

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5709–S5773

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1805–1822, and S. Res. 255–259. **Pages S5742–43**

Measures Reported:

S. 1088, to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–156)

S. 1103, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department-wide guidance and to develop training programs as part of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign. (S. Rept. No. 115–157) **Page S5742**

Measures Passed:

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 129, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5770–71**

McConnell (for Wicker) Amendment No. 1091, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5770–71**

Jobs for Our Heroes Act: Senate passed S. 1393, to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses. **Page S5771**

No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act: Senate passed 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. **Page S5771**

Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5771–72**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 256, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States. **Pages S5746–47**

Isaac M. Wise Temple Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 257, designating September 16, 2017, as "Isaac M. Wise Temple Day". **Page S5747**

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 258, designating the week beginning September 10, 2017, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week". **Pages S5747–48**

National Family Service Learning Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 259, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 15, 2017, as "National Family Service Learning Week". **Pages S5748–49**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5712–27, S5731–38**

Pending:

McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5712–27**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 545 (to Amendment No. 1003), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5712–27**

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

By 84 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 197), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003 (listed above). **Page S5732**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing, notwithstanding Rule XXII, that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2017, McConnell

(for McCain) Amendment No. 545 (to Amendment No. 1003) (listed above) be withdrawn, Senate adopt McCain/Reed Modified Amendment No. 1003 (listed above), and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S5738**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the bill as under the previous order. **Page S5772**

Francisco Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States. **Pages S5727–31**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act. **Page S5727**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5727**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 80 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 196), Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S5727–31**

D. Michael Dunavant, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Louis V. Franklin, Sr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Jessie K. Liu, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Daniel J. Kaniewski, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Kurt G. Alme, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Donald Q. Cochran, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Russell M. Coleman, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Peter E. Deegan, Jr., of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Marc Krickbaum, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Brian J. Kuester, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

R. Trent Shores, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Bart M. Davis, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of four years. **Pages S5738, S5772**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Glen R. Smith, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2022.

Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Walter G. Copan, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Matthew G. T. Martin, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Michael B. Stuart, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023. **Page S5772**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Daniel Alan Craig, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on July 25, 2017. **Page S5773**

Messages from the House: **Page S5742**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5770**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—197) **Pages S5731–32**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5772.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nutrition programs, focusing on perspectives for the 2018 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Brandon Lipps, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, and Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, and Ann M. Coffey, Assistant Inspector General of Investigations, both of the Office of the Inspector General, all of the Department of Agriculture; Sam Schaeffer, Center for Employment Opportunities, New York, New York; Bryan Parker, Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, Tulsa; Jimmy Wright, Wright's Market, Opelika, Alabama, on behalf of the National Grocers Association; Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research, Evanston, Illinois; and Brian Riendeau, Dare to Care Food Bank, Louisville, Kentucky.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, after receiving testimony from Clay Lowery, Rock Creek Global Advisors LLC, and Kevin J. Wolf, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, both of Arlington, Virginia; and James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Alexandria, Virginia.

INDIVIDUAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine individual tax reform, after receiving testimony from Lily L. Batchelder, New York University School of Law, New York; Alex M. Brill, and Ramesh Ponnuru, both of the American Enterprise

Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Iona Harrison, Pioneer Realty, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors.

FCC LIFELINE PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Program, focusing on a case study of government waste and mismanagement, after receiving testimony from Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Vickie S. Robinson, Universal Service Administrative Company, Washington, D.C.

INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals in the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on health care stakeholders, after receiving testimony from Raymond G. Farmer, South Carolina Department of Insurance Director, Columbia, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Manny K. Sethi, Healthy Tennessee, Nashville; Susan Turney, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Marshfield, Wisconsin; and Robert Ruiz-Moss, Anthem, Inc., and Christina Postolowski, Young Invincibles, both of Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of California, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Stephen S. Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Robert J. Higdon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, J. Cody Hiland, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Joshua J. Minkler, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Byung J. Pak, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3771–3800; 1 private bill, H.R. 3801; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 79; and H. Res. 520–528, were introduced. **Pages H7421–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7424–25**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 479, resolution 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 (H. Rept. 115–309); adversely;

Committee on Ethics. In the matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Luis V. Gutierrez (H. Rept. 115–310);

H.R. 2374, to facilitate certain pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, and to fully implement the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act (H. Rept. 115–311);

H.R. 2423, to implement certain measures relating to management of Washington County, Utah, required by Public Law 111–11 (H. Rept. 115–312);

H.R. 2763, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research program and Small Business Technology Transfer program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–313, Part 1); and

H.R. 2763, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research program and Small Business Technology Transfer program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–313, Part 2). **Page H7421**

Criminal Alien Gang Member Removal Act: The House passed H.R. 3697, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens associated with criminal gangs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 517. **Pages H7387–H7401**

Rejected the Beyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 516. **Pages H7399–H7401**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 115–307 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read.

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H. Res. 513, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3697) was agreed to yesterday, September 13th.

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018: The House passed H.R. 3354, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 528. **Pages H7402–11**

Rejected the Jackson Lee motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 527. **Pages H7408–10**

Agreed to:

Palmer amendment (No. 192 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that prohibits funds from being used to implement the District of Columbia's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act (by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 518); **Page H7402**

Huizenga amendment (No. 207 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce a SEC rule pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act relating to conflict minerals (by a recorded vote of 211 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 525); and **Pages H7406–07**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 223 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that provides additional funding to the Taxpayer Advocate Service for the purpose of assisting the parents of a deceased child, when that child's information has been stolen and used on personal income taxes filed with the IRS, when the parent or guardian of record must report the identity theft of their deceased child's information (by a recorded vote of 265 yeas to 143 noes, Roll No. 526). **Pages H7407–09**

Rejected:

Gohmert amendment (No. 195 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that sought to reduce the Internal Revenue Service's Operations Support account by \$165,300.00 and transfer that amount to the Spending Reduction account (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 519); **Pages H7402–03**

Norton amendment (No. 196 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that sought to strike the repeal of the District of Columbia's Local Budget Autonomy Amendment Act of 2012 (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 520); **Pages H7403–04**

Ellison amendment (No. 199 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that sought to strike section 926 on page 590, relating to bringing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 521);

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Ellison amendment (No. 200 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that sought to strike section 915 on page 563, relating to manufactured housing (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 522);

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Ellison amendment (No. 201 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that sought to strike section 928, relating to removal of authority to regulate small-dollar credit (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 523); and

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Mitchell amendment (No. 204 printed in H. Rept. 115–297) that was debated on September 13th that sought to reduce by 10% general administrative and departmental salary and expense accounts in Division D, and transfers the savings to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 524).

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H. Res. 504, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3354) was agreed to Thursday, September 7th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, September 12th:

Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series Act of 2017: H.R. 3284, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 529.

Pages H7411–12

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 18th and that the order of the House of January 3, 2017, regarding morning-hour debate not apply on that day.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7400–01, H7401, H7402, H7402–03, H7403–04, H7404, H7405, H7405–06, H7406, H7406–07, H7407–08, H7410, H7410–11, H7411–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

POWERING AMERICA: DEFINING RELIABILITY IN A TRANSFORMING ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Powering America: Defining Reliability in a Transforming Electricity Industry”. Testimony was heard from Neil Chatterjee, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Patricia Hoffman, Acting Under Secretary for Science, Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

SUPPORTING TOMORROW’S HEALTH PROVIDERS: EXAMINING WORKFORCE PROGRAMS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Supporting Tomorrow’s Health Providers: Examining Workforce Programs Under the Public Health Service Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TECH TALKS: HOW SBA ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS HAVE EVOLVED WITH TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Health and Technology held a hearing entitled “Tech Talks: How SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs Have Evolved with Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the scourge of Russian disinformation, after receiving testimony from John F. Lansing, Broadcasting Board of Governors, Melissa Hooper, Human Rights First, and Molly McKew, Fianna Strategies, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, September 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, September 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act, with votes on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, and on passage of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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