

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4813–S4827*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2110–2121, and S. Res. 275–276. **Pages S4821–22**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1420, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review. (S. Rept. No. 116–55)

S. 1430, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–56)

H.R. 1654, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register. (S. Rept. No. 116–57)

S. Res. 206, marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on contemporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 1945, to amend section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776) to preserve congressional review and oversight of foreign arms sales. **Page S4821**

**Phipps Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S4815–16**

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

By 53 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 204), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4816**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 16, 2019; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. **Page S4826**

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

Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Page S4827**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S4820–21**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S4821**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S4824–25**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S4820**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S4825–26**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—204) **Page S4816**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4826.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3751–3764; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 489–490, were introduced. **Pages H5824–25**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5825–27**

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

H. Res. 491, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3494) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; relating to the consideration of House Report 116–125 and an accompanying resolution; relating to the consideration of measures disapproving of the sales, exports, or approvals pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 489) condemning President Trump's racist comments directed at Members of Congress (H. Rept. 116–154); and

H. Res. 492, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 582) to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–155). **Page H5824**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Gomez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5777**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:16 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5779**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Archbishop Anoushavan Tanielian, Armenian Apostolic Church of America, New York, NY. **Page H5779**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m. **Page H5780**

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

***United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act:*** H.R. 2615, amended, to support the people of Central America and strengthen United States national security by addressing the root causes of migration from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras; **Pages H5780–86**

***United States Agency for International Development Branding Modernization Act:*** H.R. 2744, to authorize the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prescribe the manner in which programs of the agency are

identified overseas, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 475; **Pages H5786–87, H5812–13**

***Condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994 and expressing the concern of the United States regarding the continuing, 25-year-long delay in the resolution of this case and encouraging accountability for the attack:*** H. Res. 441, condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994 and expressing the concern of the United States regarding the continuing, 25-year-long delay in the resolution of this case and encouraging accountability for the attack; **Pages H5787–89**

***Condemning the attacks on peaceful protesters and supporting an immediate peaceful transition to a civilian-led democratic government in Sudan:*** H. Res. 432, amended, condemning the attacks on peaceful protesters and supporting an immediate peaceful transition to a civilian-led democratic government in Sudan, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 476; **Pages H5789–93, H5813–14**

***Recognizing widening threats to freedoms of the press and expression around the world, reaffirming the centrality of a free and independent press to the health of democracy, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States in promoting democracy, human rights, and good governance in commemoration of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2019:*** H. Res. 345, amended, recognizing widening threats to freedoms of the press and expression around the world, reaffirming the centrality of a free and independent press to the health of democracy, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States in promoting democracy, human rights, and good governance in commemoration of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2019; **Pages H5793–96**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Responding to widening threats to freedoms of the press and expression around the world, reaffirming the centrality of a free and independent press to the health of democracy, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States in promoting democracy, human rights, and good governance on World Press Freedom Day"; **Page H5796**

***Saudi Arabia Human Rights and Accountability Act of 2019:*** H.R. 2037, amended, to encourage accountability for the murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 477;

**Pages H5796–H5800, H5814**

*Condemning the Government of Saudi Arabia's continued detention and alleged abuse of women's rights activists:* H. Res. 129, amended, condemning the Government of Saudi Arabia's continued detention and alleged abuse of women's rights activists;

**Pages H5800–02**

*Rescuing Animals With Rewards Act of 2019:* H.R. 97, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime;

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*Cambodia Democracy Act of 2019:* H.R. 526, amended, to promote free and fair elections, political freedoms, and human rights in Cambodia;

**Pages H5802–05**

*Access to Sufficient Capital for Everyone in Natural Disaster areas Act of 2019:* H.R. 277, amended, to adjust collateral requirements under the Small Business Act for disaster loans;

**Pages H5805–06**

*Amending the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides:* H.R. 2142, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides;

**Pages H5806–07**

*Small Business Administration Cyber Awareness Act:* H.R. 2331, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration;

**Pages H5807–09**

*Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act of 2019:* H.R. 1649, to amend the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors; and

**Pages H5809–10**

*Clarifying the Small Business Runway Extension Act:* H.R. 2345, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to clarify the intention of Congress that the Administrator of the Small Business Administration is subject to certain requirements with respect to establishing size standards for small business concerns.

**Pages H5810–12**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:44 p.m. and reconvened at 10:22 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5812–13, H5813–14, and H5814. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OVERCROWDING AND PROLONGED DETENTION AT CBP FACILITIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “Overcrowding and Prolonged Detention at CBP Facilities”. Testimony was heard from Diana R. Shaw, Assistant Inspector General for Special Reviews and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

### VIOLATIONS OF THE HATCH ACT UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, PART II: KELLYANNE CONWAY

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Violations of the Hatch Act Under the Trump Administration, Part II: Kellyanne Conway”.

### DAMON PAUL NELSON AND MATTHEW YOUNG POLLARD INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020; RAISE THE WAGE ACT; RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIND WILLIAM P. BARR, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WILBUR L. ROSS, JR., SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS FOR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH SUBPOENAS DULY ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM; CONDEMNING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S RACIST COMMENTS DIRECTED AT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3494, the “Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020”; H.R. 582, the “Raise the Wage Act”; a Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with Subpoenas Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform; and H. Res. 489, condemning President Trump's racist comments directed at Members of Congress. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3494, the “Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020”, H. Res.—(H. Rept. 116–125), the Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General

of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with Subpoenas Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and H. Res. 489, Condemning President Trump's racist comments directed at Members of Congress. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3494, the "Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020", under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–22, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that if House Report 116–125 is called up by direction of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, all points of order against the report shall be waived and it shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of the resolution accompanying House Report 116–125 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution accompanying the report. The rule provides that the resolution accompanying the report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that a Senate joint resolution, or a House joint resolution reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, prohibiting a proposed sale, export, or approval under section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act shall be privileged if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs one day after the Majority Leader announces an intention that the House consider it. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of

order against the joint resolution and against its consideration are waived. The joint resolution is debatable for 20 minutes, or for one hour on demand of the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in each case equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. One motion to recommit is provided. The rule provides that Sections 36(b)(3), 36(c)(3)(B), and 36(d)(5)(B) of the Arms Export Control Act shall not apply in the House during the remainder of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 489, Condemning President Trump's racist comments directed at Members of Congress, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. Finally, the rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 582, the "Raise the Wage Act". The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order the further amendment printed in Part B of the report, if offered by the member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Schiff, Chairman Cummings, Chairman Scott of Virginia, and Representatives Nunes, Pence, Jordan, Foxx, Rooney of Florida, Collins of Georgia, and Raskin.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Mark T. Esper, to be Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine Facebook's proposed digital currency and data privacy considerations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider S. 143, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, S. 174, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, S. 253, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofit assistance to schools, S. 520, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, S. 715, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 816, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, S. 859, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 903, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, S. 983, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to reauthorize the weatherization assistance program, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, S. 1064, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the national security implications of building ethane and other natural-gas-liquids-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, S. 1085, to support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies, S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, S. 1245, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 1286, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential, S. 1317, to facilitate the

availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs, S. 1685, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for the research, development, and demonstration of commercially viable technologies for the capture of carbon dioxide produced during the generation of natural gas-generated power, S. 1706, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities, S. 1857, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to improve Federal energy and water performance requirements for Federal buildings and establish a Federal Energy Management Program, H.R. 347, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado, H.R. 762, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for the dissemination of information regarding available Federal programs relating to energy efficiency projects for schools, and H.R. 1138, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine long-term management options for the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine Iraq, focusing on a crossroads of United States policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on conducting a secure and accurate count, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine Google and censorship through search engines, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled "Reviewing the State of the U.S. Livestock and Poultry Economies", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled "Scaling Up Apprenticeships: Building on the Success of International Apprenticeship Models", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled “Strengthening Federal Support to End Youth Homelessness”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Efforts to Combat the Spread of Illicit Fentanyl”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Our Wireless Future: Building A Comprehensive Approach to Spectrum Policy”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3621, the “Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act”; H.R. 3623, the “Climate Risk Disclosure Act of 2019”; H.R. 3624, the “Outsourcing Accountability Act of 2019”; H.R. 3625, the “PCAOB Whistleblower Protection Act of 2019”; H.R. 3629, the “Clarity in Credit Score Formation Act of 2019”; H.R. 3641, the “Stronger Enforcement of Civil Penalties Act of 2019”; H.R. 3701, to establish a statute of limitations for certain actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; H.R. 3702, the “Reforming Disaster Recovery Act”; and legislation on the Accurate Access to Credit Information Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled “Russian Disinformation Attacks on Elections: Lessons from Europe”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Capitol Police”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice System”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled “Policy Changes and Processing Delays at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services”, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Antitrust Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Online Platforms and Market Power, Part 2: Innovation and Entrepreneurship”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 2414, to amend the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Act; H.R. 2031, the “PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act”; H.R. 895, the “Tribal School Federal Insurance Parity Act”; and H.R. 396, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Oil and Gas Development: Impacts of Business-as-Usual on the Climate and Public Health”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Legacy of Apollo”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint hearing entitled

“EPA Advisory Committees: How Science Should Inform Decisions”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure, hearing entitled “Helping Small Businesses Compete: Challenges and Opportunities in the Federal Procurement Marketplace”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Transit Administration’s Implementation of the Capital Investment Grant Program”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Cleaning Up Heavy Duty Vehicles, Protecting Communities”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine responding to hate crimes, focusing on the role of religious actors, 11 a.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 16 through July 19, 2019

### Senate Chamber

*On Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 3 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Peter Joseph Phipps, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4).

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: July 18, to hold hearings to examine agricultural research and 2018 Farm Bill implementation, 10:30 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Armed Services*: July 16, to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of Mark T. Esper, to be Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

July 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: July 16, to hold hearings to examine Facebook’s proposed digital currency and data privacy considerations, 10 a.m., SH–216.

July 17, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine economic mobility, focusing on whether the American dream is in crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

July 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine export control reform implementation, focusing on outside perspectives, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* July 17, to hold hearings to examine National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans for deep space exploration, focusing on the Moon to Mars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* July 16, business meeting to consider S. 143, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, S. 174, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, S. 253, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofit assistance to schools, S. 520, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, S. 715, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 816, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, S. 859, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 903, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, S. 983, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to reauthorize the weatherization assistance program, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, S. 1064, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the national security implications of building ethane and other natural-gas-liquids-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, S. 1085, to support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies, S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, S. 1245, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 1286, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential, S. 1317, to facilitate the

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July 16, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine long-term management options for the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 18, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine opportunities to increase water storage and conservation through rehabilitation and development of water supply infrastructure, including S. 1570, to provide flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, S. 1932, to support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, and S. 2044, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to provide additional funds under that Act, to establish a review of flood control rule curves pilot project within the Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* July 17, to hold hearings to examine electric battery production and waste, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* July 16, Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine Iraq, focusing on a crossroads of United States policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michelle A. Bekkering, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* July 16, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge

of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on conducting a secure and accurate count, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on bipartisan policy recommendations from the Homeland Security Advisory Council, 9:15 a.m., SD-342.

July 17, Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management, to hold hearings to examine the Federally incurred cost of regulatory changes and how such changes are made, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* July 17, business meeting to consider S. 886, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, and S. 2071, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Judiciary:* July 16, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine Google and censorship through search engines, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1273, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copy-right 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, and Kea Whetzel Riggs, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* July 16, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 18, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* July 17, to hold hearings to examine combating robocall fraud, focusing on using telecom advances and law enforcement to stop scammers and protect seniors, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* July 17, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing entitled “Assessing the Effectiveness of the National Organic Program”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* July 17, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, joint hearing entitled “Educating our Educators: How Federal Policy Can Better Support Teachers and School Leaders”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* July 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3375, the “Stopping Bad Robocalls Act”; H.R. 2211, the “STURDY Act”; H.R.

3172, the “Safe Sleep for Babies 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”; H.R. 2647, the “SOFFA”; H.R. 1315, the “Blue Collar to Green Collar Jobs Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 2665, the “Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act of 2019”; H.R. 2044, the “Smart Building Acceleration Act”; H.R. 359, the “Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act”; H.R. 360, the “Cyber Sense Act of 2019”; H.R. 362, the “Energy Emergency Leadership Act”; H.R. 370, the “Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act”; H.R. 2088, a bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2041, the “Weatherization Enhancement and Local Energy Efficiency Investment and Accountability Act”; H.R. 2119, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize grants for improving the energy efficiency of public buildings, and for other purposes; 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 “METRIC Act”; H.R. 2328, the “REACH Act”; and H.R. 3432, the “Safer Pipelines Act of 2019”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* July 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Facebook’s Proposed Cryptocurrency and Its Impact on Consumers, Investors, and the American Financial System”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* July 17, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 326, expressing the sense of the House regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution; H. Res. 246, opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel; H.R. 1850, the “Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act of 2019”; H.R. 1837, the “United States-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Regional Security Act”; H. Res. 138, expressing support for addressing the Arab-Israeli conflict in a concurrent track with the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and commending Arab and Muslim-majority states that have improved bilateral relations with Israel; H. Con. Res. 32, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999; H. Res. 442, observing 10 years since the war in Sri Lanka ended on May 18, 2009, commemorating the lives lost, and expressing support for transitional justice, reconciliation, reconstruction, reparation, and reform in Sri Lanka, which are necessary to ensure a lasting peace and a prosperous future for all Sri Lankans; H.R. 3501, the “Safeguard our Elections and



Combat Unlawful Interference in Our Democracy Act”; H.R. 2097, to recognize the Hmong, Khmer, Laotian, and other ethnic groups commonly referred to as Montagnards, who supported and defended the Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia, authorize assistance to support activities relating to clearance of unexploded ordnance and other explosive remnants of war, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 127, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, July 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”; H.R. 3106, the “Domestic Terrorism DATA Act”; H.R. 3246, the “Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act of 2019”; H.R. 3318, the “Emerging Transportation Security Threats Act of 2019”; H.R. 3320, the “Securing the Homeland Security Supply Chain Act of 2019”; H.R. 3356, the “Veterans Expedited TSA Screening Safe Travel Act”; H.R. 3413, the “DHS Acquisition Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”; H.R. 3526, the “Counter Terrorist Network Act”; H.R. 3669, the “Weatherizing Infrastructure in the North and Terrorism Emergency Readiness Act of 2019”; H.R. 3670, the “Short-term Detention Act”; H.R. 3675, the “Trusted Traveler Reconsideration and Restoration Act of 2019”; H.R. 3691, the “TRANSLATE Act”; H.R. 3694, the “Helping Families Fly Act of 2019”; H.R. 3699, the “Pipeline Security Act”; H.R. 3710, the “Cybersecurity Vulnerability Remediation Act”; legislation on the Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act of 2019; legislation on the “Strategic and Humane Southern Border Migrant Response Act”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, July 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3239, the “Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Counterfeits and Cluttering: Emerging Threats to the Integrity of the Trademark System and the Impact on American Consumers and Businesses”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, July 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1373, the “Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act”; H.R. 2181, the “Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019”; H.R. 3405, the “Removing Uranium from the Critical Minerals List Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 18, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 2245, the “CECIL Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 18, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 401, the “Lowell Observatory Conveyance Act”; H.R. 1492, the “Yucca House National Monument Boundary Revision Act”; H.R. 1572, the “Botanical Sciences and Native Plant Materials Research, Restoration, and Promotion Act”; and H.R.

2819, the “Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, July 17, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “To the Cloud! The Cloudy Role of FedRAMP in IT Modernization”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing with Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin K. McAleenan”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, July 17, Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Scientific Integrity in Federal Agencies”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Future of Electricity Delivery: Modernizing and Securing our Nation’s Electricity Grid”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, July 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3537, the “Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act of 2019”; legislation on the Successful Entrepreneurship for Reservists and Veterans Act; H.R. 1615, the “Verification Alignment and Service-disabled Business Adjustment Act”; H.R. 499, the “Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act”; and H.R. 3661, the “Patriotic Employer Protection Act”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, July 17, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “State of Aviation Safety”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, July 17, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 561, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2019”; H.R. 716, the “Homeless Veterans Legal Services Act”; H.R. 1615, the “VA-SBA Act”; H.R. 2227, the “Gold Star Spouses and Spouses of Injured Servicemembers Leasing Relief Expansion Act of 2019”; H.R. 2618, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide a guarantee of residency for registration of businesses of spouses of members of the uniformed services, to improve occupational license portability for military spouses through interstate compacts, and for other purposes; H.R. 2924, the “Housing for Women Veterans Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize State approving agencies to carry out outreach activities; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that educational institutions abide by Principles of Excellence as a condition of approval for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to require proprietary for-profit educational institutions to comply with Federal revenue limits to participate in educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that certain educational institutions have letters of credit as a condition of approval for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; legislation on the Forever GI Bill Class Evaluation Act; legislation on

the VA Economic Hardship Report Act; legislation to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to collect overpayments of specially adapted housing assistance; legislation on the legal Services for Homeless Veterans Act; legislation on the GI Bill Access to Career Credentials Act; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the time period under which an election must be made for entitlement to educational assistance under the All-Volunteer Educational Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation on the Student Veteran Empowerment Act of 2019; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the monthly housing stipend under the Post-9/11 Edu-

cational Assistance Program for individuals who pursue programs of education solely through distance learning on more than a half-time basis, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* July 16, to hold hearings to examine responding to hate crimes, focusing on the role of religious actors, 11 a.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.

July 18, Full Committee, to receive a briefing to examine truth, reconciliation, and healing toward a unified future, 10 a.m., 2167, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 16

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 3 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Peter Joseph Phipps, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4).

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 16

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 3494—Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H. Res. 489—Condemning President Trump’s racist comments directed at Members of Congress (Subject to a Rule).

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