

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S8017–S8050

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2229–2241, and S. Res. 361. **Page S8046**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 584, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–194)

S. 1769, to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–195)

S. 1869, to reauthorize and rename the position of Whistleblower Ombudsman to be the Whistleblower Protection Coordinator, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–196) **Page S8045**

#### Measures Passed:

**PACT Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 654, to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8049**

**Newstead Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jennifer Gillian Newstead, of New York, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State; that there be 10 minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate. **Page S8041**

**Compton and West Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 18, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of J. Paul Compton, Jr., of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the nomination of Owen

West, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, under the order of Wednesday, December 13, 2017, en bloc, with the debate time on the nominations to run concurrently; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed, with no intervening action or debate. **Pages S8049–50**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 317), James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S8017–33, S8050**

Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

David Ross, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S8041, S8050**

Scott W. Brady, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Andrew E. Lelling, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years. **Pages S8041–42, S8050**

14 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S8045**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S8049**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—317) **Page S8033**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:19 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8049–50.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 137 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

### MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and strategy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; Eric S. Edelman, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments; James F. Jeffrey, Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and Stuart E. Jones, The Cohen Group.

### COUNTERTERRORISM GUIDANCE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on new counterterrorism guidance from Nathan Sales, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Major General Albert M. Elton II, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, The Joint Staff, and

Andrew Knaggs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, both of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Margaret Weichert, of Georgia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Duane A. Kees, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Stephen R. McAllister, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Ryan K. Patrick, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, and Michael B. Stuart, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, all of the Department of Justice.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 4642–4660, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H9941**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4292, to reform the living will process under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–465).

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**Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act:** The House passed H.R. 2396, to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to update the exception for certain annual notices provided by financial institu-

tions, by a yea-and-nay vote of 275 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 682.

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Rejected the Maxine Waters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 681.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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