

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:45:00 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:45:12 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 17, 2018.

Committee Meetings

See Daily Digest for Monday, September 17, 2018.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 6793–6828; 1 private bill, H.R. 6829; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 140, H. Con. Res. 136, and H. Res. 1063–1069 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6227, to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–950);

H.R. 5175, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program relating to physical security and cybersecurity for pipelines and liquefied natural gas facilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–951, Part 1); and

Conference report on H.R. 6157, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–952).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Rosalinda Rivera, New Life Outreach Church, Richmond, VA.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, September 12th.

Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act: H.R. 1911, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 398.

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

Designating the United States courthouse located at 300 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse": S. 3021, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse";

Pages H8185–H8228

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to provide for water pollution control activities, and for other purposes."

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National Quantum Initiative Act: H.R. 6227, amended, to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States; **Pages H8229–34**

Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to 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; and **Pages H8234–35**

Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act: S. 97, to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science. **Pages H8235–39**

Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, by a yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 399. **Pages H8239–45**

H. Res. 1059, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3798) and the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5895) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 397, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H8183–84**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5895: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 46, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5895. **Page H8245**

Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act of 2018: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2946, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms "act of war" and "blocked asset". **Page H8245**

Amending section 203 of the Federal Power Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1109, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act. **Pages H8245–46**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the "Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States

Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the "Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building". **Page H8246**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 816 East Salisbury Parkway in Salisbury, Maryland, as the "Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4913, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 816 East Salisbury Parkway in Salisbury, Maryland, as the "Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building". **Pages H8246–47**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the "Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5737, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the "Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office". **Page H8247**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 Claremont Avenue in Ashland, Ohio, as the "Bill Harris Post Office": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5868, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 Claremont Avenue in Ashland, Ohio, as the "Bill Harris Post Office". **Page H8247**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1355 North Meridian Road in Harristown, Illinois, as the "Logan S. Palmer Post Office": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5935, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1355 North Meridian Road in Harristown, Illinois, as the "Logan S. Palmer Post Office". **Pages H8247–48**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 325 South Michigan Avenue in Howell, Michigan, as the "Sergeant Donald Burgett Post Office Building": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6020, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 325 South Michigan Avenue in Howell, Michigan, as the "Sergeant Donald Burgett Post Office Building". **Page H8248**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the "Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6116, to designate

the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the “Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1320 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5349, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1320 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building”, as amended by Representative Russell.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1325 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the ‘Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building’.”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the “Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5784, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the “Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building”, as amended by Representative Russell.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shall be known and designated as the ‘Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building’.”.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 17th.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8183–84, H8184, and H8244–45. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ARMY FUTURES COMMAND: WILL IT HELP?

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Army Futures Command: Will it help?”. Testimony was heard from Ryan D. McCarthy, Under Secretary of the Army,

U.S. Army; and General John M. Murray, Commanding General, U.S. Army Futures Command, U.S. Army.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6511, the “Strategic Petroleum Reserve Reform Act”; H.R. 3325, the “ACE Kids Act”; H.R. 3891, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify the authority of State Medicaid fraud and abuse control units to investigate and prosecute cases of Medicaid patient abuse and neglect in any setting, and for other purposes; H.R. 5306, the “EMPOWER Care Act”; H.R. 6733, to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit group health plans, health insurance issuers, prescription drug plan sponsors, and Medicare Advantage organizations from limiting certain information on drug prices; and H.R. 6753, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a public-private partnership for purposes of identifying health care waste, fraud, and abuse. H.R. 5306, H.R. 6753, H.R. 6511, and H.R. 3325 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3891 and H.R. 6733 were ordered reported, without amendment.

AIR QUALITY IMPACTS OF WILDFIRES: MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Air Quality Impacts of Wildfires: Mitigation and Management Strategies”. Testimony was heard from Mary Anderson, Mobile and Area Source Program Manager, Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho; Herman E. Baertschiger, Jr., Senator, State Senate, Oregon; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING BARRIERS TO EXPANDING INNOVATIVE, VALUE-BASED CARE IN MEDICARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Barriers to Expanding Innovative, Value-Based Care in Medicare”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2128, the “Due Process Restoration Act of 2017”; H.R. 4753, the “Federal Reserve Supervision Testimony Clarification Act”; H.R. 4758, the “FOMC Policy Responsibility Act”; H.R. 5534, the “Give Useful Information to Define Effective Compliance Act”; H.R. 6021, the “Small Business Audit Correction Act of 2018”; H.R. 6158, the

“Brokered Deposit Affiliate-Subsidiary Moderation Act of 2018”; H.R. 6729, the “Empowering Financial Institutions to Fight Human Trafficking Act of 2018”; H.R. 6737, the “Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act of 2018”; H.R. 6741, the “Federal Reserve Reform Act of 2018”; H.R. 6743, the “Consumer Information Notification Requirement Act”; H.R. 6745, the “Access to Capital Creates Economic Strength and Supports Rural America Act”; and H.R. 6751, the “Banking Transparency for Sanctioned Persons Act of 2018”. H.R. 6751, H.R. 4753, H.R. 6745, H.R. 5534, H.R. 6743, H.R. 6741, and H.R. 6021 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6737, H.R. 6729, H.R. 2128, H.R. 6158, and H.R. 4758 were ordered reported, without amendment.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. SANCTIONS POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Sanctions Policy”. Testimony was heard from Manisha Singh, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; and Marshall Billingslea, Assistant Secretary, Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1017, requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of State, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents, records, communications, transcripts, summaries, notes, memoranda, and read-aheads in their possession referring to certain communications between President Donald Trump and President Vladimir Putin. H. Res. 1017 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6620, the “Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”; H.R. 6735, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a vulnerability disclosure policy for Department of Homeland Security internet websites, and for other purposes; H.R. 6740, the “Border Tunnel Task Force Act”; H.R. 6742, the “Secure Border Communications Act”; and S. 1281, the “Hack the Department of Homeland Security Act of 2017”. H.R. 6620 and H.R. 6742 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 6735, H.R. 6740, and S.1281 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5634, the “Medical Cannabis Research Act of 2018”; H.R. 6755, the “Judiciary ROOM Act”; H.R. 6754, the “CIRCUIT Act”; H.R. 6730, the “Injunctive Authority Clarification Act of 2018”; and H.R. 6758, the “Study of Underrepresented Classes Chasing Engineering and Science Success Act of 2018”. H.R. 5634, H.R. 6755, H.R. 6754, H.R. 6730, and H.R. 6758 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6510, the “Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act”. H.R. 6510 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 502, to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and H.R. 6771, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, and for other purposes. H.R. 6771 and H.R. 502 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 4985, the “Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act”. Testimony was heard from Darryl LaCounte, Acting Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MEMBERS’ DAY HEARING ON PROPOSED RULES CHANGES FOR THE 116TH CONGRESS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Members’ Day Hearing on Proposed Rules Changes for the 116th Congress”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Buck, Griffith, Biggs, Kilmer, Langevin, Bordallo, Bera, Sarbanes, Rice of New York, Bonamici, and Suozzi.

EXAMINING THE UNDERLYING SCIENCE AND IMPACTS OF GLIDER TRUCK REGULATIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Underlying Science and Impacts of Glider Truck Regulations”. Testimony was heard from Linda Tsang, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

NOW HIRING: HOW THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC AFFECTS SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Now Hiring: How the Opioid Epidemic Affects Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE STATE OF POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “The State of Positive Train Control Implementation in the United States”. Testimony was heard from Ronald L. Batory, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert Sumwalt, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Susan A. Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 5413, the “Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2018”; and H.R. 6418, the “VA Website Accessibility Act of 2018”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mast and Esty of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

THE ROLE OF THE INTERAGENCY PROGRAM OFFICE IN VA ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “The

Role of the Interagency Program Office in VA Electronic Health Record Modernization”. Testimony was heard from Lauren Thompson, Director, Interagency Program Office, Department of Defense; John Windom, Acting Chief Health Information Officer and Program Executive Officer, Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Carol Harris, Director of IT Acquisition Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6760, the “Protecting Family and Small Business Tax Cuts Act of 2018”; H.R. 6757, the “Family Savings Act of 2018”; and H.R. 6756 the “American Innovation Act of 2018”. H.R. 6760, H.R. 6757, and H.R. 6756 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Monday, September 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6, Support for Patients and Communities Act, and S. 2554, Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act, and vote on or in relation to amendments to, and passage of the bills, at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

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