

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1421–S1455*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 443–461, S.J. Res. 24, and S. Res. 68–70. **Pages S1447–48**

#### Measures Passed:

***Celebrating Black History Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 69, celebrating Black History Month. **Page S1454**

**Washington’s Farewell Address:** Senator Sasse performed the traditional reading of Washington’s Farewell Address. **Pages S1424–28**

#### Appointments:

***Senate National Security Working Group:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted on March 5, 2013, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 115th Congress: Senators Feinstein (Democratic Administrative Co-Chairman), Reed (Democratic Co-Chairman), Menendez (Co-Chairman), Durbin, Nelson, Cardin, Casey, Heitkamp, and Duckworth. **Page S1454**

**Joint Session Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. **Page S1454**

**Zinke Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Page S1441**

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

By 67 yeas to 31 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 74), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1441**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 28, 2017; and that all time during Leader remarks, morning business, recess and adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S1454**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 72 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 73), Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S1440–41, S1455**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S1445–46**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S1449–53**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S1445**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1453**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—74) **Pages S1440–41**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S1454–55.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 1219–1236; 1 private bill, H.R. 1237; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 151–155 were introduced. **Pages H1354–56**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1356–57**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1009, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–19, Part 1); and

H. Res. 150, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 998) to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 83) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Clarification of Employer’s Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness” (H. Rept. 115–20). **Page H1354**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1323**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1323**

**American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress for a term of six years: Ms. Amy Kitchener of Fresno, California. **Page H1324**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H1324**

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

**Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act:** H.R. 88, to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System; **Pages H1324–26**

**Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017:** H.R. 228, amended, 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 H1326–31**

**Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act:** H.R. 699, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 100; **Pages H1331–32, H1337**

**Facilitating the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park:** H.R. 863, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 102; and **Pages H1332–34, H1339–40**

**Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act:** H.R. 1033, to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require the maintenance of databases on, awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party. **Pages H1334–36**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1336**

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Pascrell rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not present a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Pascrell appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative McCarthy moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 185 noes with two answering “present”, Roll No. 101. **Pages H1337–39**

**Honoring the life of former Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Robert Henry “Bob” Michel:** The House agreed to H. Res. 151, honoring the life of former Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Robert Henry “Bob” Michel. **Pages H1341–44**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1324.

**Senate Referral:** S. 442 was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H1353**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1337, H1339 and H1340. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SCRUB ACT; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO “CLARIFICATION OF EMPLOYER’S CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO MAKE AND MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE RECORD OF EACH RECORDABLE INJURY AND ILLNESS”

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 998, the “SCRUB Act”; H.J. Res. 83, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Clarification of Employer’s Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 998. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.J. Res. 83. The rule provides one hour of debate 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 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 Chaffetz and Representatives Cartwright, Krishnamoorthi, Byrne, and Courtney.

### ASSESSING VA’S RISKS FOR DRUG DIVERSION

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Assessing VA’s Risks for Drug Diversion”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, MD, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Nick Dahl, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Randall B. Williamson, Director, Healthcare Team, Government Accountability Office.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Iraq after Mosul, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine improving outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH-219, 2 p.m., SD-106.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Conservation Policy”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: International Market Development”, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Farm Credit Administration, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 1:30 p.m., 2007 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Department of Defense Inspector General Report ‘Investigation on Allegations Relating to USCENTCOM Intelligence Products’”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Providing More Students a Pathway to Success by Strengthening Career and Technical Education”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Ways to Improve and Strengthen the International Anti-Doping System”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, markup on the committee’s views and estimates on the budget for fiscal year 2018; a motion to authorize the release of excerpts, with certain redactions, of the transcript of the deposition of Patrick Pinschmidt, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Issues and Opportunities in the Western Hemisphere”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Checking China’s Maritime Push”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “The Future of Counterterrorism: Addressing the Evolving Threat to Domestic Security”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “The Future of FEMA: Recommendations of Former Administrators”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on the committee’s budget views and estimates; H.R. 372, the “Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 1215, the “Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 111, directing the Attorney General to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the financial practices of the President, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1009, the “OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act”; and H.R. 1004, the “Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017”, 2 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “At What Cost? Examining the Social Cost of Carbon”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on the Fiscal Year 2018 budget views and estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; H.R. 1214, the “Disaster Simplified Assistance Value Enhancement Act”; H.R. 654, the “Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2017”; H.R. 1174, the “Fairness for Breast Feeding Mothers Act of 2017”; H.R. 1117, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to appli-

cants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster; H.R. 375, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 719 Church Street in Nashville, Tennessee, as the “Fred D. Thompson Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 28 through March 3, 2017

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Following disposition of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to be followed by the nomination of James Richard Perry, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy.

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 Armed Services*: March 1, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on global counterterrorism, 10:15 a.m., SVC–217.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine cyber strategy and policy, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on the Budget*: March 1, business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure for the 115th Congress, 10:30 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: March 1, to hold hearings to examine improving access to infrastructure for communities across the country, 10 a.m., SD–106.

March 2, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine the value of spectrum to the U.S. economy, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: March 1, to hold hearings to examine flood control infrastructure, focusing on safety questions raised by current events, 10:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance*: March 1, business meeting to consider the nomination of Seema Verma, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services, Department of Health and Human Services, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: February 28, to hold hearings to examine Iraq after Mosul, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Venezuela, focusing on options for U.S. policy, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the effects of border insecurity and immigration enforcement on American communities, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: February 28, to hold hearings to examine improving outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Charles R. Breyer, of California, and Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, each to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, S. 419, to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefits program, and committee rules of procedure for the 115th Congress, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: February 28, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SH-219, 2 p.m., SD-106.

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

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, March 1, Full Committee, markup on the budget views and estimates letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for fiscal year 2018, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, March 1, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Members' Day", 9:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing entitled "Members' Day", 10 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Cyber Warfare in the 21st Century: Threats, Challenges and Opportunities", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "U.S. Ground Force Capability

and Modernization Challenges in Eastern Europe", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Overview of Military Review Board Agencies", 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, March 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Members' Day", 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Improve Health Care Coverage and Provide Lower Costs for Families", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 2, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining FDA's Generic Drug and Biosimilar User Fee Programs", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 1, Full Committee, hearing on Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn. A portion of this hearing will be closed.

March 2, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Judgement Fund", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 1, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled "Modernizing Western Water and Power Infrastructure in the 21st Century", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 1, Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled "Examining Environmental Barriers to Infrastructure Development", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "VA: Path to Reform", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Transparency at TSA", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 1, Full Committee, markup on the "NIST Cybersecurity Framework, Assessment, and Auditing Act of 2017", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 1, Full Committee, markup on the committee's budget views and estimates for Fiscal Year 2018, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled "Learning from History: Ideas to Strengthen and Modernize the HUBZone Program", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 1, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: State of American Airports", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 2, Full Committee, business meeting on the committee's views and estimates, HVC-304. This meeting will be closed.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: February 28, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 28

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior, post-cloture.

*(At 8:20 p.m., Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber and proceed as a body to the Hall of the House for a Joint Session to receive an address from President Trump.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H.R. 998—Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act (Subject to a Rule). Joint Session with the Senate to receive an address from the President of the United States.

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