

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, page S5315–S5391

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3262–3277, and S. Res. 592–593. **Pages S5360–61**

Measures Passed:

Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Amendment Act: Senate passed S. 2779, to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murkowski (for Flake) Amendment No. 3541, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5320**

East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Senate passed H.R. 4645, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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National Ada Lovelace Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 592, designating October 9, 2018, as “National Ada Lovelace Day” and honoring the life and legacy of Ada Lovelace, the first computer programmer.

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Honoring the Life and Legacy of Grace Hopper: Senate agreed to S. Res. 593, honoring the life and legacy of Grace Hopper, professor, inventor, entrepreneur, business leader, and Rear Admiral of the Navy.

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Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 168), Moran Amendment No. 3433 (to Amendment No.

3399), to prohibit the use of funds to revoke certain exceptions. **Pages S5339–40**

By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 169), Udall Modified Amendment No. 3414 (to Amendment No. 3399), to express the sense of Congress relating to the importance of long-distance passenger rail routes. **Pages S5339–40**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 170), Collins (for Manchin) Amendment No. 3553 (to Amendment No. 3399), to make an amount available for the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence of the Department of the Treasury to investigate the illicit trade of synthetic opioids originating from the People’s Republic of China.

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Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 171), Collins (for Paul) Amendment No. 3543 (to Amendment No. 3399), to reduce the amounts appropriated to comply with the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011. **Pages S5347–52**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 3399, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5316–19, S5320–56**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3399), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5316**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S5358–59**

Measures Referred: **Page S5359**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5374–90**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5390**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—171) **Pages S5340, S5351–52**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5390–91.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RACE TO 5G

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the race to 5G, focusing on exploring spectrum needs to maintain United States global leadership, after receiving testimony from Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA, Dean R. Brenner, Qualcomm Incorporated, and Tom Stroup, Satellite Industry Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Craig Cowden, Charter Communications, Denver, Colorado.

MARS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competiveness concluded a hearing to examine destination Mars, focusing on putting American boots on the surface of the red planet, after receiving testimony from Salvatore T. Bruno, United Launch Alliance, LLC, Centennial, Colorado; Chris Carberry, Explore Mars, Inc., Stafford, Virginia; Dava J. Newman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Peggy Whitson, Spicewood, Texas.

AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine American diplomacy to advance our national security strategy, after receiving testimony from Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing 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), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 6501–6538; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 1026, 1028–1032 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

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. 115–874); and

H. Res. 1027, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–875).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lamborn to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7159**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7169**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Irinej, Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America, New Rochelle, New York. **Pages H7169–70**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, July 24th.

The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: S. 1182, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 366 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 373; **Page H7199**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.”. **Page H7199**

VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act: H.R. 5864, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish qualifications for the human resources positions within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 374. **Pages H7199–H7200**

Making Available Information Now to Strengthen Trust and Resilience and Enhance Enterprise Technology Cybersecurity Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 770, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate resources to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, as amended by Representative Webster (FL). **Pages H7201–02**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate guidance to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, and for other purposes.”. **Page H7202**

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

Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act: H.R. 5693, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently; **Pages H7172–75**

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2353, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006; **Pages H7175–94**

Condemning the violence, persecution, intimidation, and murders committed by the Government of Nicaragua against its citizens: H. Res. 981, amended, condemning the violence, persecution, intimidation, and murders committed by the Government of Nicaragua against its citizens; **Pages H7194–97**

Energy Diplomacy Act of 2018: H.R. 5535, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 regarding energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State; **Pages H7197–99**

Amending title 23, United States Code, to extend the deadline for promulgation of regulations under the tribal transportation self-governance program: H.R. 6414, to amend title 23, United States Code, to extend the deadline for promulgation of regulations under the tribal transportation self-governance program; **Pages H7639–40**

Save Our Seas Act: S. 756, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris; **Pages H7640–45**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the lack of timely and predictable funding unnecessarily undermines the mission of the United States Special Operations Command and jeopardizes the security of the United States: H. Res. 1009, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the lack of timely and predictable funding unnecessarily undermines the mission of the United States Special Operations Command and jeopardizes the security of the United States; **Pages H7645–47**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Air Force faces significant readiness challenges due to insufficient personnel levels, a shrinking and depleted aircraft fleet, and maintenance deferrals, all of which are affected by budgetary uncertainty and impede the Air Force’s ability to meet ongoing and unexpected national security threats, putting United States national security at risk: H.R. 1010, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Air Force faces significant readiness challenges due to insufficient personnel levels, a shrinking and depleted aircraft fleet, and maintenance deferrals, all of which are affected by budgetary uncertainty and impede the Air Force’s ability

to meet ongoing and unexpected national security threats, putting United States national security at risk; and **Pages H7647–49**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that not fully resourcing the United States Army in a timely manner erodes the Army's ability to maintain readiness and poses risk to the Army's ability to conduct military operations: H. Res. 1007, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that not fully resourcing the United States Army in a timely manner erodes the Army's ability to maintain readiness and poses risk to the Army's ability to conduct military operations.

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Amending 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: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 376.

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Rejected the Frankel (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 375.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–83 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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H. Res. 1011, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 184) and (H.R. 6311) was agreed to yesterday, July 24th.

Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2018: The House passed H.R. 6199, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include certain over-the-counter medical products as qualified medical expenses, by a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 377.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–82 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of

a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H7651**

H. Res. 1012, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6199) was agreed to yesterday, July 24th.

Cambodia Democracy Act of 2018: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5754, to promote free and fair elections, political freedoms, and human rights in Cambodia, as amended by Representative Royce (CA). **Pages H7668–69**

Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Amendment Act of 2018: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2779, to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001. **Pages H7670–72**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 26th. **Page H7672**

Senate Referrals: S. 2278 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 2779 was held at the desk. **Page H7684**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7169.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7199, H7200, H7666, H7666–67, and H7667. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE UPCOMING AGENDA FOR THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Upcoming Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission”. Testimony was heard from Chris Giancarlo, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill; and the Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019. The FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019 was approved.

21ST CENTURY CURES IMPLEMENTATION: UPDATES FROM FDA AND NIH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “21st Century Cures Implementation: Updates from FDA and NIH”. Testimony was heard from Francis Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health; and Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

BACKGROUND ON RENEWABLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS UNDER THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Background on Renewable Identification Numbers under the Renewable Fuel Standard”. Testimony was heard from Brent Yacobucci, Energy and Minerals Manager, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Ajit Pai, Chairman; Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner; Brendan Carr, Commissioner; and Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner.

BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR SOUTH ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Budget Priorities for South Asia”. Testimony was heard from Alice G. Wells, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ASSESSING THE STATE OF FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY RISK DETERMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Assessing the State of Federal Cybersecurity Risk Determination”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES TO ENHANCE THE CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Using Innovative Technology and Practices to Enhance the Culture of Preparedness”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Kaniewski, Deputy Administrator for Resilience,

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Daniel Cotter, Director, First Responders Group, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Dereck Orr, Division Chief, Public Safety Communications Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and John V. Kelly, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider Committee Resolution 115–20. Committee Resolution 115–20 was adopted.

OVERSIGHT OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS’ STRATEGIC PLAN PART 2

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Library of Congress’ Strategic Plan Part 2”. Testimony was heard from the following Library of Congress officials: Carla D. Hayden, Librarian of Congress; Kurt W. Hyde, Inspector General; and Dianne Houghton, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance Management.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1872, the “Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act of 2017”. H.R. 1872 was ordered reported, as amended.

MANAGEMENT CRISIS AT THE PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR RECOVERY

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Management Crisis at the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority and Implications for Recovery”. Testimony was heard from Eduardo Bhatia, Minority Leader, Senate of Puerto Rico; Bruce Walker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

GAO HIGH RISK FOCUS: CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “GAO High Risk Focus: Cybersecurity”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and Suzette Kent, Federal Chief Information Officer, Office of Management and Budget.

FEDERAL GRANT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a hearing entitled “Federal Grant Management”. Testimony was heard from Michelle Sager, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Andrea L. Brandon, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Grants and Acquisition Policy and Accountability, Department of Health and Human Services; Natalie Keegan, Analyst, American Federalism and Emergency Management, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE JOHN S. MCCAIN NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a hearing on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 5515, the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the conference report to H.R. 5515. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule provides debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 2, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Finally, in section 3, the rule provides that H. Res. 1020 is laid on the table.

JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE: PROGRAM BREACH AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a begin hearing entitled “James Webb Space Telescope: Program Breach and its Implications”. Testimony was heard from Jim Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and a public witness.

THE TAX LAW’S IMPACT ON MAIN STREET

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Tax Law’s Impact on Main Street”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING CHANGES TO SOCIAL SECURITY’S DISABILITY APPEALS PROCESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Examining Changes to Social Security’s Disability Appeals Process”. Testimony was heard from Patricia Jonas, Deputy Commissioner, Analytics, Review, and Oversight, Social Security Administration; Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Will Morton, Analyst, Income Security, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**INNOVATION ECONOMY**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the innovation economy, entrepreneurship, and barriers to capital access, after receiving testimony from Phil Mackintosh, Nasdaq, Inc., New York, New York; Rachel King, GlycoMimetics, Inc., Rockville, Maryland; and Lisa Mensah, Opportunity Finance Network, Washington, D.C.

MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION SYSTEM AND STAKEHOLDERS

Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the multiemployer pension system affects stakeholders, after receiving testimony from James P. Naughton, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois; Joshua D. Rauh, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; Timothy P. Lynch, Morgan Lewis and Bockius LLP, Annapolis, Maryland; and Kenneth Warren Stribling, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ATTACKS ON ROMA IN UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on attacks on Roma in Ukraine from Zempfira Kondur, Chiricli International Roma Women’s Fund, and Oskana Shulyar, both of Kyiv, Ukraine; and Halyna Yurchenko, Roma Youth of Ukraine, Lviv.

CORRUPTION AND DOPING IN INTERNATIONAL SPORT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of play, focusing on globalized corruption, state-run doping, and international sport, after receiving testimony from Travis T. Tygart, United States Anti-Doping Agency, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Dagmar Freitag, Chairwoman of the German Bundestag Sports Committee, Berlin, Germany; Jim

Walden, Walden Macht and Haran, New York, New York; Katie Uhlaender, Breckenridge, Colorado; and Yuliya Stepanova, Kursk, Russia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D851)

H.R. 446, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project. Signed on July 23, 2018. (Public Law 115–202)

H.R. 447, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project. Signed on July 23, 2018. (Public Law 115–203)

H.R. 951, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project. Signed on July 23, 2018. (Public Law 115–204)

H.R. 2122, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Jennings Randolph Dam. Signed on July 23, 2018. (Public Law 115–205)

H.R. 2292, to extend a project of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission involving the Cannonsville Dam. Signed on July 23, 2018. (Public Law 115–206)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: 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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 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 Finance: 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.

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: business meeting to consider S. 1023, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Con-

servation 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. 3248, to restrict the provision by international financial institutions of loans and financial and technical assistance to the Government of Turkey, 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 nonproliferation “gold standard”, S. Res. 571, condemning the ongoing illegal occupation of Crimea by the Russian Federation, the nominations 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, and Denise Natali, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), both of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 10 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine modernizing apprenticeships to expand opportunities, 11 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: 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: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

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

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “The Federal Trade Commission’s Enforcement of Operation Chokepoint-Related Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, continue hearing entitled “James Webb Space Telescope: Program Breach and its Implications”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, July 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6147, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

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