

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Senate confirmed the nomination of David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1095–S1133

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 351–366, and S. Res. 60. **Pages S1129–30**

Mulvaney Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S1123**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. **Page S1123**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1123**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1123**

Pruitt Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Scott Pruitt, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S1123**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S1123**

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Ross Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Page S1123**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 nomination of Scott Pruitt, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S1123**

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Zinke Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Page S1123**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Page S1123**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1123**

Carson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S1124**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Page S1124**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1124**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1124**

Perry Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Richard Perry, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy. **Page S1124**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S1124**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1124**

McMahon Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Linda E. McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, under the previous order.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 63), Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S1121, S1133**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 64), David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S1122–23, S1133**

Messages from the House: **Page S1129**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S1130**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1130–31**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1128–29**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—64) **Pages S1121–23**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1131.)

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), Rounds, Ernst, Perdue, Strange, Kaine, Shaheen, and Hirono.

Subcommittee on SeaPower: Senators Wicker (Chair), Cotton, Rounds, Tillis, Sullivan, Strange, 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: 28 public bills, H.R. 1011–1028; and 9 resolutions, H.J.

Res. 71; and H. Res. 1141–115, 117–122 were introduced. **Pages H1124–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1126–27**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 116, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 66) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by States for non-governmental employees, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 67) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees (H. Rept. 115–11). **Page H1124**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meadows to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1101**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1103**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Price, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia, effective at 9 a.m. on February 10, 2017. **Pages H1103–04**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Price, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H1104**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4:29 p.m. **Page H1104**

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

Designating the Department of Veterans Affairs health care center in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Abie Abraham VA Clinic”: H.R. 609, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs health care center in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Abie Abraham VA Clinic”; **Pages H1104–06**

Working to Integrate Networks Guaranteeing Member Access Now Act: H.R. 512, amended, to title 38, United States Code, to permit veterans to grant access to their records in the databases of the Veterans Benefits Administration to certain designated congressional employees; **Pages H1106–08**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit veterans to grant access to their records in the databases of the Veterans Benefits Administration to certain designated congressional employees, and for other purposes.” **Page H1108**

Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017: H.R. 244, amended, to encourage effective, voluntary private sector investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States mili-

tary with annual presidential awards to private sector employers recognizing such efforts, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 86; and

Pages H1109–11

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes.” **Page H1111**

Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment Act: H.R. 974, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 87. **Pages H1111–12**

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2018: Mr. Larry Wortzel, of Williamsburg, Virginia and Mr. Robert Glenn Hubbard of New York, New York. **Page H1112**

Creating Options for Veterans’ Expedited Recovery Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Creating Options for Veterans’ Expedited Recovery Commission: Captain John M. Rose, U.S. Navy, Retired, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Lieutenant Colonel Jamil S. Khan, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, of Janesville, Wisconsin. **Page H1112**

National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service: Mr. Thomas Kilgannon of Centreville, Virginia. **Pages H1112–13**

Medal of Valor Review Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Medal of Valor Review Board for a term of four years: Mr. Brandon Clabes of Choctaw, Oklahoma and Mr. Brian Murphy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. **Page H1113**

American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of

the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress for a term of six years: Ms. Patricia A. Atkinson of Carson City, Nevada. **Page H1113**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1113**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1104.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1113–14, and H1114–15. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.J. Res. 27, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Death with Dignity Act of 2016. H.J. Res. 27 was ordered reported, without amendment.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO SAVINGS ARRANGEMENTS ESTABLISHED BY STATES FOR NON- GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO SAVINGS ARRANGEMENTS ESTABLISHED BY QUALIFIED STATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 66, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by States for non-governmental employees; and H.J. Res. 67, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, closed rules for H.J. Res. 66 and H.J. Res. 67. The rule provides one hour of debate on each joint resolution equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of each joint resolution. The rule provides that each joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all

points of order against provisions in each joint resolution. The rule provides each joint resolution one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walberg and Francis Rooney of Florida.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on long-term defense challenges and strategies, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense single servicemember and military family readiness programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD–106.

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

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Evolving Threat of Terrorism and Effective Counterterrorism Strategies”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Restoring Balance and Fairness to the National Labor Relations Board”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Self-Driving Cars: Road to Deployment”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Defeating Terrorism in Syria: A New Way Forward”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “The Future of FEMA: Stakeholder Recommendations for the Next Administrator”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Judicial Transparency and Ethics”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 195, the “Federal Register Printing Savings Act of 2017”; H.R. 624, the “Social Security Fraud Prevention Act of 2017”; the “Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2017”; the “Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017”; the “OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability

Act”; the “DC Courts and Public Defender Service Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments Act”; and H.R. 653, the “Federal Intern Protection Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.J. Res. 69, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to “Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska”; and H.J. Res. 43, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to compliance with title X requirements by project recipients in selecting subrecipients, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Strengthening U.S. Cybersecurity Capabilities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Exploring National Work Queue’s Impact on Claims Processing”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on the committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 115th Congress; Views and Estimates on the Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Budget; and ratification of subcommittee assignments and appointments to the Joint Committee on Taxation, 10:15 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Linda E. McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 428—Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act (Subject to a Rule).

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