

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2, Agriculture Improvement Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7389–S7454*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3734–3740, and S. Res. 719–723. **Page S7431**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2369, to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the International Whaling Commission. (S. Rept. No. 115–425)

Report to accompany S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas. (S. Rept. No. 115–426)

Report to accompany S. 441, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 115–427)

Report to accompany S. 569, to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations. (S. Rept. No. 115–428)

Report to accompany S. 2160, to establish a pilot program under which the Chief of the Forest Service may use alternative dispute resolution in lieu of judicial review of certain projects. (S. Rept. No. 115–429)

S. 2773, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–430)

Report to accompany S. 3562, to amend the Small Business Act to modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns. (S. Rept. No. 115–431) **Page S7431**

#### Measures Passed:

**Interstate Transport Act:** Senate passed S. 1092, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to trans-

port knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7448–49**

Perdue (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 4073, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7448–49**

**Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed S. 2961, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7449–52**

Perdue (for Blunt/Coons) Amendment No. 4074, to adjust the authorization of appropriations. **Pages S7449–52**

**Juvenile Justice Reform Act:** Senate passed H.R. 6964, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7452**

Perdue (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4075, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7452**

**Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed S. 3482, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program. **Pages S7452–53**

**Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act:** Senate passed 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. **Page S7453**

**21st Century IDEA:** Senate passed H.R. 5759, to improve executive agency digital services. **Page S7453**

**Protecting Access to the Courts for Taxpayers Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3996, to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts

to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7453**

**Promoting Awareness of Motorcycle Profiling:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 154, promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7453**

**National Runaway Prevention Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 711, designating November 2018 as “National Runaway Prevention Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7453**

**Wreaths Across America Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 719, designating December 15, 2018, as “Wreaths Across America Day”. **Page S7453**

**Mercy Hospital and Medical Center Shooting:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 720, expressing the condolences of the Senate and honoring the memory of the victims of the shooting at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, on November 19, 2018. **Page S7453**

**National Chemistry Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 721, designating the week beginning on October 21, 2018, as “National Chemistry Week”. **Page S7453**

**Day of the Deployed:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 722, designating October 26, 2018, as “Day of the Deployed”. **Page S7453**

**American College of Emergency Physicians 50th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 723, congratulating the American College of Emergency Physicians on its 50th anniversary. **Page S7453**

**Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay 40th Anniversary:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 565, honoring the 40th anniversary of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Kings Bay, Georgia, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7453–54**

Perdue Amendment No. 4076, to amend the preamble. **Pages S7453–54**

#### Measures Considered:

**Returns by Exempt and Certain Non-Exempt Organizations—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 64, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to “Returns by Exempt Orga-

nizations and Returns by Certain Non-Exempt Organizations”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S7412–24**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, and that Senate vote on adoption of the joint resolution at 12:15 p.m. **Page S7454**

#### Conference Reports:

**Agriculture Improvement Act—Conference Report:** By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 259), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. **Pages S7406–12**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 257), Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S7391–95**

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 258), Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Page S7405**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022.

Don Munce, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S7429–30**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7429**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S7430–31**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Page S7431**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S7429**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7437–48**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7448**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S7448**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—259) **Pages S7395, S7405, S7411**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:03 a.m. and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7454.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHINESE AND RUSSIAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on recent Chinese and Russian naval activities from Vice Admiral Matthew J. Kohler, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare/Director of Naval Intelligence, and Lieutenant General Lori E. Reynolds, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Information, both of the Department of Defense.

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Jay Clayton, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Customs and Border Protection, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 7247–7263, and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 144 and H. Res. 1175 and 1177–1178, were introduced. **Pages H10102–03**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H10104**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 350, to exclude vehicles used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–1073); and

H. Res. 1176, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–1074). **Page H10102**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10031**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H10036**

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

*Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act:* S. 943, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act; **Pages H10039–41**

*Advanced Nuclear Fuel Availability Act:* H.R. 6140, amended, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a program to support the availability of HA–LEU for domestic commercial use; **Pages H10041–43**

*Improving Medicaid Programs and Opportunities for Eligible Beneficiaries Act:* H.R. 7217, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing coordinated care for children with complex medical conditions through a health home, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 428; **Pages H10043–53, H10083**

*Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorders Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2018:* 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;

**Pages H10052–54**

*Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Reauthorization Act of 2018:* S. 3029, to revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act), by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 429;

**Pages H10054–57, H10083–84**

*Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2018:* H.R. 6615, amended, to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program;

**Pages H10057–58**

*Preventing Maternal Deaths Act:* H.R. 1318, amended, to support States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and in the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers;

**Pages H10058–61**

*Recognizing that the United States-Republic of Korea alliance serves as a linchpin of regional stability and bilateral security, and exemplifies the broad and deep military, diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties shared between the United States and the Republic of Korea:* H. Res. 1149, recognizing that the United States-Republic of Korea alliance serves as a linchpin of regional stability and bilateral security, and exemplifies the broad and deep military, diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties shared between the United States and the Republic of Korea;

**Pages H10065–68**

*Reaffirming the strong commitment of the United States to the countries and territories of the Pacific Islands region:* H. Res. 1157, reaffirming the strong commitment of the United States to the countries and territories of the Pacific Islands region;

**Pages H10068–70**

*Condemning the Assad regime and its backers for their continued support of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria:* H. Res. 1165, condemning the Assad regime and its backers for their continued support of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria;

**Pages H10070–73**

*Expressing opposition to the completion of Nord Stream II:* H. Res. 1035, amended, expressing opposition to the completion of Nord Stream II; and

**Pages H10073–75**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to Ukraine:* H. Res. 1162, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to Ukraine.

**Pages H10075–76**

*Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act:* The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1918, to oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections.

**Pages H10077–78**

*Sanctioning Hizballah's Illicit Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act:* The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3342, to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields.

**Pages H10078–79**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives 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:* The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 931, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives 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, as amended by Representative Royce.

**Pages H10079–80**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 907 Fourth Avenue in Lake Odessa, Michigan, as the "Donna Sauers Besko Post Office":* The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 1850, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 907 Fourth Avenue in Lake Odessa, Michigan, as the "Donna Sauers Besko Post Office".

**Page H10080**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the "Corporal Jeffery Allen Williams Post Office Building":* The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 4407, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the "Corporal Jeffery Allen Williams Post Office Building".

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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 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the ‘Corporal Jeffrey Allen Williams Post Office Building’.”

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**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 6th Street in Hawthorne, Nevada, as the “Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic Post Office”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5205, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 6th Street in Hawthorne, Nevada, as the “Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic Post Office”.

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**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 North Macon Street in Bevier, Missouri, as the “SO2 Navy SEAL Adam Olin Smith Post Office”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5475, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 North Macon Street in Bevier, Missouri, as the “SO2 Navy SEAL Adam Olin Smith Post Office”.

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**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 51 Willow Street in Lynn, Massachusetts, as the “Thomas P. Costin, Jr. Post Office Building”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 51 Willow Street in Lynn, Massachusetts, as the “Thomas P. Costin, Jr. Post Office Building”.

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**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5707 South Cass Avenue in Westmont, Illinois, as the “James William Robinson Jr. Memorial Post Office Building”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6167, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5707 South Cass Avenue in Westmont, Illinois, as the “James William Robinson Jr. Memorial Post Office Building”.

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**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 322 Main Street in Oakville, Connecticut, as the “Veterans Memorial Post Office”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 322 Main Street in Oakville, Connecticut, as the “Veterans Memorial Post Office”, as amended by Representative Mitchell.

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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 322 Main Street in Oakville, Connecticut, as the ‘Oakville Veterans Memorial Post Office’”.

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**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Miller Street in Plattsburgh, New York, as the “Ross Bouyea Post Office Building”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6930, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Miller Street in Plattsburgh, New York, as the “Ross Bouyea Post Office Building”.

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**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 413 Washington Avenue in Belleville, New Jersey, as the “Private Henry Svehla Post Office Building”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 3209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 413 Washington Avenue in Belleville, New Jersey, as the “Private Henry Svehla Post Office Building”.

Pages H10081–82

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 12th Street Lobby in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Richard W. Williams Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 3237, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 12th Street Lobby in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Richard W. Williams Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office”.

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**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 226 West Main Street in Lake City, South Carolina, as the “Postmaster Frazier B. Baker Post Office”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7230, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 226 West Main Street in Lake City, South Carolina, as the “Postmaster Frazier B. Baker Post Office”.

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**Amending Public Law 115–217 to change the address of the postal facility designated by such Public Law in honor of Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7243, to amend Public Law 115–217 to change the address of the postal facility designated by such Public Law in honor of Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe.

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**Honoring the life of President George Herbert Walker Bush:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1172, honoring the life of President George Herbert Walker Bush.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measure. Consideration began Monday, December 10th.

***Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act:*** S. 825, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 430. **Pages H10084–85**

**Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass 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. **Pages H10085–86**

**Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2020: Ms. Anurima Bhargava of Chicago, Illinois, to succeed Mr. Daniel I. Mark. **Page H10086**

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

***Calling on the Government of Burma to release Burmese journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo sentenced to seven years imprisonment after investigating attacks against civilians by Burma's military and security forces:*** H. Res. 1091, amended, calling on the Government of Burma to release Burmese journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo sentenced to seven years imprisonment after investigating attacks against civilians by Burma's military and security forces. **Pages H10061–65**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m. **Page H10101**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10092.

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10083, H10083–84, and H10084–85. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STRUCTURE, INVESTMENTS, AND APPLICATIONS**

***Committee on Armed Services:*** Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Department of Defense's Artificial Intelligence

Structure, Investments, and Applications". Testimony was heard from Lisa Porter, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense; and Dana Deasy, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

***Committee on Energy and Commerce:*** Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled "Discussion Draft: The 21st Century Transportation Fuels Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **IMPLEMENTING THE 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT: AN UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR**

***Committee on Energy and Commerce:*** Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Implementing the 21st Century Cures Act: An Update from the Office of the National Coordinator". Testimony was heard from Donald Rucker, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services.

### **RAY BAUM'S ACT: A BIPARTISAN FOUNDATION FOR BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

***Committee on Energy and Commerce:*** Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "RAY BAUM'S Act: A Bipartisan Foundation for Bridging the Digital Divide". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF FASB'S CURRENT EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS (CECL) ACCOUNTING STANDARD ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE ECONOMY**

***Committee on Financial Services:*** Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of FASB's Current Expected Credit Loss (CECL) Accounting Standard on Financial Institutions and the Economy". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY: EXAMINING GOOGLE AND ITS DATA COLLECTION, USE, AND FILTERING PRACTICES**

***Committee on the Judiciary:*** Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Transparency and Accountability: Examining Google and its Data Collection, Use, and Filtering Practices". Testimony was heard from a public witness.

### **EXAMINING 'BACKDOOR' SPENDING BY FEDERAL AGENCIES**

***Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:*** Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a hearing entitled "Examining 'Backdoor' Spending by

Federal Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Tranchau T. Nguyen, Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Julia C. Matta, Managing Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2018

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2, the “Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2. 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. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 2, the rule provides the provisions of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546) shall not apply during the remainder of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress to a concurrent resolution introduced pursuant to section 5 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544) with respect to Yemen. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conaway and Representative Peterson.

## Joint Meetings

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine religious freedom in Eurasia, after receiving testimony from former Senator Sam Brownback, Ambassador At Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine implications of China’s presence and investment in Africa, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, with the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps readiness, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold closed hearings to examine United States force posture in the Indo-Pacific region, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 2395, to amend title 54, United States Code, to authorize the provision of technical assistance under the Preserve America Program and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into partnerships with communities adjacent to units of the National Park System to leverage local cultural heritage tourism assets, S. 2895 and H.R. 5613, bills to designate the Quindaro Townsite National Historic Landmark, S. 3291, to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, S. 3439 and H.R. 5532, bills to redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, S. 3468, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3505, to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, S. 3527 and H.R. 5585, bills to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 3533, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments within the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3545, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve home health payment reforms under the Medicare program, S. 3571 and H.R. 5420, bills to authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, S. 3646, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept certain properties in the State of Missouri, S. 3609 and H.R. 801, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, S. 3659, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an “American World War II Heritage City”, H.R. 1220, to establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107–62, H.R. 3607, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, H.R. 3961, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River and its tributaries in the State of Florida for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 5005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 5706, to establish the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in the State of Hawai’i and the Honouliuli National Historic Site in the State of Hawai’i, H.R. 6077, recognizing the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York, H.R. 6599, to modify

the application of temporary limited appointment regulations to the National Park Service, and H.R. 6687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress' long-standing intent to continue to authorize working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the missing and murdered, focusing on confronting the silent crisis in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine China's non-traditional espionage against the United States, focusing on the threat and potential policy responses, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine transnational cartels and border security, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Security Clearance Processing Status Report", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Mandating a \$15 Minimum Wage: Consequences for Workers and Small Businesses", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Public Private Partnerships for

Federal Energy Management", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the Availability of SAFE Kits at Hospitals in the United States", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Evaluating the Effectiveness of the International Financial Institutions", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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