

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

Senate passed S. 1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act, as amended.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S841–S874.*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 329–341, and S. Res. 40–46.

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**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 40, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 41, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 42, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 45, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Res. 46, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 94, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 163, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices.

S. 268, to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, to amend the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to modify the protections provided by that Act.

S. 310, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act. **Page S866**

**Measures Passed:**

**Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from

further consideration of S. 49, to designate the outstation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in North Ogden, Utah, as the Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation, and the bill was then passed.

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**Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act:** By 77 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 16), Senate passed S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S843–47**

**Adopted:**

Menendez (for Risch) Amendment No. 98 (to Amendment No. 97), to provide for a classified annex to be submitted with the report on the co-operation of the United States and Israel with respect to countering unmanned aerial systems.

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Risch Amendment No. 97, to clarify the deadline for the reporting requirement relating to the establishment of a Jordan Enterprise Fund. **Page S852**

**National FFA Organization's Federal Charter Amendments Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 439, to amend the charter of the Future Farmers of America, and the bill was then passed. **Page S873**

**National Stalking Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 44, raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2019 as "National Stalking Awareness Month". **Page S874**

**Measures Considered:**

**Natural Resources Management Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States. **Page S858**

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

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 17), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S858**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, with all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks counting post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S847**

**Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session. **Page S873**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on February 5, 2019; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM-3) **Pages S862–66**

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

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps. **Pages S858, S874**

**Measures Read the First Time:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Notices of Intent:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S873**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—17) **Pages S852, S858**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S847.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### VETERANS AFFAIRS' ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine an implementation update on the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record modernization, after receiving testimony from James Byrne, General Counsel, performing the duties of Deputy Secretary, and John Windom, Executive Director, Laura Kroupa, Chief Medical Officer (Acting), and John Short, Chief Technology Integration Officer, each of the Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 42) authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 45) authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

**Subcommittee on Energy:** Senators Cassidy (Chair), Risch, Lee, Daines, Gardner, Hyde-Smith, McSally, Alexander, Hoeven, Heinrich, Wyden, Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Hirono, King, and Cortez Masto.

*Subcommittee on National Parks:* Senators Daines (Chair), Barrasso, Lee, Gardner, Hyde-Smith, Alexander, Hoeven, King, Sanders, Stabenow, Heinrich, and Hirono.

*Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining:* Senators Lee (Chair), Barrasso, Risch, Daines, Cassidy, Gardner, Hyde-Smith, McSally, Hoeven, Wyden, Cantwell, Stabenow, Heinrich, Hirono, King, and Cortez Masto.

*Subcommittee on Water and Power:* Senators McSally (Chair), Barrasso, Risch, Cassidy, Gardner, Alexander, Cortez Masto, Wyden, Cantwell, and Sanders.

Senators Murkowski and Manchin are *ex officio* members of each subcommittee.

## ENERGY AND MINERALS MARKETS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for energy and minerals markets in the 116th Congress, after receiving testimony from Linda Capuano, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Kevin Book, ClearView Energy Partners, LLC, and Travis Kavulla, R Street Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Simon Moores, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, London, United Kingdom; and Ethan Zindler, BloombergNEF, New York, New York.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure, and ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 41) authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress;

S. 268, to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, to amend the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to modify the protections provided by that Act;

S. 163, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices;

S. 94, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States;

S. 310, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act;

The nominations of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator, and Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Nicole R. Nason, of New York, to be Adminis-

trator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

6 General Services Administration resolutions.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 40) authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress; and

The nominations of Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, both of the Department of the Treasury, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure, announced the designation of members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation, designation of members to serve as Congressional Trade Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations, and the following subcommittee assignments for the 116th Congress:

*Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness:* Senators Cornyn (Chair), Crapo, Roberts, Thune, Isakson, Portman, Toomey, Scott (SC), Cassidy, Daines, Young, Casey, Wyden, Stabenow, Cantwell, Menendez, Cardin, Brown, Warner, and Cortez Masto.

*Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight:* Senators Thune (Chair), Crapo, Enzi, Cornyn, Burr, Isakson, Portman, Toomey, Warner, Menendez, Carper, Cardin, Bennet, and Whitehouse.

*Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy:* Senators Portman (Chair), Grassley, Cassidy, Lankford, Young, Brown, Bennet, Casey, and Cortez Masto.

*Subcommittee on Health Care:* Senators Toomey (Chair), Grassley, Roberts, Enzi, Thune, Burr, Isakson, Scott (SC), Cassidy, Lankford, Daines, Young, Stabenow, Cantwell, Menendez, Carper, Cardin, Brown, Casey, Warner, Whitehouse, Hassan, and Cortez Masto.

*Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure:* Senators Scott (SC) (Chair), Grassley, Crapo, Roberts, Enzi, Cornyn, Burr, Daines, Bennet, Wyden, Cantwell, Carper, Whitehouse, and Hassan.

*Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth:* Senators Cassidy (Chair), Scott (SC), Lankford, Hassan, and Wyden.

*Senators Grassley and Wyden are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

## PRIMARY CARE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how primary care affects health care costs and outcomes, after receiving testimony from Joshua J. Umehr, Atlas MD, Wichita, Kansas; Sapna Kripalani, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Katherine Bennett, University of Washington, Seattle, on behalf of the National Association for Geriatric Education; and Tracy Watts, Mercer, Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Neomi J.

Rao, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and Aditya Bamzai, of Virginia, and Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 962–985; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 14; and H. Res. 99–101, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1363–64**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Espaillat to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representative Hastings, Chair.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

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**State of the Union Address:** President Donald Trump delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 9. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Luján, Jeffries, Clark (MA), Bustos, Hill (CA), McCarthy, Scalise, Cheney, Emmer, Palmer, Walker, and Smith (MO), and Sen-

ators McConnell, Thune, Grassley, Barrasso, Blunt, Ernst, Young, Schumer, Durbin, Murray, Stabenow, Warren, Klobuchar, and Baldwin. The President's message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–1).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1356.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold closed hearings to examine United States Army readiness, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on global nuclear developments, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, 9:45 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine winning the race to 5G and the next era of technology innovation in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 256, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, S. 257, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, S. 294, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine financial security in retirement, focusing on innovations and best practices to promote savings, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: Impact of the Administration's Policies Affecting the Affordable Care Act", 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "The Power of the Purse: A Review of Agency Spending Restrictions During a Shutdown", 10 a.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "World Wide Threat Assessment and Intelligence Community Posture", 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Evaluation of the Department of Defense's Counterterrorism Approach", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining Threats to Workers with Pre-existing Conditions", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled "Time for Action: Addressing the Environmental and Economic Effects of Climate Change", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Texas v. U.S.: The Republican Lawsuit and Its Impacts on Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy in the Arabian Peninsula"; and markup on H.J. Res. 37, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Preventing Gun Violence: A Call to Action", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Climate Change: The Impacts and the Need to Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1, the "Strengthening Ethics Rules for the Ethics Branch", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 840, the "Veterans' Access to Child Care Act"; and H. Res. 86, providing amounts for the expenses of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Shutdown: Economic Impact to Small Businesses", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Improving Retirement Security for America's Workers", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee, organizational meeting; and business meeting on the Transmission of Certain Committee Transcripts, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting will be closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 6

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 6

**Senate Chamber**

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 47, Natural Resources Management Act, post-cloture.

**House Chamber**

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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