

bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1568 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Page S6737**

By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 247), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions for the purposes of McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that sections 304, 306, 308, and 309 of McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill were in violation of section 314(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained.

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### Appointments:

**Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–323, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: Juan S. Gonzalez of the District of Columbia, and Douglas M. Fraser of Florida. **Page S6772**

**Palk Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S6774**

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

Leonard Wolfson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

Tara Sweeney, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Robert M. Weaver, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—249) **Pages S6767–38, S6760**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6774.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David J. Ryder, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, focusing on fisheries science, after receiving testimony from Ray Hilborn, University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, Seattle; Larry McKinney, Texas A&M University Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Corpus Christi; Karl Haflinger, Sea State, Inc., Vashon, Washington; and Michael Jones, Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, East Lansing.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Finance:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Gerrish, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Industrial Competitiveness), Department of State, Gregory Doud, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, and Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hirono, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**U.S. POLICY TOWARDS BURMA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy towards Burma, focusing on geopolitical, economic, and humanitarian considerations, after receiving testimony

from W. Patrick Murphy, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Mark C. Storella, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, both a Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State; and V. Kate Somvongsiri, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 4099–4114; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 579 and 581–585 were introduced. **Page H8143**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8144–45**

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

H.R. 3329, to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–366, Part 1);

H.R. 3342, to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–367, Part 1);

H.R. 2600, to provide for the conveyance to the State of Iowa of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–368); and

H. Res. 580, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027 (H. Rept. 115–369). **Page H8143**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hollingsworth to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8079**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8084**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Temple Emanu-El, Closter, NJ. **Page H8084**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Duncan (SC) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Homeland Security. **Page H8086**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 579, electing a Member to certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H8086**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, October 23rd.

**International Narcotics Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming Contraband with Technology Act:** H.R. 2142, amended, to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 574. **Pages H8096–97**

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 469, pursuant to House Resolution 577, the amendment placed at the desk be in order in lieu of the amendment printed in part A of House Report 115–363 and numbered 2. **Page H8097**

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