

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1649–S1702

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 563–585, S.J. Res. 35–36, and S. Res. 83–84. **Pages S1689–90**

Measures Passed:

Department of Education Rule: By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 83), Senate passed H.J. Res. 58, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to teacher preparation issues. **Pages S1651–66**

Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 496, to repeal the rule issued by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration entitled “Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1695**

Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield Memorial: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 1, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S1695**

International Women’s Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, supporting the goals of International Women’s Day. **Pages S1695–96**

Measures Considered:

Elementary and Secondary Education Act Rule—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 57, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to accountability and State plans under the Element-

tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Thursday, March 9, 2017, Senate continue consideration of the joint resolution, with the time equally divided in the usual form until 12 noon, and that at 12 noon, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution with no intervening action or debate; and that Senate then resume executive session for the consideration of Seema Verma, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1686**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 2017; and that 30 minutes of the Majority time on the joint resolution be under the control of Senator Blunt, or his designee. **Page S1696**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—83) **Page S1666**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1696.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUNDING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine investing in America, focusing on funding our nation's transportation infrastructure needs, after receiving testimony from David Bernhardt, Maine Department of Transportation Commissioner, Augusta, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials; Jim Tymon, American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, Ed Mortimer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Beth Osborne, Transportation for America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Todd Hauptli, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia.

SAVING LIVES THROUGH MEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine saving lives through medical research, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Eberlein, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri; Thomas J. Grabowski Jr., University of Washington Memory and Brain Wellness Center, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Integrated Brain Imaging Center, Seattle; Stacey Schultz-Cherry, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Department of Infectious Diseases, Memphis, Tennessee; and Jennifer M. Sasser, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson.

CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity received a closed briefing on cybersecurity from the Defense Science Board from Craig I. Fields, Chairman, Defense Science Board; David S. C. Chu, Institute for Defense Analyses; Christine H. Fox, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory; Paul J. Hooper, OnPoint Technologies, Inc.; John L. Manferdelli, Google; James N. Miller, Adaptive Strategies LLC; and Robert F. Nesbit, MITRE Corporation's Center for Integrated Intelligence System.

GLOBAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the global nuclear weapons environment, after receiving testimony from General C. Robert Kehler, USAF (Ret.), former Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense; Keith B. Payne, Missouri State University Defense Strategic Studies; and Gary S. Samore, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

FCC OVERSIGHT

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

NUCLEAR ENERGY INNOVATION AND MODERNIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 512, to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy, after receiving testimony from Allison Bawden, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Maria G. Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Ashley E. Finan, Nuclear Innovation Alliance, Boston, Massachusetts; Christina Back, General Atomics, San Diego, California; and Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Portman, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INDIAN AFFAIRS PRIORITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian affairs priorities for the Trump Administration, after receiving testimony from Ryan K. Zinke, Secretary of the Interior; Alvin Not Afraid, Jr., Crow Nation, Crow Agency, Montana; Keith B. Anderson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Prior Lake, Minnesota; Jefferson Keel, Chicksaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma; and Paul Torres, All Pueblo Council of Governors, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R.1420–1441; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86; and H. Res. 178–183, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 111, a resolution of inquiry directing the Attorney General to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the financial practices of the President, with an amendment; adversely (H. Rept. 115–28); and

H. Res. 180, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 720) to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 985) to amend the procedures used in Federal court class actions and multidistrict litigation proceedings to assure fairer, more efficient outcomes for claimants and defendants, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–29).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Amending title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 175, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 725) to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 130, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 129.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Hoyer motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 127 ayes to 295 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 132.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the McGovern motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 277 noes, Roll No. 134.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Takano motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 135.

Pages H1940–41

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017: The House passed H.R. 1301, making appro-

priations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, by a yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 136.

Pages H1621–H1942

H. Res. 174, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1301) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 133, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 131.

Pages H1604–11, H1618, H1619–20

Suspensions: The House considered the following measure under suspension of the Rules:

Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2017: H.R. 132, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and appurtenances of the Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma, to the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District.

Pages H1942–43

Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Raskin motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 314 yeas to 98 nays, Roll No. 137.

Pages H1943–44

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1616–17, H1617, H1618, H1618–19, H1619–20, H1620, H1940–41, H1941–42, and H1943–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Members’ Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barragán, Carter of Georgia, Comer, Crawford, Crist, Foster, Gosar, Gene Green of Texas, Huizenga, Jackson Lee, Johnson of Louisiana, Mast, Nolan, Panetta, Polis, Francis Rooney of Florida, Tipton, Watson Coleman, and Wilson of South Carolina.

PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing for public witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on quality of life in the military. Testimony was heard from Daniel A. Dailey, Sergeant Major, U.S. Army; Steven S. Giordano, Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy; Ronald L. Green, Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corps; and Kalth O. Wright, Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force.

MILITARY ASSESSMENT OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Military Assessment of Nuclear Deterrence Requirements”. Testimony was heard from General John Hyten, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Admiral Bill Moran, U.S. Navy, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; General Paul Selva, U.S. Air Force, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and General Stephen Wilson, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

THE CURRENT STATE OF U.S. ARMY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The Current State of U.S. Army Readiness”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Army officials: Lieutenant General Joseph Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7; Lieutenant General Gwendolyn Bingham, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management; and Lieutenant General Aundre F. Piggee, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4.

AN INDEPENDENT FLEET ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S. NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “An Independent Fleet Assessment of the U.S. Navy”. Testimony was heard from Charles Werchado, Deputy Director, Assessment Division (N81B), U.S. Navy; Rear Admiral Lower Half Jesse Wilson, Jr., Director, Assessment Division (OPNAV N81), U.S. Navy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1304, the “Self-Insurance Protection Act”; H.R. 1101, the “Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1313, the “Preserving Employee Wellness Programs Act”. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1101, H.R. 1313, and H.R. 1304.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on a committee print of Budget Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Repeal and Replace of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and H. Res. 154, of inquiry requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives relating to plans to repeal or replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the health-related measures of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 876, the “Aviation Employee Screening and Security Enhancement Act of 2017”; H.R. 1238, the “Securing our Agriculture and Food Act”; H.R. 1249, the “DHS Multiyear Acquisition Strategy Act of 2017”; H.R. 1252, the “DHS Acquisition Authorities Act of 2017”; H.R. 1258, the “HSA Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 1282, the “DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2017”; H.R. 1294, the “Reducing DHS Acquisition Cost Growth Act”; H.R. 1297, the “Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Corrections Act of 2017”; H.R. 1302, the “Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act of 2017”; H.R. 1309, the “TSA Administrator Modernization Act of 2017”; H.R. 1353, the “Transparency in Technological Acquisitions Act of 2017”; H.R. 1370, the “Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 1372, the “Homeland Security for Children Act”; and H.R. 1365, the “Department of Homeland Security Acquisition Innovation Act”. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1294, H.R. 1297, H.R. 1302, H.R. 1309, H.R. 1353, H.R. 1238, H.R. 1249, and H.R. 1258. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 876, H.R. 1252, H.R. 1282, H.R. 1370, H.R. 1372, and H.R. 1365.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 173, a committee funding resolution. H. Res. 173 was ordered reported, without amendment.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S PROPOSED REGULATIONS REFORMING THE INVESTOR VISA PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Department of Homeland Security’s Proposed Regulations Reforming the Investor Visa Program”. Testimony was heard from Senators Grassley and Leahy; Rebecca Gambler, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1293, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; H.R. 1364, the “Official Time Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 653, the “Federal Intern Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 680, the “Eliminating Pornography from Agencies Act”; H. Res. 38, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that offices attached to the seat of Government should not be required to exercise their offices in the District of Columbia; the “SOAR Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 745, the “Federal Records Modernization Act of 2017”; and the “Electronic Message Preservation Act of 2017”.

EXAMINING IRS CUSTOMER SERVICE CHALLENGES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules held a joint hearing entitled “Examining IRS Customer Service Challenges”. Testimony was heard from John Dalrymple, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; Russell Martin, Assistant Inspector General, Returns Processing and Account Services, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and Jessica Lucas-Judy, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2017; FAIRNESS IN CLASS ACTION LITIGATION ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 720, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2017”; H.R. 985, the “Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2017”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 720. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. 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 part A of 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 part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 985. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule Makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–5 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of 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 part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte and Representatives Cohen and Johnson of Georgia.

REGULATING SPACE: INNOVATION, LIBERTY, AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Regulating Space: Innovation, Liberty, and International Obligations”. Testimony was heard from Henry B. Hogue, Specialist in American National Government, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS CYBERSECURITY: FEDERAL RESOURCES AND COORDINATION

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Small Business Cybersecurity: Federal Resources and Coordination”. Testimony was heard from Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Acting Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Chuck Romine, Director Information Technology Lab, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: AIR TRANSPORTATION IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Air Transportation in the United States in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee began a markup on Budget Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Remuneration from Certain Insurers; Budget Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Repeal of Tanning Tax; Budget Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Repeal of Certain Consumer Taxes; Budget Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Repeal of Net Investment Income Tax; Budget Reconciliation Legislative Recommendations Relating to Repeal and Replace of Health-Related Tax Policy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 369, to eliminate the sunset of the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1181, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; H.R. 1259, the “VA Accountability First Act of 2017”; H.R. 1367, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physician and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 1379, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the entitlement to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for members of the Armed Forces awarded the Purple Heart. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 369 and H.R. 1379. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1181, H.R. 1259, and H.R. 1367.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Africa Command, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 327, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide a safe harbor related to certain investment fund research reports, S. 444, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company, S. 462, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to refund or credit certain excess payments made to the Commission, S. 484, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to terminate an exemption for companies located in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and any other possession of the United States, and S. 488, to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensatory benefit plans, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of David Friedman, of New York, to be Ambassador to Israel; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine resolving the conflict in Yemen, focusing on U.S. interests, risks, and policy, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency use of science in the rulemaking process, focusing on proposals for improving transparency and accountability, 10:15 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 419, to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers' Benefits program, and the nominations of Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021, 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 multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:10 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Rural Development and Energy Programs”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Specialty Crops”, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 2 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 9:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Management Challenges at the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and the Social Security Administration: Views from the Inspectors General”, 10 a.m., 2358–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, oversight hearing on Department of State and Foreign Operations Programs, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Nuclear Deterrence—the Defense Science Board’s Perspective”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Ethics, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 2 p.m., 1015 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Flood Insurance Reform: FEMA’s Perspective”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 910, the “Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2017”; H.R. 1219, the “Supporting America’s Innovators Act of 2017”; H.R. 1257, the “Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act”; the “US Territories Investor Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 1343, the “Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1312, the “Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act”, 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Undermining Democratic Institutions and Splintering NATO: Russian Disinformation Aims”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Democracy Under Threat in Ethiopia”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “The Current State of DHS Private Sector Engagement for Cybersecurity”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Improving and Expanding Infrastructure in Tribal and Insular Communities”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reviewing ATF’s Failures in the Death of ICE Agent Jaime Zapata”; markup on H.R. 1293, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees; the “Official Time Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 653, the “Federal Intern Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 680, the “Eliminating Pornography from Agencies Act”; H. Res. 38, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that offices attached to the seat of Government should not be required to exercise their offices in the District of Columbia; the “SOAR Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 745, the “Federal Records Modernization Act of 2017”; and the “Electronic Message Preservation Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “National Science Foundation Part I: Overview and Oversight”, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the “Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment Act of 2017”; and the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017”, 9:30 a.m., 2321 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations titled, hearing entitled “An Overview of SBA’s 7(a) Loan Program”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: The Role of Federal Agencies in Water Infrastructure”, 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 multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 57, Elementary and Secondary Education Act Rule, with a vote on passage of the joint resolution at approximately 12 noon. Following which, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Seema Verma, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 725—Innocent Party Protection Act. Consideration of H.R. 985—Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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