

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1169–S1241

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2616–2621, and S. Res. 384. **Page S1222**

Measures Reported:

S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 114–219) **Page S1222**

Measures Passed:

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 384, designating March 2, 2016, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1238**

Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, withdrawing the committee-reported substitute amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas, 1 responding present (Vote No. 28), Grassley (for Feinstein/Grassley) Amendment No. 3362 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.)

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Grassley (for Toomey) Amendment No. 3367 (to Amendment No. 3378), to establish a life-saving program to prevent drug and opioid abuse in Medicare. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 3378, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1180**

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Grassley (for Donnelly/Capito) Modified Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide follow-up services to individuals who have received opioid overdose reversal drugs. **Page S1206**

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

By 46 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Wyden/Schumer Amendment No. 3395 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide for comprehensive provisions for the prevention and enforcement of opioid abuse and treatment of opioid addiction. Subsequently, a point of order that pursuant to Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 the amendment would cause the underlying legislation to exceed the authorizing committee’s section 302(a) allocation of new budget authority or outlays was sustained, and the amendment fell. **Pages S1192–94, S1204**

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 30), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to Shaheen/Whitehouse Amendment No. 3345 (to Amendment No. 3378), to make appropriations to address the heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Subsequently, a point of order that pursuant to Section 311(a)(2)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 the amendment would cause the aggregate level of budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 2016 as established in the most recently agreed to concurrent resolution on the budget, S. Con. Res. 11, to be exceeded was sustained, and the amendment fell. **Pages S1181–83, S1202–03, S1205–06**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2016.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13660 on March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-43)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in executive order 13288 on March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-44)

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—30) Pages S1203-04, S1206

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1241.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after re-

ceiving testimony from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Robert Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Robert Califf, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, USA, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense; and Thomas Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior.

FCC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, and Ajit Pai, Mignon L. Clyburn, Michael O'Rielly, and Jessica Rosenworcel, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

LAND CLEANUP PROGRAMS LEGISLATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic opportunities from land cleanup programs, including S. 2446, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,

and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and an original bill entitled, “Good Samaritan Cleanup of Orphan Mines Act of 2016”, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kirby, West Virginia University Brownfields Assistance Center, Morgantown; Chip Merriam, Orlando Utilities Commission, Orlando, Florida, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; Steve Moyer, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; Frank Holleman, Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Jennifer Krill, Earthworks, Washington, D.C.

LOW OIL AND GAS PRICES ECONOMIC AND GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic and geopolitical

implications of low oil and gas prices, after receiving testimony from Timothy D. Adams, Institute of International Finance, and Robert Kahn, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Julie Helene Becker, Steven Nathan Berk, and Elizabeth Carroll Wingo, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4660–4676; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 831–84; H. Con. Res. 122; and H. Res. 634 were introduced. **Pages H1115–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1117–18**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4119, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–441);

H.R. 482, to redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–442); and

H. Res. 635, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4557) to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for brick and structural clay products or for clay ceramics manufacturing before requiring compliance with such rule, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 4, 2016, through March 11, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–443).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jody B. Hice (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1087**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1092**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m. **Page H1097**

Ensuring Removal of Terminated Providers from Medicaid and CHIP Act: The House passed H.R. 3716, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide to the Secretary of Health and Human Services certain information with respect to provider terminations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 105. **Pages H1095–H1103, H1104**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–45 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Page H1101**

Agreed to:

Buschon amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–440), as modified, that makes technical changes to the bill; changes the short title to better capture both sections of the bill and changes the effective dates throughout the bill to ensure that states and the Secretary of Health and Human Services have the time necessary to correctly implement the provisions; adds a requirement for the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to report on implementation of the requirements regarding

providers disenrolled for reasons related to fraud, integrity and quality; clarifies that the fee-for-service provider directory is to include physicians and, at state option, other providers; and provides other information that could be included in the directory.

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H. Res. 632, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3716) was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 3.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–112).

Pages H1104–05

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–113).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H1104. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: EXAMINING STATE OPTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Examining State Options”. Testimony was heard from Stephanie Muth, Deputy Executive Commissioner for the Office of Social Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Af-

fairs; David J. Shulkin, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration; Danny G.I. Pummill, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; Ronald E. Walters, Interim Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; Edward Joseph Murray, Interim Assistant Secretary for Management, Interim Chief Information Officer, Office of Management; and LaVerne H. Council, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Chief Information Officer, Office of Information and Technology.

APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Air Force. Testimony was heard from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, U.S. Air Force; and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Kana Enomoto, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, APPLIED ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on Department of Energy, Applied Energy. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and Energy; John Kotek, Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy; Christopher Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy; and Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on Department of Energy, Science. Testimony was heard from Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and

Energy, Department of Energy; and Cherry Murray, Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Will Plaster, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen L. Haas, Clerk; and Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Peter Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Federal Aviation Administration. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from David S. Mao, Acting Librarian; Robert R. Newlen, Chief of Staff; and Maria A. Pallante, Register and Director.

WORLD WIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Vincent R. Stewart, USMC, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; and Major General James Marrs, USAF, Director for Intelligence, J-2, Joint Staff.

GROUND FORCE MODERNIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Ground Force Modernization Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Michael E. Williamson, USA, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; Lieutenant General John M. Murray, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8; Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development

Command; Brigadier General Joe Shrader, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Bill Taylor, Program Executive Officer Land Systems, U.S. Marine Corps.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for Department of Defense Nuclear Forces”. Testimony was heard from Robert Scher, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Department of Defense; Arthur Hopkins, performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; General Robin Rand, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command; and Vice Admiral Terry Benedict, USN, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Programs.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 DOE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2017 DOE Budget”. Testimony was heard from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy.

EXAMINING THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THE ZIKA VIRUS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the U.S. Public Health Response to the Zika Virus”. Testimony was heard from Luciana Borio, Assistant Commissioner for Counterterrorism Policy, Food and Drug Administration; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Thomas R. Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; and Timothy M. Persons, Chief Scientist, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

BIOETHICS AND FETAL TISSUE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Bioethics and Fetal Tissue”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2121, the “SAFE Transitional Licensing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2896, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act

of 2015”; H.R. 2901, the “Flood Insurance Market Parity and Modernization Act”; H.R. 3798, the “Due Process Restoration Act of 2015”; H.R. 4096, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 4139, the “Fostering Innovation Act of 2015”; H.R. 4166, the “Expanding Proven Financing for American Employers Act”; H.R. 4498, the “Helping Angels Lead Our Startups Act”; H.R. 4620, the “Preserving Access to CRE Capital Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4638, the “Main Street Growth Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2901, H.R. 2121, H.R. 4166, and H.R. 4638. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4096, H.R. 2896, H.R. 4139, H.R. 4498, H.R. 4620, and H.R. 3798.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of Congress that those who commit or support atrocities against Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities, including Yezidis, Turkmen, Sabea-Mandean, Kaka'e, and Kurds, and who target them specifically for ethnic or religious reasons, are committing, and are hereby declared to be committing, “war crimes”, “crimes against humanity”, and “genocide”; and H. Con. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the Congress condemning the gross violations of international law amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Government of Syria, its allies, and other parties to the conflict in Syria, and asking the President to direct his Ambassador at the United Nations to promote the establishment of a war crimes tribunal where these crimes could be addressed. H. Con. Res. 75 was ordered reported, as amended. H. Con. Res. 121 was ordered reported, without amendment.

THE GROWING THREAT OF CHOLERA AND OTHER DISEASES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Growing Threat of Cholera and Other Diseases in the Middle East”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S FY2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “The Transportation Security Administration's FY2017 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Peter V. Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

THE IMPACT OF THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2017 BUDGET ON THE ENERGY AND MINERAL LEASING AND PRODUCTION MISSIONS OF THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the President's FY 2017 Budget on the Energy and Mineral Leasing and Production Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Abigail Hopper, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Brian Salerno, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

GEOLOCATION TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVACY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Geolocation Technology and Privacy”. Testimony was heard from Richard Downing, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FIREARMS LOST: GSA'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE SURPLUS FIREARM DONATION PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Firearms Lost: GSA's Administration of the Surplus Firearm Donation Program”. Testimony was heard from Carol Ochoa, Inspector General, General Services Administration; William Sisk, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of General Supplies and Services, General Services Administration; and a public witness.

BLOCKING REGULATORY INTERFERENCE FROM CLOSING KILNS ACT OF 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4557, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 5–3, a closed rule for H.R. 4557. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in

the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 4, 2016, through March 11, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Finally in section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield and Rush.

SMART HEALTH: EMPOWERING THE FUTURE OF MOBILE APPS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Smart Health: Empowering the Future of Mobile Apps”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCIALIZING ON INNOVATION: REAUTHORIZING THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Commercializing on Innovation: Reauthorizing the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”. Testimony was heard from John Williams, Director, Innovation and Technology, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration; Barry Johnson, Division Director, Industrial Innovation and Partnerships, National Science Foundation; Matthew Portnoy, Overall HHS SBIR/STTR, Program Manager/NIH Program Manager, National Institutes of Health; and Robert Smith, Director, SBIR/STTR Programs, Office of Naval Research.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions; H.R. 4487, the “Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016”; H.R. 4465, the “Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016”; H.R. 3937, to designate the building utilized as a United States courthouse located at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina, as the “Judge Randy D. Doub Courthouse”; H.R. 4618, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the “Sidney Oslin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; H. Con. Res. 119, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the

Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 117, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H. Con. Res. 120, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 3rd Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony; H.R. 223, the “Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2015”; H.R. 1684, the “Foreign Spill Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3030, the “Baudette Coast Guard Housing Conveyance Act”. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4465, H.R. 4618, H. Con. Res. 119, H. Con. Res. 117, and H. Con. Res. 120. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4487, H.R. 3937, H.R. 223, H.R. 1684, and H.R. 3030. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions were approved.

PROTECTING THE FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Free Exchange of Ideas on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Economic Report of the President, after receiving testimony from Jason Furman, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from John A. Biedrzycki, Jr., Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Robinson Township, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018 for the Veterans Health Administration and Veterans Benefits Administration, 11 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine regulatory reforms to improve equity market structure, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 2555, to provide opportunities for broadband investment, the nomination of Thomas F. Scott Darling III, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Energy, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine free trade agreement implementation, focusing on lessons from the past, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the path forward in Libya, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the dogs of the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on how canine programs contribute to homeland security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 2390, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the nominations of Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmann, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of Federal fisheries management on small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple Veterans Service Organizations, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC, 9:30 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the Army, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on Department of Agriculture, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 10:15 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Ocean Worlds, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

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