

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 302, FAA Reauthorization Act.

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 6, SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

(Legislative Day of Friday, September 28, 2018)

Routine Proceedings, pages S6455–S6506

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3541–3545. **Page S6495**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1677, to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, encourage a negotiated political settlement, and hold Syrian human rights abusers accountable for their crimes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2736, to develop a long-term strategic vision and a comprehensive, multifaceted, and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pacific region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3233, to impose sanctions with respect to persons responsible for violence and human rights abuses in Nicaragua, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3257, to impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for serious violations of international law regarding the protection of civilians during armed conflict, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3476, to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally. **Page S6495**

Measures Passed:

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3359, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity

and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6503**

Sullivan (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 4044 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 4043), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6503**

Sullivan (for Johnson/McCaskill) Amendment No. 4043, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6503**

85th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine: Senate agreed to S. Res. 435, expressing the sense of the Senate that the 85th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine. **Pages S6503–04**

6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 412, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion and celebrating Black History Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6504**

House Messages:

FAA Reauthorization Act: By 93 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 220), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 302, to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6467**

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

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 4026 (to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate), to change the enactment date, was rendered moot when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill was agreed to. **Page S6467**

McConnell Amendment No. 4027 (to Amendment No. 4026), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 4026 (to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate) (listed above) was rendered moot. **Page S6467**

SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act: By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 221), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment. **Page S6483**

Kavanaugh Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Pages S6455–S6506**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, October 5, 2018. **Page S6503**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, October 4, 2018. **Page S6506**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—221) **Pages S6467, S6483**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on Page S6506.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of positive train control, including passenger railroad extension requests and substantial work remaining beyond 2018, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Batory, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Susan Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Kevin Corbett, NJ TRANSIT, Newark, New Jersey; and Scot Naparstek, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.

OLYMPIC ABUSE PREVENTION EFFORTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting United States amateur athletes, focusing on examining abuse prevention efforts across the Olympic movement, after receiving testimony from Phil Andrews, USA Weightlifting, Anne Cammett, U.S. Figure Skating, Timothy Hinchey III, USA Swimming, Darrin Steele, USA Bobsled and Skeleton, and Stephen McNally, USA Taekwondo, all of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency’s implementation of sound and transparent science in regulation, after receiving testimony from former Representative Rush D. Holt; Edward J. Calabrese, University of Massachusetts School of Public Health Sciences, Amherst; and Robert Hahn, Oxford University Smith School, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census, and Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RARE DISEASES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a

hearing to examine rare diseases, focusing on expediting treatments for patients, after receiving testimony from Mark Dant, EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases, Louisville, Kentucky; Marc C. Patterson, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, Minnesota; Michael Strupp, University of Munich, Munich, Germany; Lincoln Tsang, Arnold and Porter, London, United Kingdom; and Mallory Factor, IntraBio, Inc., Oxford, United Kingdom.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 5317, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands.

BROADBAND INTERNET AVAILABILITY ON TRIBAL LANDS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Government Accountability Office reports relating to broadband internet availability on tribal lands, after receiving testimony from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Patrick Webre, Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Godfrey Enjady, Mescalero Apache Telecommunications, Inc., Mescalero, New Mexico, on behalf of the National Tribal Telecommunications Association; and Geoffrey C. Blackwell, AMERIND Risk Management Corporation, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.

ANTITRUST LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws, after receiving testimony from Makan Delrahim, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Joe Simons, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

EXPANDING SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding opportunities for small businesses through the tax code, including S. 293, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deferral of inclusion in gross income for capital gains reinvested in opportunity zones, and S. 3278, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional protections to taxpayers, after receiving testimony from Christel Slaughter, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and John W. Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group, John Arensmeyer, Small Business Majority, and Caroline Bruckner, American University Kogod School of Business Tax Policy Center, all of Washington, D.C.

PATIENT-FOCUSED CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine patient-focused care, focusing on a prescription to reduce health care costs, after receiving testimony from Sean Cavanaugh, Aledade, Bethesda, Maryland; David Howes, Martin's Point Health Care, Portland, Maine; Jeff Micklos, Health Care Transformation Task Force, Washington, D.C.; and Sally Jo Snyder, Consumer Health Coalition, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma Session at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2018**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine combating money laundering and other forms of illicit finance, focusing on regulator and law enforcement perspectives on reform, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine broadband, focusing on opportunities and challenges in rural America, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earle D. Litzenberger, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Eric George Nelson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Judith Gail Garber, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, and Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

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

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, October 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Friday, October 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9:30 a.m.



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