

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4743–4777

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2067–2085. **Page S4773**

Measures Reported:

S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4770**

Measures Passed:

America's Water Infrastructure Act Technical Corrections: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1811, to make technical corrections to the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4776**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4) (Ex. Rept. 116–1);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1) (Ex. Rept. 116–2);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1) (Ex. Rept. 116–3); and

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8) (Ex. Rept. 116–4). **Pages S4771–73**

King Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. **Pages S4749–59, S4759**

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

By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 198), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S4760–61**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 11, 2019. **Pages S4776–77**

Pallasch Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Pages S4761–64**

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

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 199), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4761**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 11, 2019, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, in the order listed; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, the post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m.; and that the Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works control the time from 1 p.m., until 1:40 p.m. **Page S4764**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 78 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 195), T. Kent Wetherell II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. **Pages S4745–48**

By 80 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 196), J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S4748–49**

By 85 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 197), Damon Ray Leichty, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Page S4749**

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| Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—199) | Pages S4748–49, S4761 |

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4776–77.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 149, to establish a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 153, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 384, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to help facilitate the adoption of composite technology in infrastructure in the United States, with amendments;

S. 553, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a working group to recommend to Congress a definition of blockchain technology, with amendments;

S. 1342, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, with amendments;

S. 1427, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to improve the Network for Manufacturing Innovation Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1601, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring all new passenger motor vehicles to be equipped with a child safety alert system;

S. 1611, to ensure appropriate prioritization, spectrum planning, and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things, with amendments;

S. 1694, to require any Federal agency that issues licenses to conduct activities in outer space to include in the requirements for such licenses an agreement relating to the preservation and protection of the Apollo 11 landing site, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1881, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans; and

The nominations of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing in America's surface transportation infrastructure, focusing on the need for a multi-year reauthorization bill, after receiving testimony from Luke Reiner, Wyoming Department of Transportation Director, Cheyenne; Carlos M. Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation Executive Director, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and Vicki Arroyo, Georgetown Climate Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Max Kuney, Associated General Contractors of America, Spokane, Washington; and Carolann Wicks, University of Delaware School of Public Policy and Administration, Townsend.

ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine defense cooperation, focusing on the use of emergency authorities under the Arms Export Control Act, after receiving testimony from R. Clarke Cooper, Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the Special Diabetes Program is changing the lives of Americans with Type 1 diabetes, after receiving testimony from Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Aaron J. Kowalski, JDRF, and Victor Garber, both of New York, New York; Ruby Anderson, JDRF Children's Congress, Yarmouth, Maine; and Adriana Richard, JDRF Central Pennsylvania Teen Task Force, Milton.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 3661–3693; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 481–483 were introduced. **Pages H5583–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5585–86**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1809, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–144). **Page H5582**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Costa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5307**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5311**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Asriel McLain, Little Union Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. **Pages H5311–12**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened at 2:51 p.m. **Page H5323**

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

Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2019: H.R. 1044, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 365 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 437; **Pages H5323–28, H5336**

Amending title 28, United States Code, to add Flagstaff and Yuma to the list of locations in which court shall be held in the judicial district for the State of Arizona: H.R. 1569, to amend title 28, United States Code, to add Flagstaff and Yuma to the list of locations in which court shall be held in the judicial district for the State of Arizona; **Pages H5328–29**

Supporting and Treating Officers In Crisis Act of 2019: S. 998, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention; **Pages H5329–31**

Effective Prosecution of Possession of Biological Toxins and Agents Act of 2019: S. 744, to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error; and **Pages H5331–32**

21st Century President Act: H.R. 677, to amend gendered terms in Federal law relating to the President and the President's spouse. **Pages H5332–34**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Rooney (FL) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education and Labor. **Page H5336**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 481, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H5337**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020: The House began consideration of H.R. 2500, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 11th. **Pages H5337–H5576**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–19, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–143, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. **Page H5351**

Agreed to:

Smith (WA) en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143: Speier (No. 2) that clarifies policies affecting career paths for military service academy graduates; Brown (MD) (No. 4) that directs the Secretary of Defense to produce a report on the number of certain waivers received by transgender individuals; Speier (No. 5) that clarifies the contraception coverage parity provision in the bill text to ensure all methods of contraception approved by the FDA are covered by TRICARE without copay, including contraceptive counseling, insertion and removal; Speier (No. 7) that removes an exemption that would exclude federal civilian employees from representation in negotiations of career path requirements for the defense acquisition workforce; Speier (No. 8) that places limitations on the issuance of non-recurring cost waivers to certain Foreign Military Sales customers; requires Defense and State Department reports on reforms on various aspects of the Foreign Military Sales enterprise; Gabbard (No. 13)

that expands access to infertility treatment to all servicemembers; Meeks (No. 15) that prohibits the Secretary of Defense from naming a DOD asset after a person who served or held a leadership position in the Confederacy, a city or battlefield made significant by a confederate victory; Cunningham (No. 16) that authorizes the Coast Guard to establish a Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Lucy Garrett Beckham High School in Charleston County, South Carolina; Clark (MA) (No. 18) that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from using the fact that a veteran's income derives from a State legalized marijuana industry as a factor in determining whether to issue a VA home loan; Sherman (No. 22) that prevents funds from being spent on the production of a Nonproliferation Assessment Statement with a country that has not signed an Additional Protocol agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency; Engel (No. 28) that preserves Congressional review of arms export licenses by restricting the President's emergency export authority under the Arms Export Control Act to situations in which defense items are transferred only within 90 days of an emergency determination and to limit use of an emergency determination to approve overseas manufacturing or co-production of defense items to extensions or renewals of existing licenses; Engel (No. 30) that limits military to military cooperation between the US military and the Burma Army, applies sanctions to perpetrators of human rights abuses including against the Rohingya, encourages reform in the military-dominated Burmese gemstone sector, and calls for a determination of crimes perpetrated against the Rohingya, and authorizes support for preservation of evidence and transitional justice efforts; McNerney (No. 36) that states that a pay raise for military personnel shall take effect on January 1, 2020, even if the president attempts to change it; Keating (No. 41) that authorizes funds for a pilot program to support nonprofits operating on bases to providing food, clothing, and related assistance to active duty personnel; Huffman (No. 42) that amends Section 2831 to restrict any energy sourced from Russia and repeals another Section from FY19 NDAA dealing with preference for domestic sources at one specific European base; Aguilar (No. 51) that expands the types of associate degrees and certifications covered by the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account program; Aguilar (No. 52) that calls for budget officials from the Department of Defense, Office of Management and Budget, and National Nuclear Security Administration to be present at Nuclear Weapons Council and Standing and Safety Committee meetings, thereby ensuring budgetary concerns are taken into account when decisions are

made; Aguilar (No. 53) that expands the Department of Defense Cyber Scholarship Program (formerly known as the Information Assurance Scholarship Program) to include students attending certificate programs that span 1 to 2 years; Aguilar (No. 54) that codifies existing practice at DOD to debrief veterans during TAP counselling on how to file claims and where to send paperwork when they transition out of the military; Allred (No. 55) that directs the Secretary of Defense to increase Basic Operational Medical Research Science by \$5 million for the purpose of partnering with universities to study brain injuries; Allred (No. 56) that directs the Secretary of Defense to increase University Research Initiatives by \$5 million for the purpose of studying ways to increase the longevity and resilience of infrastructure on military bases; Armstrong (No. 57) that directs the SECDEF to include the names of the seventy-four crew of the USS Frank E. Evans killed on June 3, 1969 on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall; Arrington (No. 58) that inserts text that requires Secretary of the Air Force to make available and conduct military type certifications for light attack experimentation aircraft as needed; Bacon (No. 59) that authorizes senior officials of the armed forces to endorse and participate in activities of charitable foundations that support the armed forces service academies; Bacon (No. 60) that authorizes Department of Defense civilian academic faculty at covered institutions to retain copyright for scholarly works completed outside of their assigned instructional duties; Bacon (No. 61) that authorizes an increase to Air Force procurement to replace RC-135 training and ground mission equipment destroyed in recent storms; Banks (No. 62) that mandates that the General Counsel of the Department of the Army begin a preliminary inquiry to investigate the burial of Jack Edward Dunlap at Arlington Cemetery; Banks (No. 63) that requires the Department of Defense, Coast Guard, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop jointly a comprehensive enterprise interoperability strategy, 180 days after enactment, to achieve nine goals, principally interoperability sufficient for seamless health care with TRICARE providers and community care providers under the MISSION Act; additionally, defines the term, "interoperability"; Bera (No. 64) that requires DoD to do a study on extending the parent's level of TRICARE health coverage to their newborn child; Bera (No. 65) that increases DoD funding to partner nations to help them prevent, detect, and respond to biological threats and infectious disease before they come to the U.S. by \$20 million to match DoD Approps; Bera (No. 66) that requires report on defense cooperation between U.S. and India in the Western Indian Ocean; Bera (No. 67) that requires a report on the

implementation of the Global Health Security Strategy and the National Biodefense Strategy, including follow up actions from pending GAO report on the Biodefense Strategy; Bera (No. 68) that requires DoD and VA to submit a report to Congress evaluating best practices for providing financial literacy education to separating servicemembers and Veterans; and Horn (No. 190) that requires DoD to treat disclosures of disciplinary matters from audit firms confidentially and makes statutory the DoD's interim guidance issued in March of 2019 which preserves the confidentiality of these proceedings;

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Connolly amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that codifies a DOD policy to report to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) servicemembers who are prohibited from purchasing firearms;

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Smith (WA) en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143: Malinowski (No. 25) that requires an ODNI determination of parties responsible for the pre-meditated murder of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi, imposes visa sanctions with a national security waiver, and requires a report on human rights in Saudi Arabia; Beyer (No. 69) that requires DoD to fulfill one of the recommendations of its 2018 report entitled “Report on the Effects of Military Helicopter Noise on National Capital Region Communities” by establishing a noise inquiry website to track and analyze complaints; Beyer (No. 70) that requires DoD to submit a report to Congress on the frequency of helicopters used for executive travel in the National Capital Region; Biggs (No. 71) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on annual defense spending by ally and partner countries; Biggs (No. 72) that expresses a sense of Congress about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship; Blumenauer (No. 73) that improves flood risk assessments for military construction projects by incorporating projected current and future mean sea level fluctuations; Blumenauer (No. 74) that requires the Secretary to submit a quarterly report regarding ex gratia payments or lack of ex gratia payments; Blumenauer (No. 75) that requires the State Department Inspector General to submit a report to Congress on the obstacles to effective protection of Afghan and Iraqi allies through the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) programs and provide suggestions for improvements to the program; Blumenauer (No. 76) that codifies President Obama's Executive Order 13653 to require the Secretary to identify and seek to remove barriers that discourage investments to increase resiliency to climate change; Brindisi (No. 77) that requires the Comptroller General to report on the implementa-

tion and efficacy of Section 701 of FY2015 NDAA, which requires that the Department of Defense provide a person-to-person mental health assessment for each member of the Armed Forces; Brindisi (No. 78) that directs DoD and the Air Force to establish a Quantum Information Science Innovation Center and authorizes \$10 million for that purpose; increases Air Force RDT&E, decreases Defense-Wide O&M, Brindisi (No. 79) that makes requirement of mental health assessments every 180 days for deployed servicemembers permanent by removing sunset; Brown (MD) (No. 80) that gives the President the authority to issue an honorary commissioning, promoting to brigadier general in the Air Force, COL Charles E. McGee, a distinguished Tuskegee Airman; Brownley (CA) (No. 81) that directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a report comparing out-of-pocket uniform costs for men and women service members in each of the Services of the Armed Forces, as well as past uniform changes that have affected one gender more than the other; Brownley (No. 82) that directs the Department of Defense, as part of the report required under Section 232 of the Committee-reported bill, to provide an update to a 2016 report on necessary military construction updates of real property assets at Major Range and Test Facility Bases (MRTFB); also requires that the report include an assessment of MRTFBs' readiness to support advanced testing for future needs; Brownley (CA) (No. 83) that includes Sense of Congress language underscoring the importance of the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) to fire fighting response efforts and encouraging the Department of Defense to use National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account funding to support development of MAFFS capabilities in the future; Burchett (No. 84) that strikes Subtitle F—Industrial Base Matters, Section 872, page 556, line 10: “not later than 90 days” and replaces it with “not later than 30 days” after the date of the enactment of this Act; Bustos (No. 85) that recognizes and honors the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II; Bustos (No. 86) that allows Gold Star and military spouses to terminate lease premises and motor vehicles of service members who incur catastrophic injury or illness or die while in military service; Carbajal (No. 87) that requires the National Academies of Sciences to conduct an independent review of plans and capabilities for nuclear verification, detection, and monitoring of nuclear weapons and fissile material; Carbajal (No. 88) that requires the Department of Defense, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to develop guidelines regarding the consideration and use of unofficial sources of information in determining benefits and

decoration eligibility when a veteran's service records are incomplete due to damage caused to the records while in the possession of the Department of Defense; Carbajal (No. 89) that requires the Secretary of Defense to issue an offshore wind assessment before objecting to an offshore energy project filed for review by the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Clearinghouse; Carson (IN) (No. 90) that requires the Secretary to provide Congress with a report detailing the extent to which waivers are granted for mental health assessments for members of the armed services deployed in support of contingency operations, and it requires the report to also include information about the effectiveness of those health assessments; Carson (IN) (No. 91) that revises and narrows language that qualifies an administrative processing issue as an option for the Secretary in granting an exception to required mental health assessments for members of the armed forces deployed in support of contingency operations; Carter (TX) (No. 92) that increases the amount of money earned by military recycling centers that can roll over into the next fiscal year from \$2 million to \$10 million; and Carter (TX) (No. 93) that allows military recycling centers the authority to accept quality recyclable goods from local communities; **Pages H558–63**

Smith (WA) en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143: Case (No. 94) that requires the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment to provide a report regarding the security risks posed by non-military aircraft overflying military installations inside the United States; Case (No. 95) that requires the Secretary of Defense to report on current and possible expansion of security cooperation and assistance with Pacific island countries, including Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, and Tonga; Case (No. 96) that requires a report from the Defense Intelligence Agency detailing actions by foreign militaries operating in the Pacific Island countries, gaps in intelligence collection capabilities for these countries, and plans to overcome any current intelligence collection deficiencies; Judy Chu (CA) (No. 97) that supports the measures to continue the cease fire in Nagorno Karabakh, including the non-deployment of snipers, heavy arms, and new weaponry; encourages the deployment of gun-fire locator systems and an increase in OSCE observers along the line-of-contact; Cicilline (No. 98) that requires the Secretary of Defense to produce a report analyzing the effects of automation within the Defense Industrial Base over the next ten years; Cicilline (No. 99) that requires written consent from all parties involved in a dispute under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act before

settling said conflict through arbitration; Cisneros (No. 100) that increases Navy university basic research by \$5,000,000 in order to support innovative scientific research to help the U.S. military maintain technical superiority; Clark (MA) (No. 101) that ensures that federal employees may enroll in federal employee health benefits program (FEHBP) should they experience a qualifying life event during a lapse in appropriations and prohibits the loss of life insurance coverage, dental, vision, and long-term care benefits for federal employees in the case of a lapse in federal appropriations; Clyburn (No. 102) that allows all 8th grade students across the country to participate in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps; Cohen (No. 103) that directs the Department of Defense to pursue compensation from the contractor for costs of non-RFI spare parts that it failed to deliver since 2015 as described in the June 13, 2019 DoD Inspector General Report No. DODIG–2019–094; DoD received non-RFI spare parts and spent up to \$303 million in DoD labor costs since 2015; Cohen (No. 104) that directs the Department of Defense to conduct a study analyzing the cost growth of major defense acquisition programs over the last fifteen years; Connolly (No. 105) that delegates to a single Board member or the agency General Counsel the authority to stay an agency action that the Office of Special Counsel suspects was taken as a result of a prohibit personnel practice in order to better protect whistleblowers when the Merit Systems Protection Board lacks a confirmed member or a quorum; Connolly (No. 106) that prohibits states from coercing military technicians into accepting an offer of realignment or conversion to any other military status; prohibits retaliation against military technicians who decline to participate in such realignment or conversion; Connolly (No. 107) that requires a report on any individuals or security force units who have participated in security cooperation training programs and received security assistance training provided by the United States and were subsequently sanctioned by the United States for human rights violations or terrorist activities; Connolly (No. 108) that provides \$2,000,000 in funding for the European Center of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, a NATO–EU joint venture to combat threats based on a combination of military and nonmilitary means, including but not limited to cyberattacks, election interference, and disinformation campaigns; Connolly (No. 109) that requires periodic reporting on security clearance adjudication backlogs; Cooper (No. 110) that directs DOD, CIA, and the State Department to each generate a report detailing progress towards reducing the backlog in legally required historical declassification obligations, offer solutions, and consider new

approaches (both technology and policy) to return to productivity; Correa (No. 111) that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide the congressional defense committees a report on cyber-attacks and intrusions against the Department of Defense systems in the previous 12 months by agents or associates of the Governments of the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Correa (No. 112) that requires the "National Security Commission on Defense Research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other Minority Institutions," to evaluate the effectiveness of the Department of Defense in attracting and retaining STEM students from covered institutions for the Department's programs on emerging capabilities and technologies; Courtney (No. 113) that requires a report regarding US, Russian, and Chinese nuclear systems; Courtney (No. 114) that adds the United States Coast Guard Academy to the list of military service academies covered by Section 538; Craig (No. 115) that adds \$30 Million to the Army Community Services account to provide family assistance, victim advocacy, financial counseling, employment readiness, and other similar support services at installations where 500 or more military members are assigned; Crenshaw (No. 116) that provides for the inclusion of home schooled students in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) units by adding criteria under Title 10 and would in return give the JROTC unit credit toward an existing requirement for the standing of their unit; and Crenshaw (No. 117) that waives time limitation and authorizes the award of the Medal of Honor to SFC Alwyn Cashe for valor, described within, during combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

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Smith (WA) en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116-143: Crist (No. 118) that requires the Secretary to account for sea level rise projections and future flood risk when creating guidelines for energy and climate resiliency at military facilities; Cuellar (No. 119) that requests an independent assessment of the United States' funding and resources available to the Department of Defense, the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development, for use in the Western Hemisphere; will also focus on investments made by China, Iran, and Russia in the Western Hemisphere; Cummings (No. 120) that prohibits federal employers and contractors from asking about the criminal history of job applicants until they receive conditional offers of employment; includes exceptions for positions related to law enforcement and national security, positions requiring access to classified information, and positions for which access to criminal history information is re-

quired by law; Cummings (No. 121) that requires the Secretary of Defense to carry out activities to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to detect and address racial, ethnic, and gender disparities in the military justice system; Cunningham (No. 122) that expands eligibility in the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship Program to spouses of members of the Coast Guard and to the spouses of enlisted servicemembers of all grades; Cunningham (No. 123) that authorizes the Department of Defense to give preference to contractors that employ veterans on a full-time basis; Cunningham (No. 124) that requires the Secretary of the Navy to issue a report on plans to support and maintain aircraft assigned to Marine Corps air stations that will be transitioning from F-18s to F-35s; Delgado (No. 127) that requires a report within 90 days of enactment on current Defense Logistics Agency and Defense Commissary Agency programs, policies, and practices relating to small farms, farms owned by new and beginning farmers, veteran farmers, and minority farmers, and opportunities and barriers to expanding their use; Delgado (No. 128) that increases funding for the University and Industry Research Centers by \$5 million; DeSaulnier (No. 129) that requires the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to conduct a joint study on the impact of the current policy of withholding disability pay from veterans who receive separation pay; DeSaulnier (No. 130) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Port Chicago 50 should be exonerated of any charges brought against them in the aftermath of the deadliest home front explosion in World War II; Doggett (No. 132) that ensures an assessment of the policy and operational necessity, risks, benefits and costs of establishing military-to-military discussions with Iran; Duffy (No. 133) that expands and renames the Troops to Teachers program to assist troops transition into any role in an education setting; Dunn (No. 134) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the head of the Joint Artificial intelligence center, to submit a report to Congress regarding the use and future use of A.I. in DoD; Engel (No. 135) that requires the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to report on the implications of Russian military or private military corporation involvement in the U.S. Africa Command Area of Responsibility, provide an analysis of the implications of such activity for U.S. interests, and develop a plan to counteract destabilizing Russian activity in Africa; Engel (No. 136) that requires Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to improve the efforts of the Nigerian military to prevent, mitigate, and respond to civilian harm in the operation of the

Super Tucano aircraft and associated weapons acquired from the United States; Engel (No. 137) that requires the development of common standards for implementing human right vetting and integrating civilian protection into the assessment, monitoring, and evaluation of security cooperation; Escobar (No. 138) that clarifies that certain standards must be met before DoD may assist HHS in providing housing for unaccompanied migrant children; Escobar (No. 139) that allows installations to use funds derived from energy cost savings for operational energy programs; Escobar (No. 140) that requires the Department of Defense to specify climate-related mitigation and recovery costs in its annual budget submission to Congress; Finkenauer (No. 141) that directs Procurement Center Representatives and other acquisition personnel to assist small business in the SBIR and STTR program in terms of researching applicable solicitations for small business concerns and technical assistance when bidding for contracts; Fitzpatrick (No. 142) that directs the Secretary of Defense to raise the priority of completing DOD Directive 2310.07E in order to clarify processes and efficiencies in recovering the remains of heroes missing in action, via the POW/MIA Accounting Agency; Fitzpatrick (No. 143) that directs DOD to conduct a review of the foreign currency rates used at disbursement to determine whether cost-savings opportunities exist by more consistently selecting cost-effective rates; Fitzpatrick (No. 144) that protects and preserves military tuition assistance programs; Fitzpatrick (No. 145) that the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should work to implement a process to coordinate annual research requests between all services and offices under Department of Defense to optimize both the benefits to the Department and the efficiency of the research; and Fitzpatrick (No. 146) that ensures that GPS M-code modernization efforts promote interoperability and efficiency while avoiding unnecessary duplication.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Smith (WA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to increase oversight and transparency of civilian casualties;

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Speier amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to require that qualifications for eligibility to serve in an armed force account only for the ability of an individual to meet gender-neutral occupational standards and not include any criteria relating to the race, color, national origin, religion, or sex (including gender identity or sexual orientation) of an individual;

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Speier amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to enhance access to high-

quality family planning education by requiring DOD to establish a standardized educational program across all branches of the military to be provided during the first year of service for a member;

Pages H5547–49

Brindisi amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to reinstate the Berry Amendment's DoD domestic sourcing requirement for stainless steel flatware, also adding a "dinner ware" domestic sourcing requirement;

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Torres (CA) amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to prohibit the President from removing items from Categories 1–3 of the United States Munitions List;

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Connolly amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to prohibit the elimination of the Office of Personnel Management;

Pages H5551–52

Shalala amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to require the DOD Secretary to publish on its website the distribution of DOD Tuition Assistance Funds at institutions of higher education; audit any proprietary institution receiving DOD Tuition Assistance funds that fails to meet the Financial Responsibility Standards in the Higher Education Act of 1965 under Section 498(c) and publish the results of the audit on its website;

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Omar amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to require reporting on financial costs and national security benefits for overseas military operations, including permanent military installations and bases; and

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Smith (WA) amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that seeks to amend the current statutory prohibition on members of Congress contracting with the federal government to include the President, Vice President, and any Cabinet member.

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H. Res. 476, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) was agreed to, as amended, by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 436, after the McGovern amendment was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 435, after the previous question was ordered on the amendment and the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 434.

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Senate Referral: S. 239 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5314.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H5334, H5334–35, H5335–36, and H5336. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO COUNTER RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “United States Efforts to Counter Russian Disinformation and Malign Influence”. Testimony was heard from Lea Gabrielle, Special Envoy and Coordinator of the Global Engagement Center, Department of State; Jim Kulikowski, Coordinator for U.S. Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia, Department of State; John F. Lansing, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Agency for Global Media; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a markup on H.R. 2211, the “STURDY Act”; H.R. 3172, the “Safe Sleep Act of 2019”; H.R. 3170, the “Safe Cribs Act of 2019”; H.R. 1618, the “Nicholas and Zachary Burt Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2019”; H.R. 806, the “Portable Fuel Container Safety Act of 2019”; and H.R. 2647, the “SOFFA”. H.R. 2211, H.R. 3172, H.R. 3170, H.R. 1618, and H.R. 806 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 2647 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE AND COMPETITIVE ECONOMY: AN EXAMINATION OF PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Building a Sustainable and Competitive Economy: An Examination of Proposals to Improve Environmental, Social, and Governance Disclosures”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ABOUT FACE: EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION AND OTHER BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “About Face: Examining the Department of Homeland Security’s Use of Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Technologies”. Testimony was heard from John Wagner, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Austin Gould, Assistant Administrator, Requirements and Capabilities Analysis, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Joseph R. DiPietro, Chief Technology Officer, U.S. Secret Service; and Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

MARIJUANA LAWS IN AMERICA: RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE NEED FOR REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Marijuana Laws in America: Racial Justice and the Need for Reform”. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Mosby, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, Maryland; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 252, the “Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act”; H.R. 1475, the “LOTTERY Act”; H.R. 2199, the “Central Coast Heritage Protection Act”; H.R. 2215, the “San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act”; H.R. 2250, the “Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act”; H.R. 2546, the “Colorado Wilderness Act of 2019”; and H.R. 2642, the “Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kilmer, and Representatives Judy Chu of California, Carbajal, Amodei, Stauber, DeGette, and Huffman; Frank Beum, Acting Associated Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Leah Baker, Acting Assistant Director, Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Keenan Ertel, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Montezuma County, Colorado; Keith Groves, Supervisor, District 1, Board of Supervisors, Trinity County, California; and public witnesses.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACK ON THE ACA: REVERSAL IN COURT CASE THREATENS HEALTH CARE FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s Attack on the ACA: Reversal in Court Case Threatens Health Care for Millions of Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KIDS IN CAGES: INHUMANE TREATMENT AT THE BORDER

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Kids in Cages: Inhumane Treatment at the Border”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF NASA'S PLANS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN LOW EARTH ORBIT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “A Review of NASA’s Plans for the International Space Station and Future Activities in Low Earth Orbit”. Testimony was heard from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 3597, the “Solar Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 3607, the “Fossil Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3609, the “Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”. H.R. 3597, H.R. 3607, and H.R. 3609 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

CONTINUING TO SERVE: FROM MILITARY TO ENTREPRENEUR

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Continuing to Serve: From Military to Entrepreneur”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACTS: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ASSESSING THE FUTURE NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Water Resources Development Acts: Status of Implementation and Assessing the Future Needs”. Testimony was heard from Rick-

ey Dale James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army—Civil Works, U.S. Department of the Army; Major General Scott A. Spellmon, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF WOMEN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Economic Well-being of Women Veterans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 397, the “Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act of 2019”. H.R. 397 was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gen. Mark A. Milley, for reappointment to the grade of General, and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the United States Army, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine evolving global natural gas markets, the increasingly important role of United States liquefied natural gas, and the competitive outlook, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1273, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, S. 1883, to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, and the nominations of Douglas Russell Cole, and Matthew Walden McFarland, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Robert Anthony Molloy, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, Kea Wertzal Riggs, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, and Monica David Morris, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled “Building Opportunity in Rural America through Affordable, Reliable and High-Speed Broadband”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Management Challenges and Oversight of Department of State and United States Agency for International Development Programs”, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Southern Command”, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing is closed.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “From the Fields to the Factories: Preventing Workplace Injury and Death from Excessive Heat”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 2781, the “EMPOWER for Health Act of 2019”; H.R. 728, the “Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 1058, the “Autism CARES Act of 2019”; H.R. 2507, the “Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 776, the “Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2035, the “Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2296, the “FAIR Drug Pricing Act of 2019”; H.R. 2328, the “Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence Act of 2019”; H.R. 3631, the “Territories Health Care Improvement Act”; and H.R. 3630, the “No Surprises Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 281, the “Ensuring Diverse Leadership Act of 2019”; H.R. 1018, the “Improving Corporate Governance through Diversity Act of 2019”; H.R. 2852, the “Homebuyer Assistance Act of 2019”; H.R. 3279, the “Diversity in Corporate Leadership Act of 2019”; H.R. 3614, the “Restricting Use of Credit Checks for Employment Decisions Act”; H.R. 3618, the “Free Credit Scores for Consumers Act of 2019”; H.R. 3619, the “Appraisal Fee Transparency Act of 2019”; H.R. 3620, the “Strategy and Investment in Rural Housing Preservation Act of 2019”; H.R. 3621, the “Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act”; H.R. 3622, the “Restoring Unfairly Impaired Credit and Protecting Consumers Act”; H.R. 3624, the “Outsourcing Accountability Act of 2019”; H.R. 3625, the “PCAOB Whistleblower Protection Act of 2019”; H.R. 3642, the “Improving Credit Reporting for All Consumers Act”; H.R. 3629, the “Clarity in Credit Score Formation Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3641, the “Stronger Enforcement of Civil Penalties Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hear-

ing entitled “Human Rights in Cuba: Beyond the Veneer of Reform”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The State Department and USAID FY 2020 Operations Budget”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, hearing entitled “Road to Recovery: Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands after Hurricanes Irma and Maria”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on a Resolution authorizing issuance of subpoenas; H.R. 3311, the “Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019”; H.R. 3304, the “National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act of 2019”; H.R. 2938, the “HAVEN Act”; and H.R. 2336, the “Family Farmer Relief Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Future of the Federal Coal Program”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled “Tribal Infrastructure: Roads, Bridges, and Buildings”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Identifying, Preventing, and Treating Childhood Trauma: A Pervasive Public Health Issue That Needs Greater Federal Attention”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Earth’s Thermometers: Glacial and Ice Sheet Melt in a Changing Climate”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Bumper to Bumper: The Need for a National Surface Transportation Research Agenda”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations, hearing entitled “SBA Management and Oversight of SCORE”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2942, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women’s Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; H.R. 2943, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs in English and Spanish; and H.R. 3504, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements to the specially adapted housing program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fostering the Next Generation of Leaders: Setting Members up for Success”, 2 p.m., 2020 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nominations of Robert L. King, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, at 11 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of John P. Pallasch, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2500—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.

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