

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7337–S7365

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1, 2162–2168, and S. Res. 343. **Page S7360**

Measures Reported:

S. 1885, to support the development of highly automated vehicle safety technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–187)

S. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

S. 1928, to establish a review of United States multilateral aid, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7360**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Legal Counsel in Arizona v. Mark Louis Prichard: Senate agreed to S. Res. 343, to authorize testimony, document production, and representation in *Arizona v. Mark Louis Prichard*. **Page S7337**

Honoring Hometown Heroes Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1892, to amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7362–63**

McConnell (for Boozman) Amendment No. 1587, to make a technical correction. **Page S7362**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1519, 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. **Pages S7351–55**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–458, sec. 114(b)(2)(c), the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a six-year term: Senator Wicker. **Page S7362**

Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. Sec. 1151, as amended, reappointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Senator Wicker. **Page S7362**

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 115–77, appointed the following individuals to the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: Kay Cole James of Virginia, and Star Parker of California. **Page S7362**

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 115–77, appointed the following individuals to the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: Senator Van Hollen, and Dr. David Anderson of New York. **Page S7362**

Nominations Received: On Monday, November 27, 2017, Senate received the following nominations:

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S7364–65**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 283), Gregory G. Katsas, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Page S7351**

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 Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
 (Total—283) Page S7351

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:02 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7363.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, and Suzanne Israel Tufts, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth E. Allen, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, A. D. Frazier, of Georgia, Jeffrey Smith, of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, and James R. Thompson III, of Alabama, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher Ashley Ford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), and Yleem D. S. Poblete, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), who was introduced by Senator Boozman and Representative Ros-Lehtinen, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROPOSALS TO SIMPLIFY FAFSA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on examining proposals to simplify the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), after receiving testimony from Justin S. Draeger, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and Kim Rueben, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Nancy J. McCallin, Colorado Community College System, Denver; Judith Scott-Clayton, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, New York; and Elaine Genise Williams, YWCA of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.

COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING, TERRORIST FINANCING, AND COUNTERFEITING ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1241, to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, after receiving testimony from Kenneth A. Blanco, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Matthew C. Allen, Assistant Director, Investigative Programs, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Jennifer Fowler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes; Charles Davidson, Hudson Institute, John Cassara, Foundation for Defense of Democracies Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, and Douglas Farah, IBI Consultants LLC, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kathryn Haun Rodriguez, Coinbase Global, Inc., San Francisco, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4458–4475; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 630, 632, and 633 were introduced.

Pages H9467–68

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9468–69

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 4182, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–415, Part 2);

H.R. 3312, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to specify when bank holding companies may be subject to certain enhanced supervision, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–423);

H.R. 3758, to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–424);

H.R. 1645, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to provide a temporary exemption for low-revenue issuers from certain auditor attestation requirements (H. Rept. 115–425);

H.R. 3093, to amend the Volcker Rule to permit certain investment advisers to share a similar name with a private equity fund, subject to certain restrictions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–426);

H.R. 995, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to amend regulations for racial appropriateness, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–427, Part 1);

H.R. 2228, to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–428); and

H. Res. 631, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3017) to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize and improve the brownfields program, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3905) to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–429).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marshall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9437**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:16 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H9439**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H9441**

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

Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act: H.R. 2768, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 638; **Pages H9441–42, H9454–55**

Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2017: H.R. 2615, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; **Pages H9442–43**

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017: H.R. 1491, amended, to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians; **Pages H9443–45**

Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017: H.R. 3115, amended, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 309 yeas to 99 nays, Roll No. 639; **Pages H9445–48, H9455**

21st Century Respect Act: H.R. 995, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to amend regulations for racial appropriateness; and **Pages H9448–49**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations.”. **Page H9449**

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017: H.R. 2228, amended, to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers. **Pages H9449–54**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 p.m. **Page H9454**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9454–55 and H9455. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BROWNFIELDS ENHANCEMENT, ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT, AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017; MINNESOTA'S ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3017, the “Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3905, the “Minnesota’s Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3017. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–40 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3905 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–41 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which 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, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar, Grijalva, McKinley, and Tonko.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and 19 General Services Administration resolutions, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Caring for Our Veterans Act of 2017”, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “USDA’s Role in Disaster Recovery”, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Forest Service, 10 a.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 11 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the Small Business Administration and the General Services Administration, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Financial Challenges Facing the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation: Implications for Pension Plans, Workers, and Retirees”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Powering America: Examining the Role of Financial Trading in the Electricity Markets”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, joint hearing entitled “Algorithms: How Companies’ Decisions About Data and Content Impact Consumers”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: The Role of Ginnie Mae in the Housing Finance System”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, joint hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Counter Terrorism and Illicit Finance”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “The Latest Developments in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “A Global Update on Alzheimer’s Disease”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 38, the “Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017”; legislation on the Fix NICS Act of 2017; and H.R. 2666, the “AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Modernizing NEPA for the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Full Committee, begin markup on H.R. 1778, to provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes; H.R. 2630, the “La Paz County Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 3117, the “Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2017”; 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; H.R. 3979, the “Keep America’s Refuges Operational Act”; H.R.

4299, to provide for the indefinite duration of certain military land withdrawals, to improve the management of lands currently subject to such withdrawals and to make the management of such lands more transparent, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4300, the “Admiral Lloyd R. ‘Joe’ Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Display Establishment Act”, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-In: Part III”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Cybersecurity of Voting Machines”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1699, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017”; and H.R. 4182, the “Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “The Future of WOTUS: Examining the Role of States”, 10:15 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Highway to Headache: Federal Regulations on the Small Trucking Industry”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Emerging Uses in a Changing National Airspace”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Failure to Address Provider Quality and Safety Concerns”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook with Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, November 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3905—Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 3017—Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Re-development, and Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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