

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:52:47 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:53:25 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., on Friday, October 13, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3995–4005; and H. Res. 563–566 were introduced. **Pages H7917–18**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7918–19**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 378, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance the authority under which Federal agencies may pay cash awards to employees for making cost saving disclosures, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–341);

H.R. 2196, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients (H. Rept. 115–342);

H.R. 3031, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from a Thrift Savings Plan account, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–343);

H.R. 3243, to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the sunset of certain provisions relating to information technology, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to extend the sunset relating to the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–344); and

H. Res. 562, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 585) to provide greater whistleblower protections for Federal employees, increased awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and increased accountability and required discipline for Federal supervisors who retaliate against whistleblowers, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from October 16, 2017, through October

20, 2017; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 115–345). **Page H7917**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7893**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7895**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Murphy, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Eighteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, effective October 21, 2017. **Page H7895**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H7896**

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

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4514 Williamson Trail in Liberty, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office”: H.R. 1858, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4514 Williamson Trail in Liberty, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 558; **Pages H7896–97, H7901–02**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2635 Napa Street in Vallejo, California, as the “Janet Capello Post Office Building”: H.R. 2254, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2635

Napa Street in Vallejo, California, as the “Janet Capello Post Office Building”; **Pages H7898–99**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 New Chardon Street Lobby in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “John Fitzgerald Kennedy Post Office”; H.R. 2464, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 New Chardon Street Lobby in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “John Fitzgerald Kennedy Post Office”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 559;

Pages H7899, H7902–03

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2700 Cullen Boulevard in Pearland, Texas, as the “Endy Ekpanya Post Office Building”; H.R. 294, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2700 Cullen Boulevard in Pearland, Texas, as the “Endy Ekpanya Post Office Building”; and

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Javier Vega, Jr. Memorial Act of 2017: S. 1617, to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 77 North in Sarita, Texas, as the “Javier Vega, Jr. Border Patrol Checkpoint”. **Pages H7900–01**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7901**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the “Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office”: H.R. 452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the “Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office”. **Pages H7897–98**

Senate Referrals: S. 692 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 1103 was held at the desk. S. 1595 was held at the desk. **Page H7916**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7896.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7901–02 and H7902–03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DR. CHRIS KIRKPATRICK WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 585, the “Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for S. 585. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from October 16, 2017, through October 20, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of October 12, 2017, or October 13, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mitchell, Cummings, and Kuster of New Hampshire.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the 2017 Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining How Covered Entities Utilize the 340B Drug Pricing Program”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to reauthorize appropriations for the Federal Communications Commission, to provide for certain procedural changes to the rules of the Commission to maximize opportunities for public participation and efficient decision making, and for other purposes, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, begin markup on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 1116, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act of 2017”; H.R. 1585, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws; H.R. 1645, the “Fostering Innovation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1699, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017”; H.R. 2121, the “Pension, Endowment, and Mutual Fund Access to Banking Act”; H.R. 2148, the “Clarifying Commercial Real Estate Loans”; H.R. 2201, the “Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act”; H.R. 2396, the “Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act”; H.R. 2706, the “Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 2954, the “Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3072, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Examination and Reporting Threshold Act of 2017”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3312, the “Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 3758, the “Senior Safe Act of 2017”; H.R. 3857, the “Protecting Advice for Small Savers Act of 2017”; H.R. 3898, the “Impeding North Korea’s Access to Finance Act of 2017”; H.R. 3903, the “Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2017”; H.R. 3911, the “Risk-Based Credit Examination Act”; H.R. 3948, the “Protection of Source Code Act”; H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”; H.R. 3972, the “Family Office Technical Correction Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3973, the “Market Data Protection Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Confronting the Full Range of Iranian Threats”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Lebanon”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The State Department and USAID FY 2018 Africa Budget”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Transforming GPO for the 21st Century and Beyond: Part 4”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 219, the “Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project Boundary Correction Act”; H.R. 2630, the “La Paz County Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 3373, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to extend for an additional 50 years the lease under which the government of the District of Columbia uses the ground under and the parking facilities associated with

Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium; and H.R. 3607, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3990, the “National Monument Creation and Protection Act”; H. Res. 555, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit, respectively, certain documents and other information to the House of Representatives relating to the executive order on the review of designations under the Antiquities Act, 4 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Review of the U.S. Government’s Role in Protecting International Religious Freedom”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Security Clearance Investigation Challenges and Reforms”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, joint hearing entitled “NIST’s Physical Security Vulnerabilities: A GAO Undercover Review”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Paperwork Reduction Act Part II: Are Burdens Being Reduced?”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Highways and Transit Stakeholders’ Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on “H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3018, the “Veterans’ Entry to Apprenticeship Act”; H.R. 3634, the “SERVE Act of 2017”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the applicability of certain provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act to housing and business loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs; legislation to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to eligible organizations for the provision of transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces recently separated from active duty service; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-

State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Opportunities to Expand U.S. Trade Relationships in the Asia-Pacific Region”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 11 through October 13, 2017

Senate Chamber

Senate will meet in a pro forma session on Friday, October 13, 2017.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Energy Missions and Management Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “21st Century Trade Barriers: Protectionist Cross Border Data Flow Policies Impact on U.S. Jobs”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 12, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 1116, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act of 2017”; H.R. 1585, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws; H.R. 1645, the “Fostering Innovation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1699, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017”; H.R. 2121, the “Pension, Endowment, and Mutual Fund Access to Banking Act”; H.R. 2148, the “Clarifying Commercial Real Estate Loans”; H.R. 2201, the “Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act”; H.R. 2396, the “Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act”; H.R. 2706, the “Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 2954, the “Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3072, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Examination and Reporting Threshold Act of 2017”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3312, the “Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 3758, the “Senior Safe Act of 2017”; H.R. 3857, the “Protecting Advice for Small Savers Act of 2017”; H.R. 3898, the “Impeding North Korea’s Access to Finance Act of 2017”; H.R. 3903, the “Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2017”;

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October 13, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 1116, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act of 2017”; H.R. 1585, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws; H.R. 1645, the “Fostering Innovation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1699, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017”; H.R. 2121, the “Pension, Endowment, and Mutual Fund Access to Banking Act”; H.R. 2148, the “Clarifying Commercial Real Estate Loans”; H.R. 2201, the “Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act”; H.R. 2396, the “Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act”; H.R. 2706, the “Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 2954, the “Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3072, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Examination and Reporting Threshold Act of 2017”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3312, the “Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 3758, the “Senior Safe Act of 2017”; H.R. 3857, the “Protecting Advice for Small Savers Act of 2017”; H.R. 3898, the “Impeding North Korea’s Access to Finance Act of 2017”; H.R. 3903, the “Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2017”; H.R. 3911, the “Risk-Based Credit Examination Act”; H.R. 3948, the “Protection of Source Code Act”; H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”; H.R. 3972, the “Family Office Technical Correction Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3973, the “Market Data Protection Act of 2017”. Time and location to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 12, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 535, the “Taiwan Travel Act”; and H.R. 1698, the “Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 12, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Assessing First Responder Communications”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

October 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Empty Threat or Serious Danger: Assessing North Korea’s Risk to the Homeland”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 12, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Congressional Subpoena Compliance and Enforcement Act of 2017; H.R. 2228, the “Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017”; and legislation on the Protecting Access to the Courts for Taxpayers Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 12, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3144, to provide for operations of the Federal Columbia

River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3916, the “FISH Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, legislation to achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing on the 2020 Census”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 12, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “Fostering

Women’s Entrepreneurial Success”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations; and Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, joint hearing entitled “Oversight Improvements Needed: SBA OIG’s Review of the Microloan Program”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 12, Full Committee, markup, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 12, Full Committee, hearing on legislation on the Asset and Infrastructure Review Act of 2017; and H.R. 2773, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to sell Pershing Hall, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:30 a.m., Friday, October 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of S. 585—Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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