

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S527–S556

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2349–2353, and S. Res. 384–385. **Page S549**

Measures Passed:

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 101, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S554**

Measures Considered:

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2311, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children. **Pages S527–45**

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 25), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S545**

ESCORT COMMITTEE—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. **Page S554**

Washington's Farewell Address—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 26, 2018, following the prayer and pledge; and that Senator Peters be recognized to deliver the address. **Page S554**

Stras Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David Ryan Stras,

of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Pages S546–48**

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

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 26), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S545**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. **Page S554**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 2018; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S554**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Gregory E. Maggs, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law. **Pages S548, S556**

Messages from the House: **Page S549**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S550–53**

Additional Statements: **Pages S548–49**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S553**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—26) **Page S545**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S554.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4886–4895; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 715–718 were introduced. **Pages H676–77**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H677–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2255, to clarify that nonprofit organizations may accept donated mortgage appraisals, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–528);

H.R. 4792, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for small businesses affected by hurricanes or other natural disasters, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–529);

H.R. 1426, to amend the Home Owners' Loan Act to allow Federal savings associations to elect to operate as national banks, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–530);

H.R. 4281, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area small businesses, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–531);

H.R. 219, to correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska (H. Rept. 115–532);

H.R. 2711, to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–533);

H.R. 3058, to redesignate the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in the State of Missouri as the "Gateway Arch National Park" (H. Rept. 115–534);

H.R. 443, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–535);

H.R. 2630, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–536); and

H. Res. 714, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 695) to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–537). **Page H676**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Johnson (LA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H631**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H632**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H633**

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

Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act: S. 534, amended, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 45; **Pages H633–43, H652–53**

Making Online Banking Initiation Legal and Easy Act: H.R. 1457, amended, to establish requirements for use of a driver's license or personal identification card by certain financial institutions for opening an account or obtaining a financial product or service, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 397 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 46; **Pages H644–45, H653–54**

Federal Savings Association Charter Flexibility Act: H.R. 1426, to amend the Home Owners' Loan Act to allow Federal savings associations to elect to operate as national banks; **Pages H645–47**

Housing Opportunities Made Easier Act: H.R. 2255, amended, to clarify that nonprofit organizations may accept donated mortgage appraisals; and **Pages H647–50**

Small Business Access to Capital After a Natural Disaster Act: H.R. 4792, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for small businesses affected by hurricanes or other natural disasters. **Pages H654–55**

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

Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act: H.R. 4292, amended, to reform the living will process under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. **Pages H650–52**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment Withdrawal: The Chair announced the Speaker's withdrawal of the appointment of the following individual to the Congressional Award Board on January 25, 2018: Mr. Steve Hart of Washington, DC. **Page H657**

Senate Referral: S. 1873 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H674**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H633 and H661.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H652–53 and H653. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHILD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Senate amendments to H.R. 695, the “Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017” [Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 695. 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 amendment to the title and concur in the Senate amendment to the text with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–56. 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Granger, Visclosky, and Polis.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider pending Committee business and other matters. A vote to call to the attention of the entire House, classified executive session material passed; amendments were considered and voted on; and a vote to publicly disclose the material contained in a classified executive session memo, as made available to the entire House of Representatives on January 18, 2018, passed. This meeting was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation on the Korean Peninsula and United States strategy in the Indo-Pacific region, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council Annual Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine opportunities to support domestic seafood through aquaculture, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act one year later, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the Second Session of the 115th Congress, and the nominations of Melissa F. Burnison, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs), Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, and Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management); to be immediately followed an oversight hearing to examine the role of the Geological Survey and the Forest Service in preparing for and responding to natural hazard events, as well as the current status of mapping and monitoring systems, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine testimony from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the economic relationship between the United States, Canada, and Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on accountability and risk to taxpayers, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security, to hold hearings to examine small business health plans, 3:30 p.m., SD–430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Readying the U.S. Military for Future Warfare”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “CBO Oversight: Organizational and Operational Structure”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing on “Protecting Privacy, Promoting Policy: Evidence-Based Policymaking and the Future of Education”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Implementation of the Compounding Quality Act”, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Closing the Digital Divide: Broadband Infrastructure Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 3477, the “Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act”, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining Opportunities and Challenges in the Financial Technology (“Fintech”) Marketplace”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Following the Money: How Human Traffickers Exploit U.S. Financial Markets”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security; and Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, joint hearing entitled “Securing Our Surface Transportation Systems: Examining the Department of Homeland Security’s Role in Surface Transportation Technologies”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3808, the “Infrastructure Expansion Act of 2017”, 11:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 4532, the “Shash Jáa National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act”, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Energy: Management and Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business Information Sharing: Combating Foreign Cyber Threats”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Examination of Reports on the El Faro Marine Casualty and Coast Guard’s Electronic Health Records”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Appeals Reform: Will VA’s Implementation Effectively Serve Veterans?”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing on Legislation to Improve Tax Administration”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 30 through February 2, 2018

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

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(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

(Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber at 8:20 p.m. and proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives at 8:25 p.m., to receive a State of the Union Address from the President.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 30

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the Senate Amendments to H.R. 695—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018 (Subject to a Rule). Joint Session with the Senate to receive the State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

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