

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2659–S2685

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1001–1012, and S. Res. 149. **Page S2680**

Measures Passed:

Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act: Senate passed S. 141, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2672–74**

Modernizing Government Travel Act: Senate passed H.R. 274, to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business. **Page S2683**

DHS SAVE Act: Senate passed H.R. 366, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department's vehicle fleet, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S2683–84**

National Safe Digging Month: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 137, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2684–85**

World Malaria Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 149, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day. **Page S2685**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 118), Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2021. **Page S2685**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S2685**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—118) **Page S2677**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2685.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States European Command, focusing on theater assessment and European Reassurance Initiative (ERI) progress, after receiving testimony from General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United States European Command, Department of Defense.

U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Transportation Command, after receiving testimony from General Darren W. McDew, USAF, Commander, United

States Transportation Command, Department of Defense.

U.S.-EU COVERED AGREEMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States-European Union covered agreement, after receiving testimony from Michael T. McRaith, former Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of Treasury, Chicago, Illinois; Julie Mix McPeak, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner, Nashville, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Michael C. Sapnar, Transatlantic Reinsurance Company, New York, New York; Stuart Henderson, Western National Mutual Insurance Company, Excelsior, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; and David Zaring, The Wharton School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF DETERMINATION ACT AND THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine federal payments to local governments provided through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and the need to provide greater fiscal certainty for resource-dependent communities with tax-exempt federal lands, after receiving testimony from Olivia Barton Ferriter, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition; Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of

Agriculture; Mayor David Landis, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska; Gordon Cruickshank, Valley County, McCall, Idaho, and Mark Whitney, Beaver County, Milford, Utah, both on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Mike Manus, Pend Oreille County, Newport, Washington; and Mark Haggerty, Headwaters Economics, Bozeman, Montana.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Terry Branstad, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Grassley and Ernst, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RELIGIOUS HATE CRIMES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine responses to the increase in religious hate crimes, including S. 662, to provide incentives for hate crime reporting, grants for State-run hate crime hotlines, a Federal private right of action for victims of hate crimes, and additional penalties for individuals convicted under the Matthew Shephard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, after receiving testimony from Eric Treene, Special Counsel for Religious Discrimination, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Jonathan A. Greenblatt, Anti-Defamation League, and Prabhjot Singh, Mount Sinai Health System, both of New York, New York; Vanita Gupta, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Washington, D.C.; and Will D. Johnson, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Arlington, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2281–2302 and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 51–52; and H. Res. 303–304, 306 were introduced. **Pages H3066–68**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3068–69**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant ac-

cessibility and transparency, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–107); and

H. Res. 305, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 244) to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–108). **Page H3066**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3005**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:31 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3008**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Ric Metzgar, Sr., The Church of God, Essex, MD. **Page H3009**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 176 noes with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 245. **Pages H3050–51**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Russell wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education and the Workforce. **Pages H3012–13**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 303, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3013**

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

Federal Emergency Management Agency Accountability, Modernization and Transparency Act of 2017: H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 242. **Pages H3022, H3026–38**

Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 1180, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector, by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 244. **Pages H3013–19, H3024–26, H3038–50**

Rejected the Scott (VA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 192 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 243. **Pages H3048–49**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–15 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill. **Page H3038**

H. Res. 299, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1180) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 241, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 240. **Pages H3024–26**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Disaster Declaration Improvement Act: H.R. 1665, amended, to ensure that Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency considers severe local impact in making a recommendation to the President for a major disaster declaration; **Pages H3019–22**

Amending the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments: H.R. 1678, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments; and **Pages H3023–24**

Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act: H.R. 1644, amended, to enhance sanctions with respect to transactions relating to North Korea. **Pages H3026–38**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3019.

Senate Referral: S. 371 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H3064**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3024–25, H3025–26, H3026, H3049, H3049–50 and H3050–51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THREE DECADES LATER: A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF OUR SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES 30-YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Three Decades Later: A Review and Assessment of Our Special Operations Forces 30-Years After the Creation of U.S. Special Operations Command". Testimony was heard from General Raymond A. Thomas, U.S. Army, Commander, Special Operations Command; and Theresa Whelan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict.

OVERVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE AT THE MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Overview of the Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth P. Van Winkle, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen Jr., Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy; Vice Admiral Walter E. Carter Jr., Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy; Lieutenant General Michelle D. Johnson, Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Improvements to the Regulation of Medical Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

COMBATING WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN MEDICAID’S PERSONAL CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Combating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Medicaid’s Personal Care Services Program”. Testimony was heard from Christi Grimm, Chief of Staff, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Timothy Hill, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Katherine Iritani, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 10, the “Financial CHOICE Act of 2017”.

WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Winning the Fight Against Human Trafficking: The Frederick Douglass Reauthorization Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE CONSEQUENCES OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH OVERREACH OF THE ANTIQUITIES ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Examining the Consequences of Executive Branch Overreach of the Antiquities Act”. Testimony was heard from Paul LePage, Governor, Maine; Kathleen Clarke, Director, Public Lands Coordinating Office, Salt Lake City, Utah; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2227, the “Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017”; H.R. 2196, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients; H.R. 2195, the “OSC Access Act”; and H.R. 2229, the “All Circuit Review Act”. H.R. 2227, H.R. 2196, and H.R. 2229 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2195 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE MANAGEMENT OF RED SNAPPER FISHING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Examining the Management of Red Snapper Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico”. Testimony was heard from Earl Comstock, Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce; Jamie M. Miller, Executive Director, Department of Marine Resources, Mississippi; and public witnesses.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL: HIRE VETS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Senate Amendments to H.R. 244, the “HIRE Vets Act”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule that provides for the consideration of Senate amendments to H.R. 244. The rule makes in order a single motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendments numbered 2 and 3, and that the House concur in the Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–16 modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that it shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally

divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. In section 2, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record not later than May 3, 2017, such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendments and the motion specified in section 1 of the rule. Finally, section 3 of the rule provides that the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence may insert in the Congressional Record not later than May 3, 2017, such material as he may deem explanatory of intelligence authorization measures for the fiscal year 2017. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frelinghuysen, Chairman Bishop of Utah, Representatives Lowey, Polis, Graves of Louisiana, and Richmond.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2105, the “NIST Small Business Cybersecurity Act of 2017”. H.R. 2105 was ordered reported, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. AIRLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Airline Customer Service”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on the “Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Representative Titus, David C. Spickler, Executive in Charge, Acting Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, and public witnesses.

VA SPECIALIZED SERVICES: LOWER EXTREMITY CONDITIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “VA Specialized Services: Lower Extremity Conditions”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Robbins, Chief of Podiatry, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on consideration of access request. The committee granted access to all Members of the House the Classified Annex and Schedule of Authorizations that is anticipated to accompany Division N of H.R. 244, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2017.

Joint Meetings

POST-REFERENDUM TURKEY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on post-referendum Turkey, focusing on institutions and human rights, from Henri Barkey, Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.; Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Arlington, Virginia; Nate Schenkkan, Freedom House, New York, New York, and Ebru Erdem-Akca, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense innovation and research funding, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense laboratories and their contributions to military operations and readiness, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine building a flexible personnel system (F.A.S.T. Force) for a modern military, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the economy and private sector growth, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine investing in America’s broadband infrastructure, focusing on exploring ways to reduce barriers to deployment, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine infrastructure project streamlining and efficiency, focusing on achieving faster, better, and cheaper results, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold hearings to examine global philanthropy and remittances and international development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1177, the “Removing Outdated Restrictions to Allow for Job Growth Act”, and H.R. 2154, to rename the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, North Dakota, as the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the 2020 Census, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing for public witnesses, 10:30 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing for Members of Congress and outside witnesses, 10 a.m., HT–2, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, hearing on the 2018 Veterans Affairs budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower & Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Littoral Combat Ships and the Transition to Frigate Class”, 3:30 p.m., 2122 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Failures of Fiscal Management: a View from the Comptroller General”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Legislation Addressing Pipeline and Hydropower Infrastructure Modernization”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, to continue markup on H.R. 10, the “Financial CHOICE Act of 2017”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1625, the “Targeted Rewards for the Global Eradication of Human Trafficking Act”; H.R. 1677, the “Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2200, the “Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 625, the “Reporting Efficiently to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act of 2017”; H.R. 1351, the “Strengthening Oversight of TSA Employee Misconduct Act”; H.R. 2131, the “Fixing Internal Response to Misconduct Act”; H.R. 2132, the “Traveler Redress Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 2169, the “Im-

proving Fusion Centers’ Access to Information Act”; H.R. 2188, the “Community Counterterrorism Preparedness Act”; H.R. 2190, the “Streamlining DHS Overhead Act”; H.R. 2213, the “Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act of 2017”; the “Department of Homeland Security Morale, Recognition, Learning and Engagement Act of 2017”; the “Border Enforcement Security Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2017”, 10:30 a.m., HVC–210.

Task Force on Denying Terrorists Entry into the United States, hearing entitled “Denying Terrorists Entry to the United States: Examining Visa Security”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1892, the “Honoring Hometown Heroes Act”; H.R. 1761, the “Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1039, the “Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2266, the “Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled “The Challenges of Keeping Hydropower Affordable and Opportunities for New Development”, 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reviewing the FAFSA Data Breach”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Oil and Gas Technology Innovation”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Empowering Small Businesses: The Accelerator Model”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Maritime Transportation Regulatory Issues”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Senate expects to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 66, Rule Relating to States Savings Arrangements for Non-governmental Employees, between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 3

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the Senate Amendments to H.R. 244—Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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