

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1769–S1805*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 738–764, and S. Res. 104–107. **Pages S1792–93**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 333, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training. (S. Rept. No. 116–5) **Page S1792**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, supporting the designation of March 2019 as “National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S1799**

**United Negro College Fund 75th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 106, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the United Negro College Fund. **Page S1799**

**Authorizing testimony and representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Taubert*. **Page S1799**

**World Wildlife Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 91, designating March 3, 2019, as “World Wildlife Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1799–S1800**

McConnell (for Coons) Amendment No. 192, to amend the preamble. **Page S1799**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 on March 15, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–6) **Page S1791**

**Rao Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Neomi J. Rao, of

the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

**Pages S1777–89**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 43), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1777**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12 noon, on Wednesday, March 13, 2019; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, all post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. **Pages S1788–89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. **Page S1800**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 42), Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S1776–77, S1805**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1791**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S1791**

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1793–94**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1789–91**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S1798**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1798–99**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—43) **Pages S1776–77**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1800.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence initiatives within the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Peter T. Highnam, Deputy Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Michael A. Brown, Director, Defense Innovation Unit, and Lieutenant General John N.T. Shanahan, USAF, Director, Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, Office of the Chief Information Officer, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Thelma Drake, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

### CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Kathy Kraninger, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

### BROADBAND INVESTMENTS IN RURAL AMERICA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the impact of broadband investments in rural America, after receiving testimony from Justin Forde, Midcontinent Communications, West Fargo, North Dakota; Mark A. Jamison, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Denny Law, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Wall, South Dakota; and Carol Matthey, Matthey Consulting LLC, Bethesda, Maryland.

### WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the road ahead for the World Trade Organization, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine recommendations from the President's task force on the United States Postal Service, focusing on a path to sustainability, after receiving testimony from Gary Grippio, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Finance; Robert G. Taub, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; David C. Williams, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Postal Service; and Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

### REAUTHORIZING THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and reducing the burden of verification, after receiving testimony from Kristina Scott, Alabama Possible, Birmingham; Michele Scott Taylor, College Now Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio; Michael P. Meotti, Washington Student Achievement Council, Olympia; and Mark Wiederspan, Iowa College Student Aid Commission, Des Moines.

### GAO HIGH RISK LIST OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian programs on the Government Accountability Office High Risk List, after receiving testimony from Jessica Farb, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, and Darryl LaCounte, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; and Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

### GDPR AND CCPA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine GDPR and CCPA, focusing on opt-ins, consumer control, and the impact on competition and innovation, after receiving testimony

from Will DeVries, Google, Mountain View, California; Alastair MacTaggart, Californians for Consumer Privacy, Sacramento; David Hoffman, Intel, Santa Clara, California; Gabriel Weinberg, DuckDuckGo, Inc., Paoli, Pennsylvania; Thomas Lee, Mapbox, Roslyn Layton, American Enterprise Institute, and Michelle Richardson, Center for De-

mocracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jane Bambauer, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 6 and 1678–1702; 1 private bill, H.R. 1703; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 217–219, were introduced. **Pages H2678–80**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2681–82**

**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. **Page H2649**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2654**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Claudio J. Kogan, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, Edinburg, TX. **Page H2654**

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

*Calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov:* H. Res. 156, amended, calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 121; **Pages H2657–60, H2673–74**

*Crimea Annexation Non-recognition Act:* H.R. 596, amended, to prohibit United States Government recognition of Russia's annexation of Crimea, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 427 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 122; **Pages H2660–62, H2675**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes." **Page H2675**

*Vladimir Putin Transparency Act:* H.R. 1404, amended, to strengthen the United States response to Russian interference by providing transparency on the corruption of Russian President Vladimir Putin; **Pages H2662–64**

*Keeping Russian Entrapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks Act:* H.R. 1617, to direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit intelligence assessments of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation; **Pages H2664–65**

*Electronic Message Preservation Act:* H.R. 1582, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records; **Pages H2665–67**

*Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2019:* H.R. 1608, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees; and **Pages H2667–71**

*Federal Register Modernization Act:* H.R. 1654, amended, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 123. **Pages H2671–73, H2675–76**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995 is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–20). **Page H2657**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2673–74, H2675, and H2675–76. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TREASURY'S ROLE IN COMBATTING FINANCIAL CRIMES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing

entitled “Treasury’s Role in Combatting Financial Crimes”. Testimony was heard from Sigal Mandelker, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following House of Representatives officials: Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms; Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House; Philip G. Kiko, Chief Administrative Officer.

#### **PUBLIC WITNESS TESTIMONY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Testimony”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. Testimony was heard from Eric Dreiband, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—RELATED AGENCIES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Related Agencies. Testimony was heard from Chief Judge Robert N. Davis, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Karen Durham-Aguilera, Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries; and public witnesses.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the United States Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from Matthew Verderosa, Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police.

#### **STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES: PASSENGER RAIL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives: Passenger Rail Development”. Testimony was heard from Jason Orthner, Rail Division Director, North Carolina Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES: PROTECTING STUDENTS AND TAXPAYER DOLLARS FROM PREDATORY PRACTICES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight of For-Profit Colleges: Protecting Students and Taxpayer Dollars from Predatory Practices”. Testimony was heard from Senator Durbin and public witnesses.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Ann M. Coffey, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations; Phyllis Fong, Inspector General; and Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General.

#### **UPDATE ON RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR 2017 AND 2018 DISASTERS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Update on Recovery Efforts for 2017 and 2018 Disasters”. Testimony was heard from Pete Gaynor, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

#### **OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES ON MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Outside Perspectives on Military Personnel Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE PRESIDENT’S 2020 BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s 2020 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Russell Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

#### **GROWING A HEALTHY NEXT GENERATION: EXAMINING FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Growing a Healthy Next Generation: Examining Federal Child Nutrition Programs”. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Johnson, Director, Child Nutrition and Wellness, Kansas State Department of Education; Donna Martin, Director, School Nutrition Program, Burke County Board of Education, Georgia; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATING TO SAFEGUARD THE FREE AND OPEN INTERNET

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Legislating to Safeguard the Free and Open Internet”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 HHS BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2020 HHS Budget”. Testimony was heard from Alex Azar, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

### HOLDING MEGABANKS ACCOUNTABLE: AN EXAMINATION OF WELLS FARGO’S PATTERN OF CONSUMER ABUSES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Holding Megabanks Accountable: An Examination of Wells Fargo’s Pattern of Consumer Abuses”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

### SECURING OUR NATION’S CHEMICAL FACILITIES: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON IMPROVING THE CFATS PROGRAM

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Securing Our Nation’s Chemical Facilities: Stakeholder Perspectives on Improving the CFATS Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BUSINESS MEETING; COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE 116TH CONGRESS

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a business meeting on Committee Resolution 116–08; and a hearing entitled “Committee Funding for the 116th Congress”. Committee Resolution 116–08 was adopted, without amendment. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cummings and Jordan.

### HISTORY AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “History and Enforcement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965”. Testimony was heard from Catherine Lhamon, Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Paige Whitaker, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a business meeting on the Subcommittee’s Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills; and Request for DHS Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 1548. The Subcommittee’s Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills was adopted. Request for DHS Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 1548 was agreed to.

### THE STATE OF COMPETITION IN THE WIRELESS MARKET: EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED MERGER OF T-MOBILE AND SPRINT ON CONSUMERS, WORKERS, AND THE INTERNET

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “The State of Competition in the Wireless Market: Examining the Impact of the Proposed Merger of T-Mobile and Sprint on Consumers, Workers, and the Internet”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, AND THE POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service, and the Power Marketing Administrations”. Testimony was heard from Mike Nedd, Deputy Director, Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Chris French, Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and the following Department of Energy officials: Kenneth Legg, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration; Mike Wech, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; Elliot Mainzer, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; and Mark Gabriel, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration.

### WOW 101: THE STATE OF WILDLIFE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “WOW 101: The State of Wildlife”. Testimony was heard from Valerie Covey, Commissioner, Precinct Three, Williamson County Commissioner’s Court, Williamson County, Texas; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINING THE PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS OF CARCINOGENS IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Examining the Public Health Risks of Carcinogens in Consumer Products”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ENGINEERING OUR WAY TO A SUSTAINABLE BIOECONOMY

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Engineering Our Way to a Sustainable Bioeconomy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CHALLENGES IN SBA’S STATE TRADE EXPANSION PROGRAM

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship held a hearing entitled “Challenges in SBA’s State Trade Expansion Program”. Testimony was heard from Kim Gianopoulos, Director of International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Hannibal Ware, Inspector General, U.S. Small Business Administration.

### LOOKING FORWARD: AVIATION 2050

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Looking Forward: Aviation 2050”. Testimony was heard from David McBride, Director, Armstrong Flight Research Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

### PROTECTING AND IMPROVING SOCIAL SECURITY: ENHANCING SOCIAL SECURITY TO STRENGTHEN THE MIDDLE CLASS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Protecting and Improving Social Security: Enhancing Social Security to Strengthen the Middle Class”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TEMPORARY POLICY IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Temporary Policy in the Internal Revenue Code”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress.

### MEMBER DAY

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foster, Beyer, Trone, Rice of New York, Davis of California, Gallagher, Eshoo, Arrington, Phillips, Pascrell, Pelosi, McCarthy, Mast, Fitzpatrick, Dunn, Perlmutter, Bergman, Sarbanes, Buck, Porter, Costa, Houlahan, Axne, Sewell of Alabama, Lipinski, Thompson of Mississippi, Murphy, Clark of Massachusetts, Underwood, and Webster of Florida.

## Joint Meetings

### LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Olympia, Washington; Robert Washington, Sr., Fleet Reserve Association, Oxon Hill, Maryland; Crystal Wenum, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Hudson, Wisconsin; Thomas A. Zampieri, Blinded Veterans Association, Pearland, Texas; Barry J. Schneider, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Ft. Worth, Texas; Douglas J. Greenlaw, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Greenville, South Carolina; and Rene A. Campos, USN (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the most significant threats to United States Naval Forces and how Naval Forces plan to operate in a contested environment, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the new space race, focusing on ensuring United States global leadership on the final frontier, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine a new approach for an era of United States-China competition, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel P. Collins, and Kenneth Kiyul Lee, both of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine cyber crime, focusing on the threat to small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Gun Violence Prevention and Enforcement”, 10:30 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives: Building Resilient Communities”, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, 11 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Securing Federal Networks and State Election Systems”, 2 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in Europe”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Ensuring Resiliency of Military Installations and Operations in Response to Climate Changes”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for U.S. Cyber Command and Operations in Cyberspace”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Cost of College: Student Centered Reforms to Bring Higher Education Within Reach”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs: Reducing Barriers to Market Competition”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Mismanaging Chemical Risks: EPA’s Failure to Protect Workers”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Preparing for the Storm: Reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Promoting Corporate Transparency: Examining Legislative Proposals to Detect and Deter Financial Crime” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “NATO at 70: An Indispensable Alliance”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1004, the “Prohibiting Unauthorized Military Action in Venezuela Act”, 4 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1232, the “Rescinding DHS’ Waiver Authority for Border Wall Act”; H.R. 1433, the “DHS MO-RALE Act”; H.R. 1589, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2019”; H.R. 1590, the “Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act of 2019”; H.R. 1593, the “CLASS Act of 2019”; H.R. 1598, the “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Rural and Remote Hiring and Retention Strategy Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1639, the “CBP Workload Staffing Model Act”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery, hearing entitled “Improving the Federal Response: Perspectives on the State of Emergency Management”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1585, the “Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Forgotten Voices: The Inadequate Review and Improper Alteration of Our National Monuments”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “FOIA: Examining Transparency Under the Trump Administration”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing on H.R. 1076, the “Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “America in Space: Future Visions, Current Issues”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Flipping the Switch on Rural Digital Entrepreneurship”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Aligning Federal Surface Transportation Policy to Meet 21st Century Needs”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Protecting and Improving Social Security: Benefit Enhancements”, 2 p.m., 2020 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 13

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Neomi J. Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the nomination of Neomi J. Rao, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.

## House Chamber

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

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

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