Incubators Program Act"; and S. 1116, the "Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2018", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cyber-securing the Vote: Ensuring the Integrity of the U.S. Election System”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Shielding Sources: Safeguarding the Public’s Right to Know”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy, and Environment, hearing entitled “Preserving Opportunities for Grazing on Federal Land”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Urban Air Mobility—Are Flying Cars Ready for Take-Off?”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on legislation on Improving Science in Chemical Assessments Act; and S. 141, the “Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access; and Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade, joint hearing entitled “Investing in Rural America”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Update on Coast Guard Acquisition Programs and Mission Balance and Effectiveness”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing Whether VA is on Track to Successfully Implement Appeals Reform”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “The Opioid Crisis: Implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Product Exclusion Process for Section 232 Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 24 through July 27, 2018

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6147, Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 24, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: July 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, 9:45 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 24, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Michael R. Bright, of the District of Columbia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 24, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s blue economy initiative, focusing on supporting commerce in American oceans and Great Lakes, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 24, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening and empowering United States amateur athletes, focusing on moving forward with solutions, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the race to 5G, focusing on exploring spectrum needs to maintain United States global leadership, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 25, Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine destination Mars, focusing on putting American boots on the surface of the red planet, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and Martin J. Oberman, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 24, business meeting to consider the nominations of Teri L. Donaldson, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Karen S. Evans, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response), Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Daniel Simmons, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), all of the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine factors that are impacting global oil prices, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: July 26, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, both of the Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

July 26, Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine improving tax administration today, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 24, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the China challenge, focusing on economic coercion as statecraft, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine American diplomacy to advance our national security strategy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

July 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1023, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2021, S. 1580, to enhance the transparency, improve the coordination, and intensify the impact of assistance to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children and persons, including women and girls, S. Res. 501, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the Government of the United States to promote democracy and good governance, S. Res. 541, expressing the sense of the Senate that any United States-Saudi Arabia civilian nuclear cooperation agreement must prohibit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from enriching uranium or separating plutonium on its own territory, in keeping with the strongest possible non-proliferation “gold standard”, S. Res. 571, condemning the ongoing illegal occupation of Crimea by the Russian Federation, an original bill entitled, “Turkey International Financial Institutions Act”, the nomination of Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 25, business meeting to consider S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees, H.R. 1222, to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, S. 2465, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program and to provide for sickle cell disease research, surveillance, prevention, and treatment, S. 3016, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking down barriers to care, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

July 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine modernizing apprenticeships to expand opportunities, 11 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 26, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the challenges and opportunities of the proposed government reorganization on Office of Personnel Management and General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 24, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Maguire, of Florida, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Ellen E. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

July 26, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Upcoming Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 25, Full Committee, markup on FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill; and the Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures Implementation: Updates from FDA and NIH”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Background on Renewable Identification Numbers under the Renewable Fuel Standard”, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 25, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 26, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “MACRA and MIPS: An Update on the Merit-based Incentive Payment System”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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Committee on Homeland Security, July 25, Full Committee, markup on FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill; and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019, 10 a.m., Location TBA.

July 25, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Assessing the State of Federal Cybersecurity Risk Determination”, 10:30 a.m., HVC-210.

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Committee on Natural Resources, July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Management Crisis at the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority and Implications for Recovery”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Committee on Small Business, July 25, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Tax Law’s Impact on Main Street”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans: July 25, to hold hearings to examine how the multiemployer pension system affects stakeholders, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 25, to receive a briefing on attacks on Roma in Ukraine, 10 a.m., SVC-214.

July 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of play, focusing on globalized corruption, state-run doping, and international sport, 2 p.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6147, Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 24

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 184—Protect Medical Innovation Act (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 6199—Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 6311—Increasing Access to Lower Premium Plans and Expanding Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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