

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7197–S7249

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3675–3697, S.J. Res. 66–68, S. Res. 711–712, and S. Con. Res. 53–54. **Pages S7241–42**

Measures Reported:

S. 3277, to reduce regulatory burdens and streamline processes related to commercial space activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–397)

H.R. 2606, to amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma. (S. Rept. No. 115–398)

H.R. 4032, to confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community. (S. Rept. No. 115–399)

S. 3119, to allow for the taking of sea lions on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other nonlisted fish species, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–400)

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. (S. Rept. No. 115–401)

H.R. 315, to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.

H.R. 1872, to promote access for United States diplomats and other officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China.

H.R. 2075, to adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls and Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study Areas in the State of Or-

egon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities to protect private property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 2646, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 4819, to promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater Okavango River Basin of southern Africa.

H.R. 4989, to require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities.

H.R. 5655, to establish the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 562, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) continues to make an invaluable contribution to United States and international security, 50 years after it opened for signature on July 1, 1968, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas.

S. 941, to withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States.

S. 1219, to provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1787, to reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

S. 2076, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2249, to permanently reauthorize the Rio Puerco Management Committee and the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3482, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

S. 3657, to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7240–41**

Measures Passed:

National Flood Insurance Program Extension: Senate passed H.R. 7187, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 7, 2018.

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National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3628, to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7246**

Disappearance of David Sneddon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon. **Pages S7246–47**

National Family Service Learning Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 688, expressing support for the designation of the week of November 19 through November 23, 2018, as “National Family Service Learning Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7247**

Condemning Russia’s actions against the Ukrainian Navy: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 709, condemning Russia’s provocative actions in the Kerch Strait against the Ukrainian navy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7247**

Printing of the pocket version of the U.S. Constitution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 54, authorizing the printing of the 26th edition of the pocket version of the Constitution of the United States.

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Authorizing use of official office funds: Senate agreed to S. Res. 712, authorizing the use of official office funds to purchase the pocket version of the Constitution of the United States. **Pages S7247–48**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader and Senator Murkowski be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Friday, November 30, 2018. **Page S7248**

Farr Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S7199**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Wednesday, November 28, 2018, with respect to the nomination, be vitiated and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, it be in order to move to proceed to the nomination the week of December 3, 2018, and that if the motion is agreed to, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate.

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Kobes Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Page S7210**

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 251), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7210**

Kraninger Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S7213–21**

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 252), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7213–14**

McNamee Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S7222**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 29, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018. **Pages S7222–25**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7221**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7222**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture vote on the nomination occur at 5:30 p.m. **Page S7248**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 10 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S7248–49**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—252) **Pages S7210, S7213–14**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7248.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas McCaffery, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and William Bookless, of California, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMBATING FORMS OF ILLICIT FINANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating money laundering and other forms of illicit finance, focusing on regulator and law enforcement perspectives on reform, after receiving testimony from Kenneth A. Blanco, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and Grovetta N. Gardineer, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Compliance and Community Affairs, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Steven M. D’Antuono, Section Chief, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine S. 1089, to require the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil, S. 1713, to require certain financial assistance under the State energy program and the Weatherization Assistance Program to be distributed without undue delay to support State and local high-impact energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, S. 1875, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the flexibility, efficiency, and reliability of the electric grid, to increase the competitiveness of the United States economy, to protect consumers, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, S. 2257, to establish the IMPACT for Energy Foundation, S. 2803, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels, S. 2968, to amend the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 to clarify whistleblower rights and protections, S. 3088, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to prepare veterans for careers in the energy industry, including the solar, wind, cybersecurity, and other low-carbon emissions sectors or zero-emissions sectors of the energy industry, S. 3295, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 3376, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, a demonstration and deployment program, and a technical assistance and grant program, S. 3422, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, S. 3495, to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, S. 3618 and H.R. 6511, bills to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to lease underutilized Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities, H.R. 6398, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, and an original bill entitled, “Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act”, after receiving testimony from Representative Barton; and Mark W. Menezes, Under Secretary of Energy.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2076, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3530, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3657, to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3482, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program;

H.R. 315, to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services; and

The nominations of Erhard R. Chorle, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 7187–7202; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 142; H. Con. Res. 142–143; and H. Res. 1161–1163 were introduced. **Pages H9742–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9744**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5759, to improve executive agency digital services, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1055); and

H.R. 6140, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a program to support the availability of HA–LEU for domestic commercial use, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–1056). **Page H9742**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poliquin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9693**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9699**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor William Hild, Jr., First Sarasota Baptist Church, Sarasota, Florida. **Page H9699**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H9699, H9730**

Directing the Speaker to administer the oath of office to the representative-elect from the 13th Congressional District of Michigan: The House agreed to H. Res. 1161, directing the Speaker to administer the oath of office to the representative-elect from the 13th Congressional District of Michigan. **Page H9700**

Oath of Office—Thirteenth Congressional District of Michigan: Representative-elect Brenda Jones presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of the Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Ruth Johnson, the Michigan Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 6, 2018, the Honorable Brenda Jones was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirteenth Congressional District, State of Michigan. **Page H9700**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Michigan, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H9700**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Page H9703**

Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1160, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 88) to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 423, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H9703–10, H9729–30

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

Extending the National Flood Insurance Program until December 7, 2018: H.R. 7187, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 7, 2018, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 350 yeas to 46 nays, Roll No. 424. Pages H9710–14, H9730

Federal Agency Customer Experience Act: H.R. 2846, amended, to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To require the collection of voluntary customer service feedback on services provided by agencies, and for other purposes."

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All-American Flag Act: H.R. 3121, amended, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government;

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Inspector General Access Act: H.R. 3154, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General;

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21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act: H.R. 5759, amended, to improve executive agency digital services; and

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Settlement Agreement Information Database Act of 2018: H.R. 6777, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of settlement agreements.

Pages H9722–23

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the "Tilden Veterans Post Office": The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the "Tilden Veterans Post Office".

Pages H9725–26

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 W. Goodwin Street,

Pleasanton, Texas, as the "Pleasanton Veterans Post Office": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 1210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 W. Goodwin Street, Pleasanton, Texas, as the "Pleasanton Veterans Post Office".

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 400 N. Main Street, Encinal, Texas, as the "Encinal Veterans Post Office": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 400 N. Main Street, Encinal, Texas, as the "Encinal Veterans Post Office".

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 McCormick Road in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Captain Humayun Khan Post Office": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 3184, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 180 McCormick Road in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Captain Humayun Khan Post Office".

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1211 Towanda Avenue in Bloomington, Illinois, as the "Sgt. Josh Rodgers Post Office": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1211 Towanda Avenue in Bloomington, Illinois, as the "Sgt. Josh Rodgers Post Office", as amended by Representative Comer.

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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 200 West North Street in Normal, Illinois, as the 'Sgt. Josh Rodgers Post Office'."

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Main Street in Dansville, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Alexandria Gleason-Morrow Post Office Building": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Main Street in Dansville, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Alexandria Gleason-Morrow Post Office Building".

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 2nd Avenue in Brentwood, New York, as the "Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building": The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 2nd Avenue in Brentwood,

New York, as the “Army Specialist Jose L. Ruiz Post Office Building”. **Page H9727**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3025 Woodgate Road in Montrose, Colorado, as the “Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6216, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3025 Woodgate Road in Montrose, Colorado, as the “Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office”. **Page H9727**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 241 N 4th Street in Grand Junction, Colorado, as the “Deputy Sheriff Derek Geer Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6217, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 241 N 4th Street in Grand Junction, Colorado, as the “Deputy Sheriff Derek Geer Post Office Building”. **Page H9727**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Mitchell Road in Ceres, California, as the “Lance Corporal Juana Navarro Arellano Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6405, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Mitchell Road in Ceres, California, as the “Lance Corporal Juana Navarro Arellano Post Office Building”. **Page H9727**

Frank Leone Post Office Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6428, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 332 Ramapo Valley Road in Oakland, New Jersey, as the “Frank Leone Post Office”. **Page H9727**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1110 West Market Street in Athens, Alabama, as the “Judge James E. Horton, Jr. Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6513, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1110 West Market Street in Athens, Alabama, as the “Judge James E. Horton, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Pages H9727–28**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 East Main Street in Johnson City, Tennessee, as the “Major Homer L. Pease Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6621, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 East Main Street in Johnson City, Tennessee, as the “Major Homer L. Pease Post Office”. **Page H9728**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4301 Northeast 4th Street in Renton, Washington, as the “James Marshall ‘Jimi’ Hendrix Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6628, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4301 Northeast 4th Street in Renton, Washington, as the “James Marshall ‘Jimi’ Hendrix Post Office Building”. **Page H9728**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44160 State Highway 299 East Suite 1 in McArthur, California, as the “Janet Lucille Oilar Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6655, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44160 State Highway 299 East Suite 1 in McArthur, California, as the “Janet Lucille Oilar Post Office”. **Page H9728**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 West Main Street in Frisco, Colorado, as the “Patrick E. Mahany, Jr., Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6831, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 West Main Street in Frisco, Colorado, as the “Patrick E. Mahany, Jr., Post Office Building”. **Page H9728**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 128 East Carlisle Street in Marion, Kentucky, as the “Ollie M. James Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6838, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 128 East Carlisle Street in Marion, Kentucky, as the “Ollie M. James Post Office Building”. **Page H9728**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saundertown, Rhode Island, as the “Captain Matthew J. August Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 3414, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saundertown, Rhode Island, as the “Captain Matthew J. August Post Office”. **Page H9729**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 Duff Street in Macon, Missouri, as the “Arla W. Harrell Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 3442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 Duff Street in Macon, Missouri, as the “Arla W. Harrell Post Office”. **Page H9729**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Federal CIO Authorization Act of 2018: H.R. 6901, amended, to amend chapter 36 of title 44, United States Code, to make certain changes relating to electronic Government services. **Pages H9723–25**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H9699–H9700 and H9703.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9729–30 and H9730. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. POLICY TOWARD SYRIA (PART II)

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Syria (Part II)”. Testimony was heard from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement, Department of State; and Robert Jenkins, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EVALUATING FEDERAL DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Evaluating Federal Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts”. Testimony was heard from William B. Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Major General Scott A. Spellmon, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and a public witness.

REVIEW OF RECENT GAO REPORTS ON ICEBREAKER ACQUISITION AND THE NEED FOR A NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Review of Recent GAO Reports on Icebreaker Acquisition and the Need for a National Maritime Strategy”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Michael J. Haycock, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral

Mark H. Buzby, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Administrator, Maritime Administration; Marie A. Mak, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Andrew Von Ah, Director of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Ronald O’Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

VA’S DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY INITIATIVES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “VA’s Development and Implementation of Policy Initiatives”. Testimony was heard from Paul R. Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS REFORM

Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform: Committee concluded a markup of the Committee’s report, recommendations, and legislative language. The bill and accompanying report were not agreed to.

COMPUTATIONAL PROPAGANDA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on how to defeat computational propaganda from Matt Chessen, Acting Deputy Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State; and Karen Kornbluh, German Marshall Fund of the United States, and Nina Jankowicz, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Kennan Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, December 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, November 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 88—Retirement, Savings, and Other Tax Relief Act and the Taxpayer First Act.

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