

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4971–S5021

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1765–1768, S.J. Res. 49, and S. Con. Res. 23. **Page S5004**

Measures Reported:

S. 1631, to authorize the Department of State for Fiscal Year 2018, with amendments.

S. 1697, to condition assistance to the West Bank and Gaza on steps by the Palestinian Authority to end violence and terrorism against Israeli citizens and United States Citizens, with amendments. **Page S5004**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II. **Pages S5016–17**

Honoring Military and Contract Working Dogs: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 160, honoring the service to United States Armed Forces provided by military working dogs and contract working dogs, also known as “war dogs”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5017**

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act: Senate passed S. 652, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5017**

SMASH Act: Senate passed S. 849, to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5018–19**

National Clinical Care Commission Act: Senate passed S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care

Commission, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5019–20**

Gardner (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 807, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5019–20**

Social Security Fraud Prevention Act: Senate passed H.R. 624, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on Federal documents sent by mail. **Page S5020**

John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1359, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Page S5020**

House Messages:

Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany 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, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5020–21**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill with McConnell Amendment No. 808 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5020**

McConnell Amendment No. 809 (to Amendment No. 808), to change the enactment date. **Page S5021**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment (No. 6) to the bill with McConnell Amendment No. 808 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 8, 2017. **Pages S5020–21**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 7, 2017. **Page S5021**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Katherine Brunett McGuire, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Jeff Tien Han Pon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

Randy Reeves, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

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Messages from the House: **Page S5003**

Measures Referred: **Page S5003**

Measures Read the First Time: **Page S5003**

Executive Communications: **Pages S5003–04**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S5004–06**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S5001–02**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5006–16**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5016**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:31 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5021.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018".

FCC LIFELINE PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine address-

ing the risk of waste, fraud, and abuse in the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Program, after receiving testimony from Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Chris Nelson, South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner, Pierre; and Deborah Collier, Citizens Against Government Waste, Jeffrey A. Eisenach, American Enterprise Institute, and Jessica J. Gonzalez, Free Press and Free Press Action Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

U.S.-TURKEY RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine priorities and challenges in the United States-Turkey relationship, after receiving testimony from Steven A. Cook, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.; and Amanda Sloat, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the history and current reality of the United States health care system, after receiving testimony from Melissa Thomasson, Miami University Farmer School of Business, Oxford, Ohio; Katherine Baicker, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Chicago, Illinois; and Sabrina Corlette, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center on Health Insurance Reforms, Washington, D.C.

STABILIZING INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals on the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on state insurance commissioners, after receiving testimony from John D. Doak, Oklahoma Department of Insurance, Tulsa; Mike Kreidler, Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Olympia; Julie Mix McPeak, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Nashville; Teresa Miller, Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Harrisburg; and Lori Wing-Heier, Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Anchorage.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Young, Joan Louise Larsen, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, William L. Campbell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, to be United

States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, who were both introduced by Senator Corker, and Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an

Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3681–3691; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 502–507, were introduced. **Pages H7088–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7089–90**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2997, to transfer operation of air traffic services currently provided by the Federal Aviation Administration to a separate not-for-profit corporate entity, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–296); and

H. Res. 504, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–297).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ross to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6657**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 182 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 444. **Pages H6657, H6694–95**

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

Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act: H. Res. 502, providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments, with an amendment, to 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, and to eliminate duplication and waste, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 441; and **Pages H6660–67, H6677–78**

Designating Each Car's Automation Level Act: H.R. 3388, amended, to provide for information on highly automated driving systems to be made available to prospective buyers; **Pages H6667–77**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 49, United States Code, regarding the authority of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration over highly automated vehicles, to provide safety measures for such vehicles, and for other purposes." **Page H6677**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m. **Page H6678**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018: The House considered H.R. 3354, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 7th. **Pages H6695–H7072, H7072–87**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–31, modified by Rules Committee Print 115–32 and the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–295, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H6849**

Agreed to:

Aderholt en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295: Curbelo (No. 1) that appropriates \$1.5 million for Oriental Fruit Fly research; the offset will be Departmental Administration under the Office of the Secretary account; Graves (LA) (No. 2) that reduces the Department of Agriculture expense account by \$400,000, and increases the Animal and Plant Inspection Services accounts by \$400,000 to control the outbreaks of insect and plant diseases; Soto (No. 3) that increases funding for Specialty Crop Pest Program by \$1,000,000 for the Huanglongbing Multi-Agency Coordination efforts; Bera (No. 4) that increases funding for Watershed Flood Prevention Operations by \$2 million, with the increase intended to support the Emergency Watershed Protection Program; Mast (No. 5) that increases Natural Resources Conservation Service by \$5.6 million to FY17 appropriated level to support several programs for environmentally sustainable agriculture

and toxic runoff mitigation; Mast (No. 6) that increase National Institute of Food and Agriculture by \$2 million to support the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative's plan to expand postdoctoral research, prevention and monitoring of Harmful Algal Blooms with 16 of the additional 305 fellowships requested in FY18; Nolan (No. 7) that increases the USDA's Rural Broadband Program Loan Subsidy funding by \$479,000, offset with a reduction to general Rural Development administrative expenses; Mast (No. 8) that increases the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point program by \$1.5 million to continue research on human impact of contaminated seafood; Young (IA) (No. 9) that strikes language that would prevent the U.S. Department of Agriculture from using Commodity Credit Corporation funds to purchase, produce, or defray the costs of alternative fuels under its memorandum of understanding with the Department of Defense; Jackson Lee (No. 13) that prohibits use of funds by the National Park Service in contravention of section 320101 of title 54, United States Code which provides that it is a national policy to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings, and objects of national significance for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States, especially as it relates to National Heritage Areas (NHAs); Moore (No. 19) that prohibits funds from being provided to entities that contravene 42 usc 1758 (b) (10) or 7 cfr 245.8, barring recipients of federal aid from having policies that overtly identify or stigmatize certain potential recipients of school meal subsidies; and Soto (No. 20) that increases the funding of the Grassroots Source Water Protection Program by \$500,000; **Pages H7035–37**

Cicilline amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that strikes language that restricts funding for Executive Order 13547, National Ocean Policy; **Pages H7037–38**

Rodney Davis (IL) amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that prohibits the use of funds provided by the Act to be used to revoke exceptions made pursuant to the rule entitled "Exceptions to Geographic Areas for Official Agencies Under the USGSA" on a date before April 14, 2017; **Pages H7038–39**

Hartzler amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that prohibits USDA from using funds to implement the Paid Lunch Equity provision in the National School Lunch Act; **Pages H7040–41**

King (IA) amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that ensures that no funds may be used on new hires who have not been verified through the E-Verify program, except for an employee compensated under a local compensation

plan established under section 408 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980; **Pages H7042–43**

Diaz-Balart en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295: DeSaulnier (No. 23) that adds funding for the University Transportation Center program; Hanabusa (No. 24) that increases funding for Assistance to Small Shipyards by \$7 million; Torres (No. 27) that provides the authorized funding level for Section 1441 for the 2015 FAST Act, the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Demonstration program; Lowey (No. 30) that provides \$1 million to support medical fitness standards for critical safety personnel on interstate railways; Nolan (No. 31) that reduces, and then restores funding for the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Grants by \$500,000,000; Torres (No. 34) that provides the authorized funding level for MAP–21 Section's 20005(b) & FAST Act's Section 3016 FAST Act, the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning; Nolan (No. 35) that reduces, and then restores funding for the Capital Investment Grant program, which is the Federal Transit Agency's primary grant program for funding major transit capital investments, including heavy rail, commuter rail, light rail, street-cars, and bus rapid transit; Velázquez (No. 40) that increases the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Public Housing Capital Fund by \$2,000,000; Tenney (No. 41) that increases funding to the Community Development Block Grants program by \$10 million and reduces the public housing operating fund allocation by \$10 million; Nadler (No. 42) that increases funding for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS by \$19 million; the increase is offset by reducing the HUD Information Technology fund by the same amount; Knight (No. 43) that increases the Community Development Fund by \$100,000,000; DeSaulnier (No. 45) that adds funds for Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing program; Soto (No. 47) that increases funding for Housing for the Elderly by \$2.5 million; and Nolan (No. 60) that restores the FAA's Small Community Air Service Development Program at \$10,000,000, which provides grant subsidies for airports in smaller rural communities looking to create or expand new air service in places where access to the national air transportation system is limited; **Pages H7043–44**

Lipinski amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that decreases the Office of the Secretary of Transportation Salaries and Expenses account by \$9,000,000 and increases the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Salaries and

Expenses account by the same amount for the purpose of expanding NHTSA's connected and automated vehicles oversight and regulatory capabilities;

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Woodall amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that ensures greater flexibility for state departments of transportation to make targeted recissions;

Pages H7046–47

Carbajal amendment (No. 37 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that provides \$1,000,000 to PHMSA for the finalization of an automatic valve shut-off safety rule;

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Courtney amendment (No. 44 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that provides funding in the Community Development Block Grant program to examine the application of grant funds to mitigating and remediating the effects of pyrrhotite-related residential damage;

Pages H7052–53

Stivers amendment (No. 48 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that increases funding for Administrative Enforcement Initiative by reducing funding from Private Enforcement Initiative;

Pages H7053–54

Thompson (PA) amendment (No. 49 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that prohibits funds to be used for establishing or collecting tolls on I-80 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

Pages H7054–55

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 52 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that provides that the Secretary may make grants to State and local authorities for the purpose of undertaking capital projects;

Pages H7056–58

Herrera-Beutler amendment (No. 53 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that states no Funds can be used to establish or collect tolls on Interstate 5 or Interstate 205 in the state of Washington or Oregon;

Pages H7058–59

Barr amendment (No. 55 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that prohibits funding for HUD's rule on "On-Site Completion of Construction of Manufactured Homes," their "Interpretative Bulletin for Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards Foundation requirements in Freezing Temperature Areas Under CFR 3285.312(b)," and any implementation of the June 2014 memorandum titled "Construction of On-Site Installation of Add-Ons, such as an Attached Garage";

Pages H7060–61

Perry amendment (No. 57 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that prohibits the use of funds for the NHTSA and FMCSA to finalize the notice of proposed rulemaking regarding speed limiting devices (81 Fed. Reg. 61941);

Pages H7061–62

King (IA) amendment (No. 59 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that ensures that no funds

may be used on new hires who have not been verified through the E-Verify program;

Pages H7063–64

Smith (MO) amendment (No. 56 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that prevents funds from being used for a State, or local government entity or official if that entity prohibits, or in any way restricts, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 455);

Pages H7061, H7071

Carter (TX) en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295: Keating (No. 61) that provides funds for the FEMA National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund to support regional-level NFIP Community Rating System coordinators; Swalwell (CA) (No. 62) that increases by \$10 million the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Research and Development account for the purpose of TSA conducting evaluations and pilot testing of technology to detect intrusions on airport perimeters, offset by a \$10 million reduction in the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Secretary and Executive Management account; Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) (No. 64) that increases DHS Urban Areas Security Initiative by \$5 million and reduces DHS Office of the Secretary and Executive Management Operations and Support by the same amount; Higgins (No. 65) that increases funding to the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office Federal Assistance account by \$1 million to address radiological and nuclear detection training and equipment for state and local law enforcement and first responders; Delaney (No. 67) that funds the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center, Chemical Security Analysis Center, and National Urban Security Technology Laboratory and is offset by a reduction in Management Directorate, Operations and Support account; Bilirakis (No. 68) that adds \$5 million for "International Investigations" (sub account International Operations and Visa Security Program) for the purpose of Visa Security Program; it is intended to provide ICE additional funds to establish 2 Visa Security Posts in high risk areas; Pascrell (No. 69) that provides \$1 million for the State Fire Training Assistance Grant Program, and reduce funds for the Department of Homeland Security Management Directorate, Operations and Support by \$1 million; Kildee (No. 72) that adds \$20 million to the SAFER Grant program ("Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants"); Correa (No. 73) that reduces funding for ICE—Operations and Support (Enforcement and Removal Operations) by \$10,000,000 and increases

funding for U.S. Customs and Border Protections (Canine Teams for drug interdiction at the Border) by the same amount; Latta (No. 79), as modified, that allows the Department of Homeland Security's National Programs and Protection Directorate to use funds already allocated to the Department by the underlying bill to partner with rental car agencies for the purpose of strengthening background checks to guard against potential terrorists; Torres (No. 82) that prevents funds from being used in contravention of Section of 235B of the Immigration and Nationality Act to prevent an individual who presents themselves at a port of entry to the United States from taking such actions as may be necessary for purposes of applying for asylum; Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) (No. 86) that prohibits funds from being used for the establishments of anchorages on the Hudson River between Yonkers, New York and Kingston, New York; and Jackson Lee (No. 89) that prohibits the use of funds to limit the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance the use of Federal air marshals on inbound international flights considered to be high risk by the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H7072–74**

Michelle Lujan Girsham (NM) amendment (No. 63 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that prioritizes funding within the DHS Office of the Secretary to complete a study on the treatment of detainees and the conditions of private detention centers; **Pages H7074–75**

Fitzpatrick amendment (No. 70 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that increases funding to the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, to meet their budgetary request, so they may fully execute their mission of rectifying fraud, waste, and abuse; **Page H7076**

Zeldin amendment (No. 85 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that lifts the ban on striped bass fishing in the Block Island Transit Zone between Montauk, NY and Block Island, RI; and **Pages H7085–86**

King (IA) amendment (No. 88 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295), as modified, that ensures that no funds be used on new hires who have not been verified through the E-Verify program. **Pages H7086–87**

Rejected:

Mitchell amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to reduce by 10% general administrative and departmental salary and expense accounts in Division H, and transfers the savings to the Spending Reduction Account; **Pages H7044–45**

King (IA) amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to ensure that no funds are used to implement, administer, or enforce

the Davis-Bacon Act (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 445); **Pages H7039–40, H7064–65**

Carter (GA) amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Food and Drug Administration to finalize, implement, or enforce the draft standard memorandum of understanding made available for public comment on February 19, 2015, entitled “Draft Memorandum of Understanding Addressing Certain Distributions of Compounded Human Drug Products Between the State of [Insert State] and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration” (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 446); **Pages H7041–42, H7065**

McClintock amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to reduce funding for the Essential Air Service program by \$150 million and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 447); **Pages H7045–46, H7065–66**

Budd amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to eliminate a \$900 million allocation for the upgrade of an Amtrak rail line between Newark and New York City by increasing funding for national New Starts Projects by \$400 million and applying savings from the elimination of the TIGER Grant program to deficit reduction (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 448); **Pages H7047–49, H7066–67**

Brooks (AL) amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to defund Amtrak (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 293 noes, Roll No. 449); **Pages H7049–50, H7067**

Rosen amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to increase funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (NeighborWorks America) by \$35M, bringing total NeighborWorks appropriations to the same level as FY16 (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 450); **Pages H7050–52, H7067–68**

Grothman amendment (No. 39 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to decrease the funding for the Public and Indian Housing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program by \$177,362,500, excluding veterans, elderly, and the disabled (by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 451); **Pages H7052, H7068–69**

Grothman amendment (No. 46 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to decrease funding for the Project-Based Rental Assistance Housing Program by \$266,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 452); **Pages H7053, H7069**

King (IA) amendment (No. 51 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to ensure that no funds are used to implement, administer, or enforce

the Davis-Bacon Act (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 453); **Pages H7055–56, H7069–70**

Grothman amendment (No. 54 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to reduce the funding level for the Department of Housing and Urban Development by two percent (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 454);

Pages H7059–60, H7070–71

Babin amendment (No. 58 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement or enforce the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) mandate (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 456);

Pages H7062–63, H7071–72

Jayapal amendment (No. 66 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to strike the \$535 million increase for ICE enforcement and adds \$30 million to ICE's Office of the Inspector General and \$10 million to the Department's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and **Pages H7075–76**

Torres amendment (No. 78 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that sought to strike Section 209 of Division E, which grants the Secretary of Homeland Security authority to reprogram or transfer funds for the purpose of detaining aliens prioritized for removal. **Pages H7081–82**

Withdrawn:

Kildee amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program by \$100 million, reduced FAA Operations/Air Traffic Control by the same amount; and **Page H7046**

Soto amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the Small Starts program by \$48 million. **Page H7050**

Point of Order sustained against:

Representative Goodlatte raised a point of order against the content of the measure. Representative Goodlatte stated that the measure sought to change existing law and constituted legislation on an appropriations bill in violation of clause 2 of rule 21. The Chair sustained the point of order. **Page H7035**

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Representative Waters appealed the ruling of the Chair. The question was then put on sustaining the ruling of the Chair, and by voice vote it was agreed that the decision of the Chair shall stand as the judgement of the Committee. **Page H7035**

Proceedings Postponed:

Castro (TX) amendment (No. 71 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that seeks to increase funding for the CBP Camera Technology Initiative;

Pages H7076–77

Roybal-Allard amendment (No. 74 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that seeks to reduce funding for ICE—Operations and Support (Enforcement and Removal Operations) by \$849,500,000 and increases funding for Coast Guard—Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements (Polar Icebreaker) by the same amount;

Page H7077–78

Castro (TX) amendment (No. 75 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that seeks to increase funding for ICE to incorporate body-worn cameras;

Pages H7078–80

Correa amendment (No. 76 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that seeks to reduce funding for ICE—Operations and Support (Enforcement and Removal Operations) by \$100,000,000 and increase funding for Coast Guard—Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements (cutters for drug interdiction) by the same amount;

Page H7080

Hunter amendment (No. 77 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that seeks to transfer \$5 million dollars from the Coast Guard's Operations Expenses to its Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Account, for the purpose of supporting Coast Guard Icebreaker sea trials;

Pages H7080–81

King (IA) amendment (No. 80 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295), as modified, that seeks to ensure that no funds are used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act; **Pages H7082–83**

Castro (TX) amendment (No. 81 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that seeks to prohibit the use of privatized immigration detention facilities; and

Pages H7083–84

Jayapal amendment (No. 84 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–295) that seeks to prohibit funding from being used to expand or build new detention facilities. **Pages H7084–85**

H. Res. 500, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 443, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 442.

Pages H6678–94

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of Hurricane Harvey. **Page H7065**

Senate Referral: S. 1107 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6660.

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6677, H6693–94, H6694, H6694–95, H7064–65, H7065, H7065–66, H7066–67, H7067, H7067–68, H7068–69, H7069, H7069–70, H7070–71, H7071, and H7071–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:32 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

Committee Meetings

THE SHARING ECONOMY: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION AND FLEXIBILITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Sharing Economy: Creating Opportunities for Innovation and Flexibility”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POWERING AMERICA: REEVALUATING PURPA’S OBJECTIVES AND ITS EFFECTS ON TODAY’S CONSUMERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Powering America: Reevaluating PURPA’s Objectives and its Effects on Today’s Consumers”. Testimony was heard from Darwin Baas, Director, Department of Public Works, Kent County, Michigan; Kristine Raper, Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission; and public witnesses.

EPA OVERSIGHT: UNIMPLEMENTED INSPECTOR GENERAL AND GAO RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “EPA Oversight: Unimplemented Inspector General and GAO Recommendations”. Testimony was heard from Alfredo Gómez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Alan S. Larsen, Counsel to the Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

LOW COST, HIGH IMPACT: COMBATTING THE FINANCING OF LONE-WOLF AND SMALL-SCALE TERRORIST ATTACKS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance held a hearing entitled “Low Cost, High Impact: Combatting the Financing

of Lone-Wolf and Small-Scale Terrorist Attacks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 2661, the “State Mineral Revenue Protection Act”; H.R. 2907, the “Planning for American Energy Act”; and H.R. 3565, the “Federal Land Freedom Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 3354, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018” [Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for further consideration of H.R. 3354. The rule provides that no further general debate shall be in order. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution, and available pro forma amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 500. Each further amendment printed in the report 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, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment except amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 500, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the further amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer further amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 500, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte and Representatives Calvert, McCollum, Culberson, Serrano, Graves of Georgia, Quigley,

Cole, DeLauro, Polis, Lee, Barr, Blumenauer, Coffman, Heck, Crawford, Jackson Lee, Langevin, Griffith, Plaskett, Jenkins of West Virginia, O'Rourke, Lewis of Minnesota, Raskin, Murphy of Pennsylvania, Scott of Virginia, Perry, Titus, Rohrabacher, and Maxine Waters of California.

EXAMINING THE SCIENTIFIC AND OPERATIONAL INTEGRITY OF EPA'S IRIS PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing entitled "Examining the Scientific and Operational Integrity of EPA's IRIS Program". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPEDITING ECONOMIC GROWTH: HOW STREAMLINING FEDERAL PERMITTING CAN CUT RED TAPE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Expediting Economic Growth: How Streamlining Federal Permitting Can Cut Red Tape for Small Businesses". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISSING FROM THE LABOR FORCE: EXAMINING DECLINING EMPLOYMENT AMONG WORKING-AGE MEN

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Missing from the Labor Force: Examining Declining Employment among Working-Age Men". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS: CHALLENGES FACING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled "Determining Eligibility for Disability Benefits: Challenges Facing the Social Security Administration". Testimony was heard from Bea Disman, Acting Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration; Kathryn Larin, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018", and an original bill entitled, "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018", 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1463, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, and the nominations of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Reappointment), and to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine evaluating sanctions enforcement and policy options on North Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be Solicitor, both of the Department of the Interior, and Richard Glick, of Virginia, and Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Children's Health Insurance Program, focusing on the path forward, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on governors, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold oversight hearings to examine Federal infrastructure permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 705, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and the nominations of Kurt G. Alme, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Donald Q. Cochran, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, Russell M. Coleman, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Bart M. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, Robert J. Higdon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Brian J. Kuester, to be United States Attorney for

the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and R. Trent Shores, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled “Navy Readiness—Underlying Problems Associated with the USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “The Broadcast Incentive Auction: Update on Repacking Opportunities and Challenges”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for a More Efficient Federal Financial Regulatory Regime”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Maintaining U.S. Influence in South Asia: The FY 2018 Budget”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of State Counterterrorism Bureau: The FY 2018 Budget”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2142, the “International Narcotics Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming Contraband with Technology Act”; H.R. 3101, the “Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2017”; H.R. 3551, to

amend the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 to reauthorize the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3669, the “Securing General Aviation and Commercial Charter Air Carrier Service Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Challenges of Recruiting and Retaining a Cybersecurity Workforce”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3229, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes; H.R. 620, the “ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 488, resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the removal of former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Examining the Shipment of Illicit Drugs in International Mail”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Private Sector Lunar Exploration”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Examining the Small Business Labor Market”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 479, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide to the House of Representatives the tax return information of President Donald J. Trump as well as the tax returns of each business entity disclosed by Donald J. Trump on his Office of Government Ethics Form 278e, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 601, Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 3354—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018 (Subject to a Rule).

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