

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S461–S497

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 236–248, S.J. Res. 9–15, and S. Res. 28–29. **Pages S489–90**

Tillerson Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State. **Pages S467–86**

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

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 34), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S469**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached provided that on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, following disposition of the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, of Kentucky, to be Secretary of Transportation, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State, post-cloture.

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S497**

Messages from the House: **Pages S488–89**

Measures Referred: **Page S489**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—34) **Page S469**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m., until 12 noon on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S497.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Cotton (Chair), Inhofe, Wicker, Tillis, Sullivan, Cruz, Sasse, King, McCaskill, Blumenthal, Donnelly, Warren, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity: Senators Rounds (Chair), Fischer, Perdue, Graham, Sasse, Nelson, McCaskill, Gillibrand, and Blumenthal.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Ernst (Chair), Wicker, Fischer, Perdue, Cruz, Heinrich, Nelson, Shaheen, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Tillis (Chair), Ernst, Graham, Sasse, Gillibrand, McCaskill, and Warren.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Inhofe (Chair), Sessions, Rounds, Ernst, Perdue, Kaine, Shaheen, and Hirono.

Subcommittee on SeaPower: Senators Wicker (Chair), Sessions, Cotton, Rounds, Tillis, Sullivan, Hirono, Shaheen, Blumenthal, Kaine, and King.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Fischer (Chair), Inhofe, Cotton, Sullivan, Cruz, Graham, Donnelly, Heinrich, Warren, and Peters.

Senators McCain and Reed are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 720–750; 2 private bills, H.R. 751–752; and 16 resolutions, H.J. Res. 36–49; and H. Res. 69, 72, were introduced. **Pages H742–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H747**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 70, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 38) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Steam Protection Rule (H. Rept. 115–6); and

H. Res. 71, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 41) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers”, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 40) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Social Security Administration relating to Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (H. Rept. 115–7). **Page H742**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H705**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H707**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H709**

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

Designating a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”: H.R. 381, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”; **Pages H709–10**

Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act: H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands; **Pages H710–12**

Fort Ontario Study Act: H.R. 46, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York; **Pages H712–13**

Removing the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384: H.R. 374, to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384,

by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 66; **Pages H713–14, H719–20**

Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2017: H.R. 538, amended, to redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 67; **Pages H714–16, H720–21**

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act: H.R. 558, to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill; and **Pages H716–17**

Amending the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area: H.R. 560, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. **Pages H717–18**

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Member to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Price (NC). **Page H719**

British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Cicilline. **Page H719**

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representatives Connolly and Frankel (FL). **Page H719**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representatives Hastings and Cohen. **Page H719**

Japan-United States Friendship Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Representative Takano. **Page H719**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H719

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page S719.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages S719–20, and S720–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR KNOWN AS THE STREAM PROTECTION RULE; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF A RULE SUBMITTED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RELATING TO “DISCLOSURE OF PAYMENTS BY RESOURCE EXTRACTION ISSUERS”; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NICS IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 38, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule; H.J. Res. 41, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers”; and H.J. Res. 40, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Social Security Administration relating to Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 41. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against pro-

visions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The Committee also granted a closed rule for H.J. Res. 40. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.J. Res. 38. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, Chairman Hensarling, Chairman Bishop of Utah, and Representatives Cicilline, and Maxine Waters of California.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D73)

S. 84, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces. Signed on January 20, 2017. (Public Law 115–2)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, subcommittee membership, and the nominations of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior, and James Richard Perry, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, designation of members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation, designation of members to serve on the Congressional Oversight Group, designation of members to serve as Congressional Trade Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, and the nominations of Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury, and Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, and subcommittee membership, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine confronting the North Korea threat, focusing on reassessing policy options, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and subcommittee membership during the 115th Congress, and the nomination of Elisabeth Prince DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, 11 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, S. 178, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases, and the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Medicaid Oversight: Existing Problems and Ways to Strengthen the Program", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, business meeting on the committee's oversight and authorization plan; and markup on H.R. 396, the "Tax Accountability Act of 2017"; H.R. 194, the "Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2017"; H.R. 702, the "Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act of 2017"; H.R. 679, the "Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2017"; H.R. 653, the "Federal Intern Protection Act of 2017"; and H.R. 657, the "Follow the Rules Act", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, hearing entitled "Fraud, Waste and Abuse under the Affordable Care Act", 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.J. Res. 37, disapproving the final rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administra-

tion relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and H.J. Res. 36, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation", 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 31 through February 3, 2017

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 12 noon, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, of Kentucky, to be Secretary of Transportation, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State, post-cloture.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: January 31, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on the Budget: February 1, business meeting to consider the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

February 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office's budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2017-2027, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 1, to hold hearings to examine a growth agenda, focusing on reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 31, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, subcommittee membership, and the nominations of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior, and James Richard Perry, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 1, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by

the committee during the 115th Congress, and the nomination of Scott Pruitt, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:45 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: January 31, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, designation of members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation, designation of members to serve on the Congressional Oversight Group, designation of members to serve as Congressional Trade Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, and the nominations of Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury, and Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

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February 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Affordable Care Act, focusing on stabilizing the individual health insurance market, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 1, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing from Department of Homeland Security officials, 9:40 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: January 31, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, 11 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 31, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, S. 178, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases, and the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 1, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 31, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 2, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: February 1, organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine stopping senior scams, focusing on developments in financial fraud affecting seniors, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 1, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, February 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The State of the World: National Security Threats and Challenges", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 2, Full Committee, business meeting for consideration of the committee oversight plan for 115th Congress, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook", 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Rescuing Americans from the Failed Health Care Law and Advancing Patient-Centered Solutions", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 2, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Helping Students Succeed Through the Power of School Choice", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Strengthening Medicaid and Prioritizing the Most Vulnerable", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 1, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "The Electricity Sector's Efforts to Respond to Cybersecurity Threats", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 2, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Patient Relief from Collapsing Health Markets", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 2, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of NTIA", 10:45 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 2, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 1, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, joint hearing entitled "Next Steps in the 'Special Relationship'—Impact of a U.S.-U.K. Free Trade Agreement", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 2, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, joint hearing entitled "Israel, the Palestinians, and the United Nations: Challenges for the New Administration", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 1, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

February 2, Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security, hearing entitled “The Future of the Transportation Security Administration”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Empowering the Inspectors General”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 1, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Five Years Later: A Review of the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Improving Security and Efficiency at OPM and the National

Background Investigations Bureau”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 2, Full Committee, markup on H. J. Res. 27, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Death with Dignity Act of 2016; the “Federal Records Modernization Act of 2017”; and the “Electronic Message Preservation Act of 2017”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 1, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Tuesday, January 31

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 31

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House Chamber

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