

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4633–S4695

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1682–1699, S.J. Res. 48, and S. Res. 237–241. **Pages S4667–68**

Measures Reported:

S. 504, to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program. (S. Rept. No. 115–140)

S. 81, to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors. (S. Rept. No. 115–141)

S. 1311, to provide assistance in abolishing human trafficking in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1312, to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4667**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Production of Records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 237, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S4635**

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 860, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4649–59**

Grassley Amendment No. 741, relative to the reauthorization and improvement of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.

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Power And Security Systems (PASS) Act: Senate passed S. 190, to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems. **Page S4681**

Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act: Senate passed S. 178, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4681–84**

Portman (for Grassley) Amendment No. 742, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4681**

READ Act: Senate passed H.R. 601, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4684–86**

Portman (for Rubio) Amendment No. 743, to add provisions regarding the promotion of United States values and the reduction of childhood exposure to extremist ideologies. **Page S4686**

Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4686–87**

Portman (for Murkowski/Cantwell) Amendment No. 744, to permit the extension of 350 non-immigrant permits for workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Page S4686**

Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center: Senate passed H.R. 2210, to designate the community living center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butler Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center”.

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Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2288, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Portman (for Isakson) Amendment No. 745, in the nature of a substitute.

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Office of Special Counsel Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 582, to reauthorize the Office of Special Counsel, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Portman (for Johnson) Amendment No. 746, to permit an Inspector General to withhold certain material from the Office of Special Counsel if the material is derived from, or pertains to, intelligence activities.

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POWER Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 717, to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence, and the bill was then passed.

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National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month and Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 203, designating the month of June 2017, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month” and June 27, 2017, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 194, designating June 15, 2017, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Juneteenth Independence Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 214, designating June 19, 2017, as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in recognition of

June 19, 1865, the date on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Collector Car Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 215, designating July 14, 2017, as Collector Car Appreciation Day and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 231, designating July 30, 2017, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Honoring July 2016 Dallas Police Shooting Victims: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 213, honoring the memory of Dallas Police Department Senior Corporal Lorne Ahrens, Sergeant Michael Smith, Officer Michael Krol, Officer Patrick Zamarripa, and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Officer Brent Thompson, who were killed during the attack in Dallas, Texas, that occurred 1 year ago, on July 7, 2016, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Airborne Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 233, designating August 16, 2017, as “National Airborne Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Lobster Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 221, designating September 25, 2017, as “National Lobster Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins: Senate agreed to S. Res. 239, congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins for winning the 2017 Stanley Cup hockey championship.

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Congratulating the University of Florida baseball team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 240, congratulating the University of Florida baseball team for winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association College World Series.

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National Purple Heart Recognition Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 241, supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day.

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Rapid DNA Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 510,

to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4695**

Measures Considered:

FDA Reauthorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2430, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products. **Pages S4663–64**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S4663**

House Messages:

VA Choice and Quality Employment Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 114, to authorize appropriations and to appropriate amounts for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve hiring authorities of the Department, to authorize major medical facility leases. **Page S4686**

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the papers with respect to H.J. Res. 76, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, be returned to the House of Representatives at their request. **Page S4640**

Kaplan Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S4695**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 181), Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a term of ten years. **Pages S4644–49**

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 182), Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S4649**

Elaine McCusker, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Robert Daigle, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Robert R. Hood, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Richard V. Spencer, of Wyoming, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Lucian Niemeyer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Ellen M. Lord, of Rhode Island, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. **Page S4695**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Executive Communications: **Page S4666**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S4666–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S4668–69**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S4669–74**

Additional Statements: **Pages S4665–66**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4674–81**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4681**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Page S4649**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4695.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, focusing on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Council perspectives, after receiving testimony from

Chris W. Oliver, Assistant Administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and John M. Quinn, New England Fishery Management Council, Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

SUPERFUND PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund program, after receiving testimony from Steven C. Nadeau, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, Detroit, Michigan; Jeffery A. Steers, Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, Richmond, Virginia; and Katherine N. Probst, McLean, Virginia.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's affordable housing crisis, focusing on challenges and solutions, after receiving testimony from Daniel Garcia-Diaz, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Grant Whitaker, Utah Housing Corporation, on behalf of the National Council of State Housing Agencies, and Granger MacDonald, National Association of Home Builders, both of Washington, D.C.; Katherine M. O'Regan, New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service Furman Center for Real Es-

tate and Urban Policy, New York, New York; and Kirk McClure, University of Kansas School of Public Affairs and Administration Urban Planning Program, Lawrence.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Stephen B. King, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lance Allen Robertson, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Brett Giroir, of Texas, and Robert P. Kadlec, of New York, both to be a Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Elinore F. McCance-Katz, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, all of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Jerome M. Adams, of Indiana, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, who was introduced by Senator Young, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R.3633–3640, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6585**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Roger Williams (H. Rept. 115–271); and

Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Ben Ray Lujan (H. Rept. 115–272). **Page H6584**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Long to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6583**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Skyline Wesleyan Church, San Diego, CA. **Page H6583**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Ms. Lori Schwartz of Omaha, Nebraska. **Page H6583**

Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors: Mr. Elliot Berke of Arlington, Virginia. **Page H6583**

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development—Appointment: The Chair

announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years: Mrs. Martha Roby of Montgomery, Alabama.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representative Womack.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Rostin Behnam, of New Jersey, Brian D. Quintenz, of Ohio, and Dawn DeBerry Stump, of Texas, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 374, to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products, S. 754, to support meeting our Nation's growing cybersecurity workforce needs by expanding the cybersecurity education pipeline, S. 1322, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, S. 1425, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, S. 1532, to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking, S. 1536, to designate a human trafficking prevention coordinator and to expand the scope of activities authorized under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's outreach and education program to include human trafficking prevention activities, S. 1586, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmos-

phere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, S. 1621, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a methodology for the collection by the Commission of information about commercial mobile service and commercial mobile data service, and the nominations of Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, and Brendan Carr, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, David J. Redl, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Peter B. Davidson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Elizabeth Erin Walsh, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, all of the Department of Commerce, Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Mark H. Buzby, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, and Ronald L. Batory, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation, and Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine increasing water security and drought preparedness through infrastructure, management, and innovation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters consolidation project, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine assessing the Colombia peace process, focusing on the way forward in United States-Colombia relations; to be immediately followed by a full committee hearing to examine the nomination of Doug Manchester, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the Authorizations for the Use of Military Force, focusing on Administration perspectives, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Lance Allen Robertson, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Brett Giroir, of Texas, and Robert P. Kadlec, of New York, both to be a Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Elinore F. McCance-Katz, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, all of the Department of Health and Human Services, Jerome M. Adams, of Indiana, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, and Heather L.

MacDougall, of Florida, and James J. Sullivan, Jr., of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 11 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider S. 154, to amend the Small Business Act to ensure small businesses affected by the onset of transmissible diseases are eligible for disaster relief, S. 650, to amend the Small Business Act to expand tax credit education and training for small businesses that engage in research and development, S. 690, to extend the eligibility of redesignated areas as HUBZones from 3

years to 7 years, S. 929, to improve the HUBZone program, S. 1038, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit to Congress a report on the utilization of small businesses with respect to certain Federal contracts, and S. 1428, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, 11 a.m., S-219, Capitol.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through July 31, 2017

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	117	115	..
Time in session	744 hrs., 49'	543 hrs., 38'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	4,631	6,582	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,104	..
Public bills enacted into law	14	29	43
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	177	432	609
Senate bills	25	11	..
House bills	17	281	..
Senate joint resolutions	7	5	..
House joint resolutions	14	19	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	4	..
House concurrent resolutions	5	9	..
Simple resolutions	105	103	..
Measures reported, total	*179	*268	447
Senate bills	133	1	..
House bills	21	195	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	3	..
Simple resolutions	23	67	..
Special reports	12	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	162	49	..
Measures introduced, total	1,976	4,319	6,295
Bills	1,671	3,632	..
Joint resolutions	47	116	..
Concurrent resolutions	22	76	..
Simple resolutions	236	495	..
Quorum calls	3	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	180	206	..
Recorded votes .....	..	231	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 139 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 198 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through July 31, 2017

Civilian nominations, totaling 311, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		56
Unconfirmed		227
Withdrawn		28
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 710, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		698
Unconfirmed		12
Air Force nominations, totaling 3,081, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		3,074
Unconfirmed		7
Army nominations, totaling 5,429, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,179
Unconfirmed		250
Navy nominations, totaling 2,091, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,671
Unconfirmed		420
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,311, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,310
Unconfirmed		1
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session		0
Total nominations received this Session		12,933
Total confirmed		11,988
Total unconfirmed		917
Total withdrawn		28
Total returned to the White House		0

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Wednesday, August 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
1 p.m., Friday, August 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 11 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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