

## COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Legislative Activities Report of the Committee of Rules and Administration during the 115th Congress be printed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

## REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY DURING THE 115TH CONGRESS

## JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Rules and Administration is set forth in paragraph 1(n)(1) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. The following are excerpts from that paragraph.

## RULE XXV

## STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and shall continue and have the power to act until their successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or otherwise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:

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(n)(1) Committee on Rules and Administration, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Administration of the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate wing of the Capitol, including the assignment of office space.

2. Congressional organization relative to rules and procedures, and Senate rules and regulations, including floor and gallery rules.

3. Corrupt practices.

4. Credentials and qualifications of Members of the Senate, contested elections, and acceptance of incompatible offices.

5. Federal elections generally, including the election of the President, Vice President, and Members of the Congress.

6. Government Publishing Office, and the printing and correction of the Congressional Record, as well as those matters provided for under rule XI.

7. Meeting of the Congress and attendance of Members.

8. Payment of money out of the contingent fund of the Senate or creating a charge upon the same (except that any resolution relating to substantive matter within the jurisdiction of any other standing committee of the Senate shall be first referred to such committee).

9. Presidential succession.

10. Purchase of books and manuscripts and erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.

11. Senate Library and statuary, art, and pictures in the Capitol and Senate Office Buildings.

12. Services to the Senate, including the Senate restaurant.

13. United States Capitol and congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution (and the incorporation of similar institutions), and the Botanic Gardens.

(2) Such committee shall also—

(A) make a continuing study of the organization and operation of the Congress of the United States and shall recommend improvements in such organization and operation with a view toward strengthening the Con-

gress, simplifying its operations, improving its relationships with other branches of the United States Government, and enabling it better to meet its responsibilities under the Constitution of the United States; and

(B) identify any court proceeding or action which, in the opinion of the Committee, is of vital interest to the Congress as a constitutionally established institution of the Federal Government and call such proceeding or action to the attention of the Senate.

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## RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

## TITLE I—MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The regular meeting dates of the Committee shall be the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 10:00 a.m. in room SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building. Additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chairman as he may deem necessary or pursuant to the provision of paragraph 3 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

2. Meetings of the committee, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a meeting or series of meetings by the committee on the same subject for a period of no more than 14 calendar days may be closed to the public on a motion made and seconded to go into closed session to discuss only whether the matters enumerated in subparagraphs (a) through (f) would require the meeting to be closed followed immediately by a recorded vote in open session by a majority of the Members of the committee when it is determined that the matters to be discussed on the testimony to be taken at such meeting or meetings:

(A) will disclose matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;

(B) will relate solely to matters of the committee staff personnel or internal staff management or procedure;

(C) will tend to charge an individual with crime or misconduct, to disgrace or injure the professional standing of an individual, or otherwise to expose an individual to public contempt or obloquy, or will represent a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual;

(D) will disclose the identity of any informer or law enforcement agent or will disclose any information relating to the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that is required to be kept secret in the interests of effective law enforcement;

(E) will disclose information relating to the trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if:

(1) an Act of Congress requires the information to be kept confidential by Government officers and employees; or

(2) the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application by such person for a specific Government financial or other benefit, and is required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person; or

(F) may divulge matters required to be kept confidential under the provisions of law or Government regulations. (Paragraph 5(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

3. Written notices of committee meetings will normally be sent by the committee's staff director to all Members of the committee at least a week in advance. In addition, the committee staff will telephone or e-mail reminders of committee meetings to all Members of the committee or to the appropriate assistants in their offices.

4. A copy of the committee's intended agenda enumerating separate items of legis-

lative business and committee business will normally be sent to all Members of the committee and released to the public at least 1 day in advance of all meetings. This does not preclude any Member of the committee from discussing appropriate non-agenda topics.

5. After the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member, speaking order shall be based on order of arrival, alternating between Majority and Minority Members, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman.

6. Any witness who is to appear before the committee in any hearing shall file with the clerk of the committee at least 3 business days before the date of his or her appearance, a written statement of his or her proposed testimony and an executive summary thereof, in such form as the chairman may direct, unless the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member waive such requirement for good cause.

7. In general, testimony will be restricted to 5 minutes for each witness. The time may be extended by the Chairman, upon the Chair's own direction or at the request of a Member. Each round of questions by Members will also be limited to 5 minutes.

## TITLE II—QUORUMS

1. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(1) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, a majority of the Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of legislative measures.

2. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(1) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, one-third of the Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including action on amendments to measures prior to voting to report the measure to the Senate.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(2) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, 2 Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony under oath and 1 Member of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony not under oath; provided, however, that in either instance, once a quorum is established, any one Member can continue to take such testimony.

4. Under no circumstances may proxies be considered for the establishment of a quorum.

## TITLE III—VOTING

1. Voting in the committee on any issue will normally be by voice vote.

2. If a third of the Members present so demand a roll call vote instead of a voice vote, a record vote will be taken on any question by roll call.

3. The results of roll call votes taken in any meeting upon any measure, or any amendment thereto, shall be stated in the committee report on that measure unless previously announced by the committee, and such report or announcement shall include a tabulation of the votes cast in favor of and the votes cast in opposition to each such measure and amendment by each Member of the committee. (Paragraph 7(b) and (c) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

4. Proxy voting shall be allowed on all measures and matters before the committee. However, the vote of the committee to report a measure or matter shall require the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the committee who are physically present at the time of the vote. Proxies will be allowed in such cases solely for the purpose of recording a Member's position on the question and then only in those instances when the absentee committee Member has been informed of the question and has affirmatively requested that he be recorded. (Paragraph 7(a)(3) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

## TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS

1. Provided at least five business days' notice of the agenda is given, and the text of

the proposed bill or resolution has been made available at least five business calendar days in advance, it shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless such amendment has been delivered to the office of the Committee and circulated via e-mail to each of the offices by at least 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled start of the meeting.

2. In the event the Chairman introduces a substitute amendment or a Chairman's mark, the requirements set forth in Paragraph 1 of this Title shall be considered waived unless such substitute amendment or Chairman's mark has been made available at least five business days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

3. It shall be in order, without prior notice, for a Member to offer a motion to strike a single section of any bill, resolution, or amendment under consideration.

4. This section of the rule may be waived by agreement of the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member.

#### TITLE V—DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman is authorized to sign himself or by delegation all necessary vouchers and routine papers for which the committee's approval is required and to decide in the committee's behalf all routine business.

2. The Chairman is authorized to engage commercial reporters for the preparation of transcripts of committee meetings and hearings.

3. The Chairman is authorized to issue, on behalf of the committee, regulations normally promulgated by the committee at the beginning of each session.

#### TITLE VI—DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER

The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, acting jointly, are authorized to approve on behalf of the committee any rule or regulation for which the committee's approval is required, provided advance notice of their intention to do so is given to Members of the committee.

#### LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

\*passed Senate; + obviated

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE

S. 1010, Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017

S. 1989, Honest Ads Act

S. 2261, Secure Elections Act

S. 2939, Shell Company Abuse Act

S.J. Res. 30, a joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Steve Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Public Law No. 115-27.

S.J. Res. 35, a joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Public Law No. 115-28.

S.J. Res. 36, a joint resolution providing for the appointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Public Law No. 115-29.

S.J. Res. 60, a joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Barbara M. Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Public Law No. 115-199.

S. Res. 355, a resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate.

S. Res. 463, a resolution authorizing a Senator to bring a young son or daughter of the Senator onto the floor of the Senate during votes.\*

H.R. 1695, Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act

H.R. 3298, Wounded Officers Recovery Act of 2017. Public Law No. 115-45. \*

H.R. 4009, Smithsonian National Zoological Park Central Parking Facility Authorization Act. Public Law No. 115-178. \*

H. Con. Res. 149, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 4174.

H. Con. Res. 148, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 3628. \*

H. Con. Res. 112, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. \*

H. Con. Res. 107, authorizing Reverend Billy Graham to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol. \*

H. Con. Res. 106, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the members of the Office of Strategic Services. \*

H. Con. Res. 103, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. \*

H. Con. Res. 102, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass. \*

H. Con. Res. 18, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. \*

#### ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

S. Res. 62, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, and October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019. \*

#### RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO COMMITTEE FUNDING

S. Res. 20, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. +

S. Res. 21, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary. +

S. Res. 22, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. +

S. Res. 24, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. +

S. Res. 30, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. +

S. Res. 31, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging. +

S. Res. 32, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. +

S. Res. 33, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. +

S. Res. 34, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. +

S. Res. 36, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. +

S. Res. 37, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations. +

S. Res. 39, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. +

S. Res. 42, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works. +

S. Res. 46, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget. +

S. Res. 48, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence. +

S. Res. 52, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance. +

S. Res. 53, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services. +

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

S. 26, Presidential Tax Transparency Act

S. 27, a bill to establish an independent commission to examine and report on the facts regarding the extent of Russian official and unofficial cyber operations and other attempts to interfere in the 2016 United States national election, and for other purposes.

S. 298, Senate Campaign Disclosure Act

S. 360, Same Day Registration Act

S. 402, a bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement with the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission of the State of Maryland for the acceptance of a statue of Harriet Tubman for display in a prominent location in the United States Capitol.

S. 589, Real Time Transparency Act

S. 1231, Vote By Mail Act of 2017

S. 1353, Automatic Voter Registration Act of 2017

S. 1364, National Museum of the American Latino Act

S. 1437, Voter Empowerment Act of 2017

S. 1498, Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Act

S. 1510, Helping State and Local Governments Prevent Cyber Attacks (HACK) Act

S. 1547, Anti-Voter Suppression Act

S. 1569, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate the non-application of certain State waiver provisions to Members of Congress and congressional staff.

S. 1585, DISCLOSE Act of 2017

S. 1604, Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2017

S. 1608, Wounded Officers Recovery Act of 2017

S. 1660, Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act

S. 1683, Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act

S. 1772, Confederate Monument Removal Act

S. 1783, PROVE Act

S. 1821, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Cybersecurity of United States Election Systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1828, Weekend Voting Act

S. 1929, Empower Act of 2017

S. 1931, Empowering Citizens Act

S. 1954, Smithsonian National Zoological Park Central Parking Facility Authorization Act

S. 2035, SAVE Act

S. 2106, Register America to Vote Act

S. 2240, Students VOTE Act

S. 2330, Earmark Elimination Act of 2018

S. 2467, a bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Shirley Chisholm for placement in the United States Capitol.

S. 2593, Secure Elections Act

S. 2673, PAPER Act of 2018

S. 2917, Pay for Printing Act

S. 2944, PAPER Act of 2018

S. 3049, Protecting American Votes and Elections Act of 2018

S. 3090, Save Voters Act

S. 3116, PRIDE Voting Act

S. 3150, DISCLOSE Act of 2018

S. 3274, CLEAN Act of 2018

S. 3572, ESIA

S. 3573, Protect our Elections Act

S. 3708, One Subject at a Time Act

S. 3709, Read the Bills Act

S. 3735, SuperPAC Elimination Act of 2018

S. Con. Res. 19, a concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

S. Res. 23, a resolution establishing the Select Committee on Cybersecurity.

S. Res. 110, Shutdown Accountability Resolution

S. Res. 197, a resolution to provide sufficient time for legislation to be read.

S. Res. 198, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that any sweeping health care legislation must be drafted in public under the watchful eye of the people of the United States.

S. Res. 251, a resolution amending rule XXXI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to provide for timely consideration of nominations.

S. Res. 268, a resolution recognizing September 26, 2017, as “National Voter Registration Day”.

S. Res. 323, STOP Sexual Harassment Resolution Sponsor

S. Res. 396, a resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to address sexual abuse within United States Olympic Gymnastics.

S. Res. 581, a resolution authorizing the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Senate in *Texas v. United States*, No. 4:18-cv-00167-O (N.D. Tex.).

S. Res. 594, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Government of the Russian Federation’s ongoing attacks against the United States election system to undermine our democracy by interfering with our election system, and affirming the Senate’s unequivocal commitment to holding the Russian Federation, President Putin, and those who carried out the attacks accountable.

S. Res. 626, a resolution designating September 2018 as “National Voting Rights Month”.

S. Res. 718, A resolution establishing the John S. McCain III Human Rights Commission.

S. Res. 724, a resolution amending rule XXXI of the Standing Rules of the Senate to limit the time during which a nomination shall be confirmed or rejected, and for other purposes.

S. Res. 725, a resolution modifying extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

S. Res. 726, a resolution amending rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for timely establishment of conference committees.

S. Res. 727, a resolution providing for consideration of changes to rules for the proceedings of the Senate.

S. Res. 728, a resolution amending rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to limit debate on motions to proceed.

S. Res. 729, a resolution amending rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for consideration of a minimum number of amendments.

S. Res. 734, a resolution authorizing the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Senate in *Texas v. United States*, No. 4:18-cv-00167-O (N.D. Tex.).

H. Con. Res. 118, authorizing the printing of “United States Capitol Grounds: Landscape Architect Frederick Law Olmstead’s Design for Democracy” as a House document.

**COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS**

February 16, 2017—Business Meeting: Adopt proposed Rules of Procedure for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration for the 115th Congress

December 19, 2017—Committee Hearing: Review of S. Res. 355

April 25, 2018—Markup: Improving Procedures for the Consideration of Nominations in the Senate

June 20, 2018—Committee Hearing: Election Security Preparations: A State and Local Perspective

July 11, 2018—Committee Hearing: Election Security Preparations: Federal and Vendor Perspectives

September 26, 2018—Committee Hearing: Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act

November 28, 2018—Nomination Hearing: Nomination Hearing for Donald L. Palmer and Benjamin W. Hovland

December 5, 2018—Business Meeting: To Consider the Nominations of Donald L. Palmer and Benjamin W. Hovland

December 6, 2018—Committee Hearing: Oversight of the Architect of the Capitol’s Human Resources Policies

**NOMINATIONS**

PN2559 Benjamin Hovland, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2019, vice Rosemary E. Rodriguez, term expired.

Latest Action: January 02, 2019—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN2284 Donald L. Palmer, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2021, vice Matthew Vincent Masterson, resigned.

Latest Action: January 02, 2019—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN2150 Robert C. Tapella, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, vice Davita Vance-Cooks.

Latest Action: January 03, 2019—Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

PN1425 James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023, vice Matthew S. Petersen, term expired.

Latest Action: January 03, 2019—Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

PN1024 James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023, vice Matthew S. Petersen, term expired.

Latest Action: January 03, 2018—Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

**COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS**

S. Prt. 115-3—Expenditure Authorizations and Requirements for Senate Committees

S. Prt. 115-4—Congressional Pictorial Directory

S. Rept. 115-20—Review of Legislative Activity during the 114th Congress

S. Pub. 115-7—The Congressional Directory

S. Doc. 115-4—Authority and Rules of Senate Committees, 2017-2018

S. Doc. 115-18—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Kelly Ayotte, United States Senator—2011-2017

S. Doc. 115-19—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Barbara Boxer, United States Congresswoman—1983-1993, United States Senator—1993-2017

S. Doc. 115-20—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Daniel Coats, United States Congressman—1981-1989, United States Senator—2011-2017

S. Doc. 115-21—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Mark Kirk, United States Senator—2010-2017

S. Doc. 115-22—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Barbara A. Mikulski, United States Congressman—1977-1987, United States Senator—1987-2017

S. Doc. 115-23—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Harry Reid, United States Congressman—1933-1987, United States Senator—1987-2017

S. Doc. 115-24—Tributes Delivered in Congress: David Vitter, United States Congressman—1999-2005, United States Senator—2005-2017

S. Doc. 115-25—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,—United States Vice President of the Senate—2009-2017, United States Senator—1973-2009

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

POM9 Senate Rules and Administration (January 12, 2017)

A petition from a citizen of the State of Minnesota relative to the Minnesota Presidential Certificate of Vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC212 Senate Rules and Administration (January 04, 2017)

A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission’s competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC213 Senate Rules and Administration (January 04, 2017)

A communication from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for fiscal year 2015; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC471 Senate Rules and Administration (January 12, 2017)

A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC472 Senate Rules and Administration (January 12, 2017)

A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC1031 Senate Rules and Administration (March 15, 2017)

A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC1666 Senate Veterans’ Affairs and other committees . . . (June 06, 2017)

A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2018”; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

EC1667 Senate Veterans’ Affairs and other committees . . . (June 06, 2017)

A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office

of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2017”; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

**EC2860** Senate Rules and Administration (September 19, 2017) A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC2984** Senate Rules and Administration (October 04, 2017)

A communication from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC3415** Senate Rules and Administration (November 08, 2017)

A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, and the President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Center’s consolidated financial statements, supplemental schedules of operations, and independent auditor’s report for years ended October 2, 2016, and September 27, 2015, and a report relative to the Center’s schedule of expenditures of federal awards and independent auditor’s reports for the year ended October 2, 2016; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC3865** Senate Rules and Administration (January 04, 2018)

A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC3971** Senate Rules and Administration (January 09, 2018)

A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC3972** Senate Rules and Administration (January 09, 2018)

A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC4039** Senate Rules and Administration (January 11, 2018)

A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission’s competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC4362** Senate Veterans’ Affairs and other committees . . . (February 27, 2018)

A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions

for Fiscal Year 2019”; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

**EC4363** Senate Veterans’ Affairs and other committees . . . (February 27, 2018)

A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2019”; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

**EC4774** Senate Veterans’ Affairs and other committees . . . (April 11, 2018)

A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2018”; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

**EC6339** Senate Rules and Administration (August 27, 2018)

A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting a report relative to efforts to protect the United States’ election infrastructure; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC6366** Senate Veterans’ Affairs and other committees . . . (September 06, 2018)

A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2019”; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

**EC6516** Senate Rules and Administration (September 17, 2018)

A communication from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC6517** Senate Rules and Administration (September 17, 2018)

A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2020; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC7070** Senate Rules and Administration (November 15, 2018)

A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, and the President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Center’s consolidated financial statements, supplemental schedules of operations, and independent auditor’s report for years ended October 1, 2017, and October 2, 2016, and a report relative to the Center’s schedule of expenditures of federal awards and independent auditor’s reports for the year ended October 1, 2017; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**EC7577** Senate Rules and Administration (December 20, 2018)

A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reporting Multistate Independent Expenditures and Electioneering Communications” (Notice 2018-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2018; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### E-FRONTIER ACT

**Mr. WYDEN.** Mr. President, today I wish to give notice of my intent to object to any unanimous consent agreement regarding S. 918, the E-FRONTIER Act.

In January of 2018, media reports revealed that officials in the National Security Council were considering a proposal for the Federal Government to pay for and build a national 5G telecommunications network. This proposal was then widely criticized by top administration officials, including Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai and White House Economic Adviser Larry Kudlow. The President himself subsequently distanced himself from the proposal and made it clear that he favored a 5G strategy that is private-sector driven and led.

In response to this controversial proposal, a Senator introduced the E-FRONTIER Act. This bill prohibits the Federal Government from constructing, operating, or offering retail or wholesale services on broadband networks absent congressional authorization.

My colleague stated the bill is intended to “protect commercial 5G broadband networks from nationalization without authorization from Congress.” While I agree that there is no need, at the current time, for the Federal Government to offer commercial wireless service in well-served urban markets, I do not believe that Congress should be taking any options off the table when it comes to delivering high-speed wireless broadband to rural communities that have long been ignored by the private sector.