

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2266, Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1995–2002, and S. Res. 301–302. **Pages S6768–69**

Measures Passed:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rule: By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 249), Senate passed H.J. Res. 111, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Arbitration Agreements”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Page S6760**

External power supplies: Senate passed S. 226, to exclude power supply circuits, drivers, and devices to be connected to, and power, light-emitting diodes or organic light-emitting diodes providing illumination or ceiling fans using direct current motors from energy conservation standards for external power supplies. **Pages S6772–73**

Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 304, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6773**

McConnell (for Cassidy) Amendment No. 1577, in the nature of substitute. **Page S6773**

50th Anniversary of USS Forrester Fire: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 234, recognizing the Sailors and Marines who sacrificed their lives for ship and shipmates while fighting the devastating 1967 fire onboard USS Forrester and, during the week of

the 50th anniversary of the tragic event, commemorating the efforts of those who survived, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6773**

McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1578, to amend the preamble. **Page S6773**

National Chemistry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 301, designating the week beginning on October 22, 2017, as “National Chemistry Week”. **Pages S6773–74**

Authorizing photography of Senate Wing of U.S. Capitol: Senate agreed to S. Res. 302, authorizing limited still photography of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol and authorizing the release of preexisting photographs of the Senate Chamber and Senate Wing of the United States Capitol for a book on the history of the Senate. **Page S6774**

House Messages:

Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act: By 82 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2266, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6721–30, S6730–38**

Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1568, to change the enactment date. **Page S6737**

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

McConnell Amendment No. 1569 (to Amendment No. 1568), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the

bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 1568 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Page S6737**

By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 247), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions for the purposes of McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that sections 304, 306, 308, and 309 of McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill were in violation of section 314(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was not sustained.

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Appointments:

Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–323, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: Juan S. Gonzalez of the District of Columbia, and Douglas M. Fraser of Florida. **Page S6772**

Palk Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, with the time until the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S6774**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Leonard Wolfson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

Tara Sweeney, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Robert M. Weaver, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—249) **Pages S6767–38, S6760**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David J. Ryder, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, focusing on fisheries science, after receiving testimony from Ray Hilborn, University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, Seattle; Larry McKinney, Texas A&M University Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Corpus Christi; Karl Haflinger, Sea State, Inc., Vashon, Washington; and Michael Jones, Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, East Lansing.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Gerrish, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Industrial Competitiveness), Department of State, Gregory Doud, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, and Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hirono, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS BURMA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy towards Burma, focusing on geopolitical, economic, and humanitarian considerations, after receiving testimony

from W. Patrick Murphy, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Mark C. Storella, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, both a Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State; and V. Kate Somvongsiri, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4099–4114; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 579 and 581–585 were introduced. **Page H8143**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8144–45**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3329, to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–366, Part 1);

H.R. 3342, to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–367, Part 1);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–368); and

H. Res. 580, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to 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. 115–369). **Page H8143**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hollingsworth to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8079**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8084**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Temple Emanu-El, Closter, NJ. **Page H8084**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Duncan (SC) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Homeland Security. **Page H8086**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 579, electing a Member to certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H8086**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, October 23rd.

International Narcotics Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming Contraband with Technology Act: H.R. 2142, amended, 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 574. **Pages H8096–97**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 469, pursuant to House Resolution 577, the amendment placed at the desk be in order in lieu of the amendment printed in part A of House Report 115–363 and numbered 2. **Page H8097**

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

Family Office Technical Correction Act of 2017: H.R. 3972, amended, to clarify that family offices and family clients are accredited investors;

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Impeding North Korea's Access to Finance Act of 2017: H.R. 3898, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to place conditions on certain accounts at United States financial institutions with respect to North Korea, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 581; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To impose secondary sanctions with respect to North Korea, strengthen international efforts to improve sanctions enforcement, and for other purposes.”.

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Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2017: H.R. 3101, amended, to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States.

Pages H8104–07

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 732, to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 580.

Pages H8107–29

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that prohibits Cy Pres distributions in cases where money is simply left over and the settlement contains no specific provision on its disposition and clarifies that payments made must not only be remedial but must actually go to the victims who suffered the injury.

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Rejected:

Cohen amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt settlement agreements based on race, religion, national origin, or any other protected category (by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 575);

Pages H8119–20, H8125–26

Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt a settlement agreement that directs funds to remediate the indirect harms caused by the manipulation of ignition standards on automobiles (by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 235 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 576);

Pages H8120–21, H8126–27

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt settlement agreements that pertain to providing restitution for a State (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 577);

Pages H8121–23, H8127

Cicilline amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt settlements in relation to the predatory or fraudulent conduct involving residential mortgage-backed securities (by a recorded vote of 189 yeas to 231 noes, Roll No. 578); and

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Conyers amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–363) that sought to exempt settlements that direct funds to remedy the indirect harms of unlawful conduct resulting in an increase in the amount of lead in public drinking water (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 579).

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H. Res. 577, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 469) and (H.R. 732) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 573, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 572.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8095, H8095–96, H8096–97, H8125–26, H8126–27, H8127, H8127–28, H8128–29, H8129, and H8129–30. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE ROLE OF FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN SUPPORTING NIH-FUNDED RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing entitled “The Role of Facilities and Administrative Costs in Supporting NIH-Funded Research”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING HHS'S PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS FOR AND RESPONSE TO THE 2017 HURRICANE SEASON

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining HHS's Public Health Preparedness for and Response to the 2017 Hurricane Season”. Testimony was heard from Kimberly Brandt, Principal Deputy Administrator for Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Scott Gottlieb, M.D.,

Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Robert P. Kadlec, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; and Rear Admiral Upper Half Stephen C. Redd, M.D., Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Federal Government’s Role in the Insurance Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE SOLUTIONS TO EDUCATING A CYBER WORKFORCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce held a joint hearing entitled “Public-Private Solutions to Educating a Cyber Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 4092, the “AG Act”; and H.R. 3711, the “Legal Workforce Act”.

REGULATORY REFORM TASK FORCES CHECK-IN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules held a joint hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-In”. Testimony was heard from James Owens, Acting General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Joo Chung, Director of the Oversight and Compliance Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; Giancarlo Brizzi, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Government-Wide Policy, General Services Administration; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Political Advertisement Laws and Regulations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 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 the Senate Amendment to H. Con. Res. 71, a concurrent resolution 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 7–4, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 71. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Budget or her designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 71. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. Testimony was heard from Chairman Black, and Representatives Yarmuth, Grothman, Jayapal, and Pascrell.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “American Leadership in Quantum Technology”. Testimony was heard from Carl J. Williams, Acting Director, Physical Measurement Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Jim Kurose, Assistant Director, Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate, National Science Foundation; John Stephen Binkley, Acting Director of Science, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on legislation to establish a permanent Veterans Choice Program; legislation to modify VA’s authority to enter into agreements with State homes to provide nursing home care to veterans, to direct the Secretary to carry out a program to increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions, and for other purposes; legislation to direct VA to conduct a study of the Veterans Crisis Line; legislation to direct VA to furnish mental health care to veterans at community or non-profit mental

health providers participating in the Veterans Choice Program; legislation on the Veteran Coordinated Access and Rewarding Experiences Act; H.R. 1133, the “Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2017”; H.R. 2123, the “VETS Act of 2017”; H.R. 2601, the “VICTOR Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3642, the “Military SAVE Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Banks of Indiana, Gallagher, Carter of Texas, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Dunn, and Barr; David J. Shulkin, M.D., Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing naval forces and the Navy’s current and planned capabilities to meet those threats, 9:15 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the commercial satellite industry, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Dourson, of Ohio, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, Matthew Z. Leopold, of Florida, and David Ross, of Wisconsin, each to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, Paul Trombino III, of Wisconsin, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, “the Wild-fire Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to receive a closed briefing on Nigeria security, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, S. 1953, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and S. 1942, to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Melissa Sue Glynn, of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Enterprise Integration), Randy Reeves, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, and Cheryl L. Mason, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine working and aging with disabilities from school to retirement, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing entitled “Down Syndrome: Update on the State of the Science and Potential for Discoveries Across Other Major Diseases”, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Federal Efforts to Combat the Opioid Crisis: A Status Update on CARA and Other Initiatives”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Equifax Data Breach”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “The President’s Iran Decision: Next Steps”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “State Voter Registration List Maintenance”, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 4092, the “AG Act”; and H.R. 3711, the “Legal Workforce Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Empowering State Based Management Solutions for Greater Sage Grouse Recovery”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 215, the “American Indian Empowerment Act of 2017”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled “Ongoing Management Challenges at IRS”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Bolstering the Government’s Cybersecurity: Assessing the Risk of Kaspersky Lab Products to the Federal Government”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “GAO Audit Reveals Half-Measures Taken by Small Business Advocates”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled "Examining How VBA Can Effectively Prevent and Manage Overpayments", 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup 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 "Securing Electronic Records for Veterans' Ease Act of 2017"; H.R. 3949, the "VALOR Act"; H.R. 3965, the "Veterans Armed for Success Act"; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the applicability of certain provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act to housing and busi-

ness 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, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled "Miscellaneous Tariff Bill: Providing Tariff Relief to U.S. Manufacturers Through the New MTB Process", 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 10 a.m., 1100, Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Scott L. Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 25

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 469—Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017. Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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