

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6267–S6292*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1906–1912, and S. Res. 279–280. **Pages S6287–88**

**Cissna Nomination:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Lee Francis Cissna, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S6268–83**

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Eric D. Hargan, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, occur at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, and that if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 3:15 p.m., with no intervening action or debate; provided further, that upon disposition of the nomination of Eric D. Hargan, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2004, and that if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 5, 2017; and that the time on Wednesday evening be for debate on the nominations of Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2004, and Lee Francis Cissna, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, concurrently; provided further, that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lee Francis Cissna, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, occur upon disposition of the nomination of Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal

Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2004, and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation, with no intervening action or debate; provided further, that following disposition of the nomination of Lee Francis Cissna, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Department of State, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 5, 2017, and that if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 16, 2017.

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**Hargan Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Eric D. Hargan, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, with the time until 11 a.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S6283**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Halsey B. Frank, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

D. Michael Hurst, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Jeffrey B. Jensen, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

William J. Powell, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

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Stephen Censky, of Missouri, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Ted McKinney, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs. **Pages S6283–84 S6292**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2019.

Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2023.

Judith Delzoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.

Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021.

Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2019.

Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2023.

Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Timothy Kelly, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2019.

Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

David Christian Tryon, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration. **Page S6292**

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

Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on June 19, 2017. **Page S6292**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6286**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S6286–87**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S6287**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S6288–89**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S6289–92**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6292.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the political and security situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from James N. Mattis, Secretary, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

### WELLS FARGO

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Wells Fargo one year later, after receiving testimony from Tim Sloan, Wells Fargo and Co., San Marino, California.

### ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of energy storage technologies, reviewing today's technologies, and understanding innovation in tomorrow's technologies, after receiving testimony from Vincent Sprengle, Manager, Electrochemical Materials and Systems Group, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Praveen Kathpal, AES Energy Storage, Arlington, Virginia; Simon Moores, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, London, United Kingdom; and John Seifarth, Voith, York, Pennsylvania.

### ENERGY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine S. 186, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review, S. 1059, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado, S. 1337, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to make certain strategic energy infrastructure projects eligible for certain loan guarantees, S. 1457, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the

Secretary of Energy to carry out demonstration projects relating to advanced nuclear reactor technologies to support domestic energy needs, S. 1799, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential, and S. 1860 and H.R. 1109, bills to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act, after receiving testimony from James Danly, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Bernard McNamee, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Energy.

#### INTERNATIONAL TAX REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine international tax reform, after receiving testimony from Bret Wells, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas; Kimberly A. Clausing, Reed College, Portland, Oregon; Stephen E. Shay, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Itai Grinberg, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kenneth Ian Juster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Peter Henry Barlerin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Eric P. Whitaker, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Michael James Dodman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nina Maria Fite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Daniel L. Foote, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and David Dale Reimer, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Re-

public of Seychelles, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Marshall Mitnick, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Every Student Succeeds Act, focusing on unleashing State innovation, after receiving testimony from Candice McQueen, Tennessee Department of Education Commissioner, Nashville; John White, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education, Baton Rouge; Christopher Ruszkowski, New Mexico Secretary of Education, Santa Fe; and David M. Steiner, Johns Hopkins Institute for Education Policy, Annapolis, Maryland.

#### DACA OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Administration's decision to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, after receiving testimony from Chad Readler, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Michael Dougherty, Assistant Secretary, Border, Immigration, and Trade, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and James McCament, Acting Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Jessica M. Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies, Washington, D.C.; Denisse Rojas Marquez, Pre-Health Dreamers, New York, New York; and Bill Hartzell, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed sessions to receive briefings on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 3913–3936; and 1 resolution, H. Res. were introduced. **Pages H7749–50**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7750–52**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 553, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027 (H. Rept. 115–239). **Pages H7748–49**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7675**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7682**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Kevin McKee, Chapel on the Campus, Baton Rouge, LA. **Pages H7682–83**

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

*Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2017:* 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; **Pages H7694–98**

*Protecting Girls' Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act:* H.R. 2408, to enhance the transparency, improve the coordination, and intensify the impact of assistance to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children and persons, including women and girls; **Pages H7698–H7700**

*Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act (NICA) of 2017:* H.R. 1918, amended, to oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections; **Pages H7700–04**

*Municipal Finance Support Act of 2017:* H.R. 1624, amended, to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as level 2A liquid assets; **Pages H7704–06**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as no lower than level 2B liquid assets, and for other purposes."

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*Providing Resources, Officers, and Technology To Eradicate Cyber Threats to Our Children Act of 2017:* S. 782, amended, to reauthorize the National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 550; and **Pages H7706–09, H7728**

*Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act:* S. 178, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases. **Pages H7709–12**

*Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act:* The House passed H.R. 36, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 549. **Pages H7686–94, H7712–28**

Rejected the Brownley (CA) 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 187 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 548. **Pages H7725–27**

H. Res. 548, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 36) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 547, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 546. **Pages H7686–94**

**Senate Referral:** S. 396 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Pages H7704, H7745**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7704.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7693–94, H7694, H7726–27, H7727, H7728. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S. DEFENSE STRATEGY IN SOUTH ASIA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "U.S. Defense Strategy in South Asia". Testimony was heard from General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and James N. Mattis, Secretary, Department of Defense.

## SECURING THE PEACE AFTER THE FALL OF ISIL

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Securing the Peace After the Fall of ISIL”. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General James Bierman, U.S. Marine Corps, Director of Middle East Division, Joint Staff, J-5, Department of Defense; Joseph S. Pennington, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State, Pamela Quanrud, Director, Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Department of State; Mark Swayne, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE EQUIFAX DATA BREACH: ANSWERS FOR CONSUMERS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Equifax Data Breach: Answers for Consumers”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

## EXAMINING PATIENT ACCESS TO INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Patient Access to Investigational Drugs”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Biggs and Fitzpatrick; John Dicken, Director for Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

## PART II: POWERING AMERICA: DEFINING RELIABILITY IN A TRANSFORMING ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Part II: Powering America: Defining Reliability in a Transforming Electricity Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE: AN UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: An Update from the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency”. Testimony was heard from Melvin L. Watt, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

## IRAQ AND SYRIA GENOCIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF AND ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING DHS’S CYBERSECURITY MISSION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Examining DHS’s Cybersecurity Mission”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Krebs, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Jeanette Manfra, Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

## ONLINE SEX TRAFFICKING AND THE COMMUNICATIONS DECENTY ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Online Sex Trafficking and the Communications Decency Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3400, the “Recreation Not Red-Tape Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 210, the “Native American Energy Act”; H.R. 424, the “Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017”; H.R. 717, the “Listing Reform Act”; H.R. 1274, the “State, Tribal and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; H.R. 1488, the “Indiana Dunes National Park Act”; H.R. 2600, to provide for the conveyance to the State of Iowa of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and for other purposes; H.R. 2603, the “SAVES Act”; H.R. 2897, to authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3131, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act”.

#### **INNOVATIONS IN SECURITY: EXAMINING THE USE OF CANINES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Innovations in Security: Examining the Use of Canines”. Testimony was heard from Scott Smith, Lieutenant, Orlando Police Department, Florida; and public witnesses.

#### **CYBERSECURITY OF THE INTERNET OF THINGS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Technology held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity of the Internet of Things”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ESTABLISHING THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2027**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H. Con. Res. 71. The rule provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Tiberi (OH) and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (NY) or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consid-

eration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chair of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard from Chairman Black, and Representatives Yarmuth, Grothman, Schakowsky, and Scott of Virginia.

#### **RESILIENCY: THE ELECTRIC GRID’S ONLY HOPE**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Resiliency: The Electric Grid’s Only Hope”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: COAST GUARD STAKEHOLDERS’ PERSPECTIVES AND JONES ACT FLEET CAPABILITIES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Coast Guard Stakeholders’ Perspectives and Jones Act Fleet Capabilities”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral William Kelly, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Melvin Bouboulis, Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics, U.S. Coast Guard; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **TAX REFORM AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform and entrepreneurship, after receiving testimony from John R. Dearie, Center for American Entrepreneurship, Great Falls, Virginia; Falon Donohue, VentureOhio, Columbus; and Scott Hodge, Tax Foundation, and John Arensmeyer, Small Business Majority, both of Washington, D.C.

#### **COMBATING KLEPTOCRACY**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine combating kleptocracy with incorporation transparency, after receiving testimony from Charles Davidson, Hudson

Institute Kleptocracy Initiative, Pat O'Carroll, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Caroline Vicini, Delegation of the European Union to the United States, and Gary Kalman, Financial Accountability and Transparency Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Equifax cybersecurity breach, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 1872, to authorize the programs of the Transportation Security Administration relating to transportation security, S. 1015, to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system, S. 1534, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to amend its rules so as to prohibit the application to amateur stations of certain private land use restrictions, an original bill entitled, "American Vision for Safer Transportation through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START) Act", and the nominations of Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Howard R. Elliott, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, and Walter G. Copan, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary for Standards and Technology, Timothy Gallaudet, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and David J. Redl, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, all of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Bruce J. Walker, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, and Steven E. Winberg, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Dourson, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, David Ross, of Wisconsin, and William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, each to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to

be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Keep Kids' Insurance Dependable and Secure (KIDS) Act of 2017", 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing regarding ordered departure of personnel from the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba, 9:15 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, and Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, both of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues hearing to examine the future of Iraq's minorities, focusing on what's next after ISIS, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, and David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, both of the Department of Labor, and Peter B. Robb, of Vermont, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, 3 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 146, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1847, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security, trafficking, and disaster recovery planning, S. 1281, to establish a bug bounty pilot program within the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1769, to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, S. 1305, to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with adequate flexibility in its employment authorities, S. 1791, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, S. 708, to improve the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances that are illegally imported into the United States, H.R. 3210, to require the Director of the National Background Investigations Bureau to submit a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance investigations, H.R. 70, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, an original bill entitled, "TSA LEAP Pay Reform Act of 2017", an original bill entitled, "Direct Hire of Students and Recent Graduates Act of 2017", an original bill entitled, "Temporary and Term Appointments Act of 2017", an original bill entitled, "Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment Adjustment Act of 2017", an original bill entitled, "FITARA Enhancement Act of 2017", an original bill entitled, "Reporting Efficiently to Proper Officials in Response to



Terrorism Act of 2017”, an original bill entitled, “Whistleblower Protection Coordination Act”, and the nomination of John Marshall Mitnick, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: business meeting to consider S. 943, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O’Malley Act; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, focusing on new issues and opportunities for success in the next 30 years, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephanos Bibas, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Liles Clifton Burke, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Michael Joseph Juneau, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Tilman Eugene Self III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and John C. Demers, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law, to hold hearings to examine Equifax, focusing on continuing to monitor data-broker cybersecurity, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Melissa Sue Glynn, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Enterprise Integration), Cheryl L. Mason, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals, and Randy Reeves, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine efforts to combat robocalls, 9 a.m., SD-562.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2936, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017”; H.R. 2521, the “South Carolina Peanut Parity Act of 2017”; H.R. 2921, the “National Forest System Vegetation Management Pilot Program Act of 2017”; H.R. 2941, the “Kisatchie National Forest Land Conveyance Act”; and H.R. 3567, to authorize the purchase of a small parcel of Natural Resources Conservation Service property in Riverside, California, by the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3441, the “Save Local Business Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Air Quality Impacts of Wildfires: Perspectives of Key Stakeholders”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on legislation on the HEALTHY KIDS Act of 2017; legislation on the CHAMPION Act; H.R. 849, the “Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2017”; H.R. 1148, the “Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine Act of 2017”; H.R. 2465, the “Steve Gleason Enduring Voices Act of 2017”; H.R. 2557, the “Prostate Cancer Misdiagnosis Elimination Act of 2017”; H.R. 3120, to reduce the volume of future electronic health record-related significant hardship requests; H.R. 3245, the “Medicare Civil and Criminal Penalties Act”; H.R. 3263, to extend the Medicare Independence at home Medical Practice Demonstration program; and H.R. 3271, the “Protecting Access to Diabetes Supplies Act of 2017”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the SEC’s Agenda, Operations, and Budget”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “State Department’s Antiterrorism Assistance Program: The GAO Review”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Iranian Backed Militias: Destabilizing the Middle East”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3548, the “Border Security for America Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3711, the “Legal Workforce Act”; and legislation on the Agricultural Guestworker Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 210, the “Native American Energy Act”; H.R. 424, the “Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017”; H.R. 717, the “Listing Reform Act”; H.R. 1274, the “State, Tribal and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; H.R. 1488, the “Indiana Dunes National Park Act”; H.R. 2600, to provide for the conveyance to the State of Iowa of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and for other purposes; H.R. 2603, the “SAVES Act”; H.R. 2897, to authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3131, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 146, the “Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act”; H.R. 2402, the “San Juan County Settlement Implementation Act”; and H.R. 2606, the “Stigler Act Amendments of 2017”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “Powering Exploration: An Update on Radioisotope Production and Lessons Learned from Cassini”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business Tax Reform: Modernizing the



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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Rail Stakeholders' Perspectives", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "IRS Reform: Challenges to Modernizing IT Infrastructure", 9 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 849, the "Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2017", 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Eric D. Hargan, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 11 a.m. If cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 3:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Eric D. Hargan, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2004.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H. Con. Res. 71—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027 (Subject to a Rule).

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