

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification of the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4).

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4829–4870

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2122–2134, and S.J. Res. 50. **Page S4856**

Measures Reported:

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. **Page S4856**

Measures Passed:

Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity 5th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 74, marking the fifth anniversary of Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity by honoring the bravery, determination, and sacrifice of the people of Ukraine during and since the Revolution, and condemning continued Russian aggression against Ukraine, after the committee amendment to the preamble was withdrawn, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4860–64**

Thune (for Portman) Amendment No. 926, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4861**

Thune (for Portman) Amendment No. 925, to amend the preamble. **Page S4862**

Payment Integrity Information Act: Senate passed S. 375, to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments. **Pages S4864–70**

Human Rights in Brunei: Senate agreed to S. Res. 198, condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the committee reported amendment to the preamble. **Page S4870**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to by a vote of 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 209): The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4), after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4847–50**

Rejected:

By 4 yeas to 92 nays (Vote No. EX. 207), Paul Amendment No. 924, to amend the Protocol to protect tax privacy. **Page S4849**

By 4 yeas to 92 nays (Vote No. EX. 208), Paul Amendment No. 921 (to the resolution of ratification for the treaty), to provide a reservation to the Protocol. **Pages S4849–50**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 910, to change the enactment date. **Page S4847**

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

By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 206), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the treaty. **Page S4847**

McConnell Amendment No. 911 (to Amendment No. 910), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 910 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Page S4847**

Treaties and Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the only amendments in order to Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1), and Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), be Paul Amendments No. 922, 919, 923, 918, and 920; that the motions to invoke cloture on Protocol Amending Tax Convention with

Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1), and Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), be withdrawn, the pending amendments to the treaties be withdrawn, and Senate vote on ratification of the treaties at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Wednesday, July 17, 2019; and that the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, ripen following disposition of the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8). **Page S4847**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Senate vote on the resolutions of ratification for Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1), and Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), as under the order of Tuesday, July 16, 2019; that following disposition of Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, and that if cloture is invoked, the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Thursday, July 18, 2019. **Page S4851**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Senate resume consideration of Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1). **Page S4870**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 205), Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—209) **Pagea S4847, S4849–50**
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4870.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FACEBOOK'S PROPOSED DIGITAL CURRENCY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Facebook's proposed digital currency and data privacy considerations, including S. 1060, to deter foreign interference in United States elections, after receiving testimony from David Marcus, Calibra, Facebook, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment;

S. 253, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools, with an amendment;

S. 520, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 983, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to reauthorize the weatherization assistance program;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1245, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 1138, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project.

WILD HORSE AND BURRO PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine long-term management options for the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program, after receiving testimony from Steve Tryon, Deputy Assistant Director for Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Julian J. Goicoechea, Eureka County Board of Commissioners, Eureka, Nevada; Ethan L. Lane, National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition, and Nancy Perry, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Thacker, Utah State University, Logan.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine Iraq, focusing on a crossroads of United States policy, after receiving testimony from Joan A. Polaschik, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and Michael P. Mulroy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Carper, and

Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, who was introduced by Representative Meadows, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

2020 CENSUS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on conducting a secure and accurate count, after receiving testimony from Steven Dillingham, Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; and Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, and Nick Marinos, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, both of the Government Accountability Office.

CENSORSHIP THROUGH SEARCH ENGINES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine Google and censorship through search engines, after receiving testimony from Karan Bhatia, Google, Washington, D.C.; Dennis Prager, Prager University, Los Angeles, California; Jason Kint, Digital Content Next, New York, New York; Francesca Tripodi, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Robert Epstein, American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology, Vista, California; and Andy Parker, Collinsville, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 3765–3787; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72; and H. Res. 493–496, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5912–14

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 205, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico (H. Rept. 116–156); and H.R. 1941, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–157).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, St. Louis, MO.

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Notice of Intention to Consider: Pursuant to section 3(a) of H. Res. 491, Representative Hoyer gave notice of intention that the House consider the fol-

lowing joint resolutions on Wednesday, July 17, 2019: S.J. Res. 36, S.J. Res. 37, and S.J. Res. 38.

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Condemning President Trump's racist comments directed at Members of Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 489, condemning President Trump's racist comments directed at Members of Congress, by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 482.

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During consideration, exception was taken to certain words used and a demand was made to have the words taken down. The Chair ruled that the words should not be used in debate. Representative Collins (GA) made a motion to strike the words from the Record, which was rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 480. Subsequently, Representative Nadler made a motion that Representative Pelosi be permitted to proceed in order, which was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 481.

Pages H5851–53

H. Res. 491, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3494), relating to consideration of H. Rept. 116–125 and an accompanying resolution, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 489) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 479, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 478.

Pages H5835–45

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Green (TX) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H5857–58**

Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Polard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020: The House considered 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. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 17th.

Pages H5858–H5910

Pursuant to the Rule, 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 H. Rept. 116–154, 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 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Stewart amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that adds Energy and Commerce and HELP to the committees that will receive a briefing from the Director of National Intelligence on the effects of emerging infectious disease and pandemics on national security; **Pages H5887–88**

Stewart amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, in collaboration with the Director of National Intelligence, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and appropriate private entities to undertake an effort to remove or neutralize unauthorized IMSI catchers installed by foreign entities or that have an unknown attribution;

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Carson (IN) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that safeguards the logistics supply chains for microchips by mandating a report within 180 days for strengthening the supply chain intelligence function; requires the report to address workforce personnel matters, outline budgetary resource needs, and describe the necessary governance structure and authorities for future implementation;

Pages H5888–89

Hurd (TX) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that directs the Director of National Intelligence to make assessments regarding drug trafficking, human trafficking, and human smuggling in the Northern Triangle and Mexico and review U.S. intelligence activities in the region;

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Thompson (MS) amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires informa-

tion on Federal compliance with applicable privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties policies and protections, including protections against the public release of personally identifiable information of individuals involved in domestic terrorist incidents, investigations, indictments, prosecutions, or convictions; includes provisions to improve data quality and information regarding domestic terrorist incidents;

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Ruppertsberger amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that authorizes a pilot program identifying new classes of security vulnerabilities and researching technology to address the ever-present and changing face of cyber security threats to the energy grid;

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Schiff amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report to Congress which includes aggregate demographic data and other information regarding their diversity and inclusion efforts;

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Case amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires a report from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's Office of Civil Liberties, Privacy and Transparency, in coordination with civil liberties and privacy officers of elements of the Intelligence Community, to report on the impacts of policies and practices addressing China's espionage and influence operations in the United States on policies and practices relating to the privacy and civil liberties of Chinese Americans;

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Frankel amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit an intelligence assessment on the relationship between women and violent extremism and terrorism;

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Rice (NY) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that adds the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis into the report on possible exploitation of virtual currencies by terrorist actors and requires the report's dissemination to state and local law enforcement;

Pages H5898–99

Jayapal amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report to Congress on the use of face recognition technology by the intelligence community and expresses the sense of Congress that the use of facial recognition technology to suppress criticism or dissent is contrary to the values of the United States and the U.S. government should not sell or transfer facial recognition technology to any country that is using such technology to suppress human rights;

Pages H5899–H5900

Murphy amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that adds a new section to Title VII (Report on Foreign Weaponization of Deepfakes and Deepfake Technology and Related Notifications) requiring the Director of National Intelligence to prepare an unclassified report for Congress on the potential impact to U.S. national security from the use of deepfake technology by foreign governments (especially the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China), including foreign intelligence services, foreign government-affiliated entities, and foreign individuals; **Pages H5900–01**

Murphy amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that adds a new section to Title V (Sense of Congress and Report on Iranian Effort in Syria) requiring the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, to prepare an unclassified report for Congress on efforts by Iran to establish long-term influence in Syria through military, political, economic, social, and cultural means, and the threat posed by such efforts to U.S. interests and allies, including Israel; **Pages H5901–02**

Brindisi amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that clarifies that nothing in this act shall be construed to contradict existing law regarding acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries, providing material support to terrorists, and harboring or concealing terrorists; **Pages H5902–03**

Kinzinger amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with other relevant agencies, to study the threat of international mobile subscriber identity-catchers, also known as cell-site simulators, to U.S. Government personnel and national security and provide a report and policy recommendations to Congress; **Page H5903**

Hill (CA) amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that clarifies existing law and expands protections for whistleblowers to provide classified disclosures to Congressional Committees; **Page H5903**

Levin (MI) amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires that a comprehensive report on domestic terrorism be made available on the public internet websites of the National Counterterrorism Center, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Homeland Security, no later than 30 days after submission to the appropriate congressional committees; **Pages H5903–04**

Schiff amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that expands a reporting requirement on repression by the Chinese government in Xinjiang province by requiring additional information on the contributions of external technologies

and financial support to the Xinjiang authorities' repression; **Page H5904**

Schiff amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the Director of National Intelligence, the Director of the FBI, and the Undersecretary of DHS for Intelligence to include information regarding training and resources provided to assist Federal, State, Local and Tribal law enforcement agencies in understanding, detecting, deterring and investigating acts of domestic terrorism; **Page H5904**

Rose amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the Department of Homeland Security Office of Intelligence and Analysis to conduct an annual assessment regarding the availability of conventional weapons, including weapons lacking serial numbers, and advanced conventional weapons for use in furthering acts of terrorism, including the provision of material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization and to individuals or groups supporting or engaging in domestic terrorism; **Pages H5904–05**

Rose amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Director of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency to conduct an assessment of homeland security vulnerabilities associated with retired and former personnel of intelligence community providing covered intelligence assistance; **Page H5905**

Pence amendment (No. 24 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that allows victims and families of the 1983 terrorist attack at the U.S. Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon to execute on \$1.68 billion in Iranian funds; requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report to Congress to assess the current threats posed by known terrorist organizations affiliated with the Iranian government against U.S. military assets and personnel; **Pages H5905–06**

Schiff amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that directs the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report on authorities and resources needed and barriers to countering foreign influence efforts aimed at sowing discord or interfering, or both, in the political processes of the United States; **Pages H5906–07**

Schiff amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the National Counterintelligence and Security Center to carry out an annual report on the influence operations and campaigns in the United States conducted by the Russian Federation; **Page H5907**

Yoho amendment (No. 27 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that includes within the report on 5G technology, the threat to national security of the United States posed by telecommunications companies that are subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign adversary; **Pages H5907–08**

Yoho amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, to submit a report on domestic terrorism activity within the United States to the congressional intelligence committees; **Page H5908**

Omar amendment (No. 29 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that requires a report on the Terrorist Screening Database within 180 days after the enactment of the Intelligence Authorization Act; and **Pages H5908–09**

Crow amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that adds a Sense of Congress that the U.S. should prioritize the safe return of all Americans, including those wrongfully held by foreign governments, and provide assistance to foreign individuals detained abroad that have contributed to U.S. national security. **Page H5909**

Proceedings Postponed:

Chabot amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that seeks to strike section 401 of the bill which establishes the Climate Security Advisory Council under the Director of National Intelligence; and **Pages H5892–94**

Kennedy amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that seeks to establish the Foreign Threat Response Center, comprised of analysts from all elements of the intelligence community, to provide comprehensive assessment of foreign efforts to influence United States' political processes and elections by the Governments of Russia, Iran, North Korea, China, and any other foreign country the Director determines appropriate. **Pages H5896–98**

H. Res. 491, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3494), relating to consideration of H. Rept. 116–125 and an accompanying resolution, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 489) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 479, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 478. **Pages H5835–45**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the pro-

ceedings of today and appear on pages H5843–44, H5844–45, H5852, H5853, and H5857. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEWING THE STATE OF THE U.S. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ECONOMIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the State of the U.S. Livestock and Poultry Economies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SCALING UP APPRENTICESHIPS: BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF INTERNATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP MODELS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Scaling Up Apprenticeships: Building on the Success of International Apprenticeship Models”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING FEDERAL SUPPORT TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Federal Support to End Youth Homelessness”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF ILLICIT FENTANYL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Efforts to Combat the Spread of Illicit Fentanyl”. Testimony was heard from Kemp Chester, Assistant Director, National Opioids and Synthetics Coordination Group, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Matthew Donahue, Regional Director, North and Central Americas Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Thomas Overacker, Executive Director, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Gary Barksdale, Chief Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Service; David A. Prince, Deputy Assistant Director, Transnational Organized Crime, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Carol Cave, Director, Office of Enforcement and Import Operations, Office of

Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

OUR WIRELESS FUTURE: BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO SPECTRUM POLICY

Committee On Energy And Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Our Wireless Future: Building A Comprehensive Approach to Spectrum Policy”. Testimony was heard from Julius P. Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission; Derek Khlopin, Senior Policy Advisor, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a 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; and H.R. 3702, the “Reforming Disaster Recovery Act”. H.R. 3621, H.R. 3623, H.R. 3624, H.R. 3625, H.R. 3629, H.R. 3641, H.R. 3701, and H.R. 3702 were ordered reported, as amended.

RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION ATTACKS ON ELECTIONS: LESSONS FROM EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a hearing entitled “Russian Disinformation Attacks on Elections: Lessons from Europe”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Capitol Police”. Testimony was heard from Michael A. Bolton, Inspector General, U.S. Capitol Police; Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives; Steven A. Sund, Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police; and a public witness.

WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing

entitled “Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses

POLICY CHANGES AND PROCESSING DELAYS AT U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “Policy Changes and Processing Delays at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials: Michael Hoefler, Chief, Office of Performance and Quality; Donald Neufeld, Associate Director, Service Center Operations; and Michael Valverde, Deputy Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate; and public witnesses.

ONLINE PLATFORMS AND MARKET POWER, PART 2: INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “Online Platforms and Market Power, Part 2: Innovation and Entrepreneurship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva, and Representatives Haaland and Johnson of South Dakota; Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT: IMPACTS OF BUSINESS-AS-USUAL ON THE CLIMATE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Oil and Gas Development: Impacts of Business-as-Usual on the Climate and Public Health”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE LEGACY OF APOLLO

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Legacy of Apollo”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA ADVISORY COMMITTEES: HOW SCIENCE SHOULD INFORM DECISIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint hearing entitled “EPA Advisory Committees: How Science Should Inform Decisions”. Testimony was heard from J. Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES COMPETE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FEDERAL PROCUREMENT MARKETPLACE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled “Helping Small Businesses Compete: Challenges and Opportunities in the Federal Procurement Marketplace”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION’S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Transit Administration’s Implementation of the Capital Investment Grant Program”. Testimony was heard from K. Jane Williams, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: CLEANING UP HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES, PROTECTING COMMUNITIES

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Cleaning Up Heavy Duty Vehicles, Protecting Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RESPONDING TO HATE CRIMES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine responding to hate crimes, focusing on the role of religious actors, after receiving testimony from Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers, Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Father James Martin, America Media, New York, New York; Radia Bakkouch, Coexister, Paris, France; Alina Bricman, European Union of Jewish Students, Brussels, Belgium; and Usra Ghazi, America Indivisible, on behalf of the Mayor’s Inter-

faith Council, and Reverend Aaron Jenkins, The Expectations Project (TEP), both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: 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.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans for deep space exploration, focusing on the Moon to Mars, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

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

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michelle A. Bekkering, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Richard K. Bell, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, Jessica E. Lapenn, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Lana J. Marks, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: 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.

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: 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 the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: 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

Committee on Agriculture, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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 Sanc-

tions 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, 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”; and H.R. 3722, the “Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

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

Committee on Natural Resources, 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.

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

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

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, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3537, the “Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act of 2019”; H.R. 3734, 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, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “State of Aviation Safety”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, 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 serv-

ices, 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 Educational 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.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), and vote on the resolutions of ratification for Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1), and Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), at 11 a.m.

Following disposition of Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, at 2 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of S.J. Res. 36—providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services. Consideration of S.J. Res. 37—providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services. Consideration of S.J. Res. 38—providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services.

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