

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate disagreed in the amendment of the House to S. 2943, National Defense Authorization Act, agreed to the request from the House for a conference, and appointed conferees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5099–S5196

Measures Introduced: Seventy-four bills and nineteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3210–3283, S.J. Res. 37–38, S. Res. 535–548, and S. Con. Res. 48–50. **Pages S5154–57**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1475, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3004, to amend the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission.

S. Res. 485, to encourage the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to abide by constitutional provisions regarding the holding of presidential elections in 2016, with the aim of ensuring a peaceful and orderly democratic transition of power, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 515, welcoming Prime Minister Lee Hsien-Loong to the United States and reaffirming Singapore's strategic partnership with the United States, encompassing broad and robust economic, military-to-military, law enforcement, and counterterrorism cooperation.

S. Res. 524, expressing the sense of the Senate on the conflict in Yemen.

S. 3028, to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.

S. Con. Res. 41, expressing the sense of Congress on the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, with amendments.

S. Con. Res. 42, to express the sense of Congress regarding the safe and expeditious resettlement to Albania of all residents of Camp Liberty.

S. Con. Res. 46, expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to continue to reaffirm its commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs. **Page S5153**

Measures Passed:

Waterfront Community Revitalization and Resiliency Act: Senate passed S. 1935, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5117–19**

Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4904, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5126**

National Sea Grant College Program Act: Senate passed S. 3282, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act. **Pages S5182–83**

Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2854, to reauthorize the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of 2007, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5183–85**

Murkowski (for Burr) Amendment No. 4975, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5184–85**

Kevin and Avonte's Law: Senate passed S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5185**

Murkowski (for Grassley) Amendment No. 4976, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5185**

PFC James Dunn VA Clinic: Senate passed S. 3283, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Pueblo, Colorado, as the "PFC James Dunn VA Clinic". **Page S5185**

Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3700, to provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5185**

John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission: Senate passed H.R. 5722, to establish the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission. **Page S5185**

Cruise Travel Professional Month: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 486, commemorating "Cruise Travel Professional Month" in October 2016, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5185–86**

Murkowski (for Rubio) Amendment No. 4977, to amend the preamble. **Pages S5185–86**

Welcoming Prime Minister Lee Hsien-Loong to the United States: Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, welcoming Prime Minister Lee Hsien-Loong to the United States and reaffirming Singapore's strategic partnership with the United States, encompassing broad and robust economic, military-to-military, law enforcement, and counterterrorism cooperation. **Page S5186**

Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 41, expressing the sense of Congress on the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S5186–87**

Expressing Support for All Holocaust Victims: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 46, expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their re-

maining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to continue to reaffirm its commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs. **Page S5187**

2024 Summer Olympic Games: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 142, supporting the bid of Los Angeles, California to bring the 2024 Summer Olympic Games back to the United States and pledging the cooperation of Congress with respect to that bid. **Page S5187**

National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 521, expressing support for the designation of September 2016 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5192**

Farm Credit System 100th Anniversary: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 349, congratulating the Farm Credit System on the celebration of its 100th anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5192**

Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act: Senate passed S. 1443, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources. **Pages S5187–90**

Grand Ronde Reservation Act: Senate passed S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5190–91**

Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon: Senate passed S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon. **Pages S5191–92**

Daniel J. Evans Olympic National Park Wilderness Act: Senate passed S. 3028, to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness. **Page S5192**

Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2607, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the "Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed. **Page S5192**

Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3931, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the “Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5192**

Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3953, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4122 Madison Street, Elfers, Florida, as the “Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5192**

Ed Pastor Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4010, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 522 North Central Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, as the “Ed Pastor Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegetown, Minnesota, as the “Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4747, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6691 Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, as the “Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

Louis Van Iersel Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 61 South Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, California, as the “Louis Van Iersel Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

Amelia Boynton Robinson Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4777, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1301 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama as the “Amelia Boynton

Robinson Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the “LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

Michael Garver Oxley Memorial Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4925, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 West Main Cross Street, in Findlay, Ohio, as the “Michael Garver Oxley Memorial Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5720 South 142nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb A. Nelson Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

Sergeant First Class William ‘Kelly’ Lacey Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3957 2nd Avenue in Laurel Hill, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class William ‘Kelly’ Lacey Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

Mary E. McCoy Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5028, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10721 E Jefferson Ave in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Mary E. McCoy Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5192–93**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 538, designating September 2016 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Pages S5193–94**

Condemning the Acts of Violence in Dallas, Texas: Senate agreed to S. Res. 539, condemning the horrific acts of violence and hatred in Dallas, Texas, on July 7, 2016, and expressing support and prayers for all those impacted by the tragedy. **Pages S5193–94**

Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service: Senate agreed to S. Res. 540, commending the officers of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service for their work in fighting Ebola.

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Hawaii Volcanoes and Haleakala National Parks Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 541, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park in the State of Hawaii, and designating August 1, 2016, as “Hawaii Volcanoes and Haleakala National Parks Day”.

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National Anti-Counterfeiting Consumer Education and Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 542, recognizing the 70th anniversary and the importance of the Lanham Act by designating July 2016 as “National Anti-Counterfeiting Consumer Education and Awareness Month”.

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United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 543, commemorating the past success of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams and supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the 2016 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

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Open Skies Treaty: Senate agreed to S. Res. 544, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding compliance enforcement of Russian violations of the Open Skies Treaty.

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Leiomyosarcoma Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 545, supporting the designation of July 15, 2016, as “Leiomyosarcoma Awareness Day”.

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United States Grain Standards Act Centennial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 546, honoring the centennial of the United States Grain Standards Act.

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American Tree Farm System 75th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 547, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the American Tree Farm System.

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Viking Mission Landing on the Surface of Mars 40th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 548, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Viking Mission Landing on the surface of Mars.

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Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 50, providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Protecting Our Infants Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1462, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

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Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5293, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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

The motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on July 7, 2016, was agreed to.

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By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 133), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Conference Reports:

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 14, 2016, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

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

The motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on June 28, 2016, was agreed to. **Page S5116**

The motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on June 28, 2016, was agreed to. **Page S5116**

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 134), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S5117**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577; and that the pending cloture motions on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, and the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5293, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S5117**

House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate disagreed in the amendment of the House to S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, agreed to the request from the House for a conference, and appointed the following conferees: Senators McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Wicker, Ayotte, Fischer, Cotton, Rounds, Ernst, Tillis, Sullivan, Lee, Graham, Cruz, Reed, Nelson, McCaskill, Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Donnelly, Hirono, Kaine, King, and Heinrich, after taking action on the following motions to instruct conferees on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill to be instructed to insist on the inclusion in the final conference report the following motions proposed thereto: **Pages S5099–S5112**

Adopted:

By 84 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 131), Shaheen motion to Instruct Conferees to insist on the inclusion in the final conference report include language to extend the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa program through December 31, 2017 and authorize additional visas to ensure visas are available for applicants who meet the criteria under the program. **Pages S5111–12**

By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 132), Sullivan motion to Instruct Conferees to insist on the inclusion in the final conference report include authorization for the following commitments recently made by the President and Secretary of Defense: Maintain-

ing a force of approximately 8,400 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines within Afghanistan into 2017 as announced by President Obama on July 6th to continue to train and advise Afghan forces and to conduct counterterrorism operations; The President's budget request for the European Reassurance Initiative to establish increased rotational presence in Europe, provide ample United States Armed Forces end strength and combat capability to meet all regional contingency plans, increase operational responsiveness of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and to fulfill President Obama's commitment to move forward with the most significant reinforcement of collective defense anytime during the Cold War; Sufficient naval, air, ground and amphibious force structure and weapons systems to fulfill the commitment made by Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter at the Shangri-La Dialogue that within the Asia-Pacific theater, "the United States will remain the most powerful military and main underwriter of security in the region for decades to come"; and Sufficient levels of military forces, munitions, logistics support, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets, and other enabling support, and the deployment of sufficient operational capabilities to meet President Obama's commitment to go after ISIL aggressively until it's removed from Syria and Iraq and finally destroyed. **Pages S5112–14**

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

By 90 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 130), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to disagree in the amendment of the House, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and appointing of the following conferees: Senators McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Wicker, Ayotte, Fischer, Cotton, Rounds, Ernst, Tillis, Sullivan, Lee, Graham, Cruz, Reed, Nelson, McCaskill, Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Donnelly, Hirono, Kaine, King, and Heinrich. **Pages S5099, S5111**

Appointments:

Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 114–187, and in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individuals as members of the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico: Senator Hatch (Committee on Finance) and Senator Rubio (Committee on Energy and Natural Resources). **Page S5181**

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: The Chair announced, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 110–315, the reappointment of the following individual to be a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Jill Derby of Nevada. **Page S5181**

Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, reappointed the following individual as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: Joanna Hess of New Mexico. **Page S5181**

Protecting Our Infants Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 1462, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome, which was previously received from the House, be indefinitely postponed. **Page S5195**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S5195**

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. **Page S5195**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, July 15, 2016, 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 1 p.m.; Friday, July 22, 2016, 1 p.m.; Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 10 a.m.; Friday, July 29, 2016, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 10 a.m.; Friday, August 5, 2016, 7:45 a.m.; Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 12:55 p.m.; Friday, August 12, 2016, 8 a.m.; Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 9 a.m.; Friday, August 19, 2016, 3 p.m.; Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 4 p.m.; Friday, August 26, 2016, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, August 30, 2016, 9 a.m.; Friday, September 2, 2016, 10 a.m.; and that when the Senate

adjourns on Friday, September 2, 2016, it next convene at 3 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

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Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Extradition Treaty with the Dominican Republic (Treaty Doc. 114–10) as amended; and

Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Chile (Treaty Doc. 113–6) as amended. **Pages S5181–82**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Julius Lloyd Horwich, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Thomas F. Scott Darling, III, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Anne Hall, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Lawrence Robert Silverman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

Blair Anderson, of California, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. **Page S5182**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2019.

C. Peter Mahurin, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2021.

Michael McWherter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2021.

Joe H. Ritch, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2021.

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Record Votes:	Five record votes were taken today. (Total—134) Pages S5111, S5112, S5113–14, S5114, 5117

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:05 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5195.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CYBERSECURITY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cybersecurity and United States national security, after receiving testimony from New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., New York; and Kenneth L. Wainstein, Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft LLP, former Homeland Security Advisor to President George W. Bush and Assistant Attorney General for National Security, and Chris Inglis, United States Naval Academy, former Deputy Director of the National Security Agency, both of Washington, D.C.

FINANCIAL RISKS OF CHINA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine evaluating the financial risks of China, after receiving testimony from Dennis C. Shea, Chairman, United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and Desmond Lachman, American Enterprise Institute, Thomas J. Gibson, American Iron and Steel Institute, and William T. Wilson, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 515, welcoming Prime Minister Lee Hsien-Loong to the United States and reaffirming Singapore's strategic partnership with the United

States, encompassing broad and robust economic, military-to-military, law enforcement, and counter-terrorism cooperation;

S. Res. 524, expressing the sense of the Senate on the conflict in Yemen;

S. Res. 485, to encourage the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to abide by constitutional provisions regarding the holding of presidential elections in 2016, with the aim of ensuring a peaceful and orderly democratic transition of power, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Con. Res. 41, expressing the sense of Congress on the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, with amendments;

S. Con. Res. 42, to express the sense of Congress regarding the safe and expeditious resettlement to Albania of all residents of Camp Liberty;

S. Con. Res. 46, expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to continue to reaffirm its commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs; and

The nominations of Mark Sobel, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Greece, Anne Hall, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Lawrence Robert Silverman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, all of the Department of State.

IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Iran nuclear agreement, after receiving testimony from Mark Dubowitz, Foundation for Defense of Democracies Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, Washington, D.C.; and Richard Nephew, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Center on Global Energy Policy, New York, New York.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on perspectives from education stakeholders on proposed

regulations, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Pruitt, Kentucky Commissioner of Education, Frankfort; Linda Darling-Hammond, Learning Policy Institute, Palo Alto, California; Gail Pletnick, Dysart Unified School District, Surprise, Arizona; and Alison Harris Welcher, Project L.I.F.T., Charlotte, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and David C. Nye, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

ENTREPRENEURS AND STARTUP COMPANIES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how venture capitalists and angel investors fund entrepreneurs and startup companies, including S. 2670, to provide for the operation of micro unmanned aircraft systems, after receiving testimony from Scott Kupor, Andreessen Horowitz, Menlo Park, California, and Ali Behbahani, New Enterprise Associates, Timonium, Maryland, both on behalf of the National Venture Capital Association; Jeffrey Sohl, University of New Hampshire Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics Center for Venture Research, Durham; Michael J. Eckert, NO/LA Angel Network, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Angel Capital Association; and Joseph L. Schocken, Broadmark Capital, LLC, Seattle, Washington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 132 public bills, H.R. 5779–5911; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 97; H. Con. Res. 147–148; and H. Res. 832–838, were introduced. **Pages H5005–12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5015–18**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

In the Matter of Allegations Related to Representative Ed Whitfield (H. Rept. 114–687);

H.R. 4202, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York (H. Rept. 114–688);

H.R. 4510, to insure adequate use and access to the existing Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment within the Holy Cross Wilderness in Eagle County, Colorado, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–689);

H.R. 4789, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–690);

H.R. 5199, to amend title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, and to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–691); and

H.R. 24, to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–692). **Page H5005**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Fleming announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H4931**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question on adoption of a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 764 be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H4932**

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 306 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 466. **Pages H4932–39, H4964–65**

H. Res. 822, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill (S. 764) and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 304) was agreed to yesterday, July 13th.

Iran Accountability Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 5631, to hold Iran accountable for its state sponsorship of terrorism and other threatening

activities and for its human rights abuses, by a yeand-nay vote of 246 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 467.

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H. Res. 819, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4992), (H.R. 5119), and (H.R. 5631) was agreed to Tuesday, July 12th.

United States Financial System Protection Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 4992, to codify regulations relating to transfers of funds involving Iran, by a yeand-nay vote of 246 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 478.

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H. Res. 819, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4992), (H.R. 5119), and (H.R. 5631) was agreed to Tuesday, July 12th.

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017: The House passed H.R. 5538, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, by a yeand-nay votes of 231 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 477. Consideration began Tuesday, July 12th.

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Rejected:

Beyer amendment (No. 98 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to state none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement or enforce section 120, 425, 426, or 427 (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 246 noes, Roll No. 468);

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Capps amendment (No. 99 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prohibit funds to be used to process any application for a permit to drill or a permit to modify that would authorize use of hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (by a recorded vote of 172 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 469);

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Grijalva amendment (No. 100 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prevent funds in the bill from being used to abolish law enforcement offices at the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service (by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 470);

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Lowenthal amendment (No. 102 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prevent funds from being used in contravention to a 2009 Interior Department Secretarial Order on climate change (by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 471);

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Pocan amendment (No. 103 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to protect the Administration's climate change and environmental sustainability executive order to ensure that no funds be used to weaken the executive

order within this Act (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 236 noes, Roll No. 472);

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Polis amendment (No. 104 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prohibit use of funds to pursue any additional legal ways to transfer Federal lands to private owners in contravention of existing law (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 473);

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Tsongas amendment (No. 106 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prevent a provision of the bill that would block BLM resource management plans from going into effect if failing to implement the plans would limit BLM's ability to meet its multiple use obligations, including providing opportunities for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation (by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 241 noes, Roll No. 474);

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Norcross amendment (No. 114 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to add \$15,282,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund (by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 475); and

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Gallego amendment (No. 122 printed in H. Rept. 114–683) that was debated on July 13th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to issue grazing permits or leases in contravention of BLM regulations (by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 476).

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H. Res. 820, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5538) was agreed to Tuesday, July 12th.

Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2016: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2893, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress.

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Authorizing the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 3207, to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18th.

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Department of Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 3055, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4939 and H4984.

Senate Referrals: S. 2893 and S. 3207 were held at the desk. S. 1555 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on House Administration. Page H5002

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4964–65, H4965–66, H4966, H4967, H4967–68, H4968, H4969, H4969–70, H4970, H4970–71, H4971–72, H4972–73, and H4973. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee concluded a markup on the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; and Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 was ordered reported, as amended. The Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017 passed.

NAVAL DOMINANCE IN UNDERSEA WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Naval Dominance in Undersea Warfare”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, Director, Undersea Warfare Division (N97), U.S. Navy; and Rear Admiral Michael E. Jabaley, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines, U.S. Navy.

PRESIDENT OBAMA’S NUCLEAR DETERRENT MODERNIZATION PLANS AND BUDGETS: THE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “President Obama’s Nuclear Deterrent Modernization Plans and Budgets: The Military Requirements”. Testimony was heard from Frank Klotz, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Robert Scher, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Department of Defense; Admiral Cecil Haney, USN, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; and General Robin Rand, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 5510, the “FTC Process and Transparency Reform Act of 2016”. H.R. 5510 was ordered reported, as amended”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 634, recognizing the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea-Japan trilateral relationship to counter North Korean threats and nuclear proliferation, and to ensure regional security and human rights; H. Res. 660, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia; H. Res. 728, supporting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Cambodia; H. Res. 729, expressing support for the expeditious consideration and finalization of a new, robust, and long-term Memorandum of Understanding on military assistance to Israel between the United States Government and the Government of Israel; H. Res. 750, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members; H. Res. 780, urging respect for the constitution of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the democratic transition of power in 2016; H. Res. 808, calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to release Iranian-Americans Siamak Namazi and his father, Baquer Namazi; H. Res. 810, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the life and work of Elie Wiesel in promoting human rights, peace, and Holocaust remembrance; H. Res. 821, urging the Government of Gabon to respect democratic principles during the August 2016 presidential elections; H.R. 4481, the “Education for All Act of 2016”; H.R. 5094, the “Stability and Democracy for Ukraine Act”; H.R. 5537, the “Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5732, the “Caesar Syrian Civilian Protection Act of 2016”. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H. Res. 634, H. Res. 728, H. Res. 780, H. Res. 810, H. Res. 821, H.R. 4481, H.R. 5537, H.R. 5732, and H.R. 5094. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H. Res. 660, H. Res. 729, H. Res. 750, and H. Res. 808.

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING A STRONGER U.S.-CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “The Strategic Importance of Building a Stronger U.S.-Caribbean Partnership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.’

U.S. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA: MINIMIZING RISKS AND IMPROVING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “U.S. Humanitarian Assistance to Syria: Minimizing Risks and Improving Oversight”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Calvaresi Barr, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; HOPE DEFERRED: SECURING ENFORCEMENT OF THE GOLDMAN ACT TO RETURN ABDUCTED AMERICAN CHILDREN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a markup on H. Res. 290, calling for the global repeal of blasphemy laws; and a hearing entitled “Hope Deferred: Securing Enforcement of the Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children”. H. Res. 290 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended. Testimony was heard from Karen Christensen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

WORLDWIDE THREATS TO THE HOMELAND: ISIS AND THE NEW WAVE OF TERROR

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland: ISIS and the New Wave of Terror”. Testimony was heard from Jeh C. Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on S. 2040, the “Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act”. Testimony was heard from Anne Patterson, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Brian Egan, Legal Advisor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

THE STATUS OF IVANPAH AND OTHER FEDERAL LOAN-GUARANTEED SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS ON BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled

“The Status of Ivanpah and Other Federal Loan-Guaranteed Solar Energy Projects on Bureau of Land Management Lands”. Testimony was heard from Mike Nedd, Assistant Director, Energy Minerals, and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management; and public witnesses.

RECALCITRANT COUNTRIES: DENYING VISAS TO COUNTRIES THAT REFUSE TO TAKE BACK THEIR DEPORTED NATIONALS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Recalcitrant Countries: Denying Visas to Countries that Refuse to Take Back their Deported Nationals”. Testimony was heard from Michele Thoren Bond, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and Daniel Ragsdale, Deputy Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

EXAMINING MISMANAGEMENT IN OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS GRANTMAKING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining Mismanagement in Office of Justice Programs Grantmaking”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Beth McGarry, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Gretta Goodwin, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

LAGGING BEHIND: THE STATE OF HIGH SPEED RAIL IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets held a hearing entitled “Lagging Behind: The State of High Speed Rail in the United States”. Testimony was heard from Sarah Feinberg, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Chris Koos, Mayor, Normal, Illinois; and public witnesses.

EVALUATING FDIC'S RESPONSE TO MAJOR DATA BREACHES: IS THE FDIC SAFEGUARDING CONSUMERS' BANKING INFORMATION?

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Evaluating FDIC's Response to Major Data Breaches: Is the FDIC Safeguarding Consumers' Banking Information?”. Testimony was heard from Martin Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Fred W. Gibson, Acting Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**MODERNIZING SOCIAL SECURITY'S
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Modernizing Social Security’s Information Technology Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Robert Klopp, Deputy Commissioner, Chief Information Officer, Social Security Administration; Kimberly Byrd, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Financial Systems and Operations Audits, Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Valerie Melvin, Director, Information Management and Technology Resources Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 15, 2016**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets, joint hearing entitled “Oversight of the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11:30 a.m., Friday, July 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2:30 p.m., Monday, July 18

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Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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