

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7507–S7651

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2174–2181, and S. Res. 345. **Page S7563**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1532, to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking. (S. Rept. No. 115–188) **Page S7562**

Measures Considered:

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, taking action on the following motions and amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7508–57**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 286), Brown motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7518**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 287), Casey motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7527**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 288), King motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7536**

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 289), Stabenow motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7545**

Pending:

McConnell (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1618, of a perfecting nature. **Page S7508**

Baldwin motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7548**

Wyden (for Nelson) motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7548**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Friday, December 1, 2017, there be up to 20 minutes of debate on each motion, equally divided in the usual

form, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the motions, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S7548**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, December 1, 2017. **Page S7651**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed the following individual as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: Jay Winik of Maryland vice Margaret Z. Robson of New Mexico. **Page S7651**

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 115–77, appointed the following individual to the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: Senator Scott. **Page S7651**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—289) **Pages S7518, S7527, S7536, S7545**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7651.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense, and 275 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

FUTURE NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recommendations from outside experts for a future National Defense Strategy, after receiving testimony from Thomas G. Mahnken, Center for Strategic Budgetary Assessments, David A. Ochmanek, RAND Corporation, Lieutenant General Thomas W. Spoehr, USA (Ret.), Heritage Foundation Center for National Defense, Mara E. Karlin, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and Mackenzie Eaglen, The American Enterprise Institute Marilyn Ware Center for Security Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of M. Lee McClenny, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to

be Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, and Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and Brock D. Bierman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THE FRONT LINES OF THE OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the front lines of the opioid crisis, focusing on perspectives from states, communities, and providers, after receiving testimony from Rebecca L. Boss, Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, Cranston; Andrea Magermans, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Madison; John Tilley, Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Frankfort; and A. Omar Abubaker, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, Richmond.

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: 20 public bills, H.R. 4488–4507; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 636–638 were introduced. **Pages H9568–69**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9570**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 477, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies (H. Rept. 115–431); and

H.R. 3971, to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify the requirements for community financial institutions with respect to certain rules relating to mortgage loans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–432). **Page H9568**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palmer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9519**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9526**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Jon Lands, Fellowship Baptist Church, Vienna, West Virginia. **Page H9526**

Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 643. Consideration began yesterday, November 29th. **Pages H9535–36**

Rejected:

Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–429) that was debated on November 29th that sought to increase the royalty rate by 16.66 percent for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest (by a yea-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 642). **Page H9535**

H. Res. 631, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3017) and (H.R. 3905) was agreed to yesterday, November 29th.

Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 648. **Pages H9529–35, H9537–38, H9547–59**

Agreed to:

Gianforte amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–430), as modified, that provides additional notification to supervisor with 1 year, 6 months, 3 months and 30 days of remaining probationary period. **Page H9555**

Rejected:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–430) that sought to exempt alumni of the PeaceCorps, AmeriCorps, and other national service programs under the Corporation for National and Community Service from the two year probationary period (by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 646); and **Pages H9554–55, H9556–57**

Conolly amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–430) that sought to strike the provisions of the bill and replace it with a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States; the study and report would be on those agencies that have lengthened the employee probationary period from 1 to 2 years, and any impact of an existing 2 year probationary period at the agency (by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 647). **Pages H9555–58**

H. Res. 635, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4182) and (H.R. 1699) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 645, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 644. **Pages H9537–38**

Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 3017, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize and improve the brownfields program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 649. **Page H9538–47, H9559**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–40 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H9539**

H. Res. 631, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3017) and (H.R. 3905) was agreed to yesterday, November 29th.

Relating to the exercise of the authority of the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary: The House agreed to H. Res. 636, relating to the exercise of the authority of the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H9559**

Senate Referrals: S. 825 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 1285 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 254 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. S. 772 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 669 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 245 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 343 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 302 was held at the desk. **Page H9567**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9547.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9535, H9536, H9537–38, H9538, H9557, H9557–58, H9558–59, and H9559. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION EMERGENCY RELIEF

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief”. Testimony was heard from Brandye Hendrickson, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Walter Waidelich, Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration.

IMPLEMENTING THE 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT: AN UPDATE FROM FDA AND NIH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Implementing the 21st Century Cures Act: An Update from FDA and NIH”. Testimony was heard from Francis Collins, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Health; and Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

IDENTITY VERIFICATION IN A POST- BREACH WORLD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Identity Verification in a Post-Breach World”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN COMBATING ONLINE SEX TRAFFICKING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Latest Developments in Combating Online Sex Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from Representative Wagner; Russ Winkler, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; and public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION AND CYBERSECURITY PROTOCOLS OF THE CONSOLIDATED AUDIT TRAIL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investments held a hearing entitled “Implementation and Cybersecurity Protocols of the Consolidated Audit Trail”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. SANCTIONS PROGRAMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of U.S. Sanctions Programs”. Testimony was heard from Marshall Billingslea, Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financ-

ing, Department of the Treasury; and John E. Smith, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

WORLD WIDE THREATS: KEEPING AMERICA SECURE IN THE NEW AGE OF TERROR

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Wide Threats: Keeping America Secure in the New Age of Terror”. Testimony was heard from Elaine C. Duke, Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Nicholas J. Rasmussen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and public witnesses.

THE ROLE AND IMPACT OF NATIONWIDE INJUNCTIONS BY DISTRICT COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Role and Impact of Nationwide Injunctions by District Courts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee completed a 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”. H.R. 1778 and H.R. 4300 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2630, H.R. 3117, H.R. 3607, H.R. 3979, and H.R. 4299 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4419, the “Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Newhouse;

Alan Mikkelsen, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1675, the “National Landslide Preparedness Act”; H.R. 4033, the “National Geologic Mapping Act Reauthorization Act”; legislation to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes; and legislation to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System. Testimony was heard from David Applegate, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the Director, Natural Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2623, the “Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2017”; H.R. 4431, the “Correcting Miscalculations in Veterans’ Pensions Act”; H.R. 3638, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Kings Road in Jacksonville, Florida, as the “Rutledge Pearson Post Office Building”; H.R. 3655, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Main Street in Belmar, New Jersey, as the “Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building”; H.R. 4042, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1415 West Oak Street, in Kissimmee, Florida, as the “Borinqueneers Post Office Building”; H.R. 4285, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 Bridgeton Pike in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, as the “James C. ‘Billy’ Johnson Post Office Building”; and H.R. 4301, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill, South Carolina, as the “J. Elliott Williams Post Office Building”. H.R. 2623 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4431, H.R. 3638, H.R. 3655, H.R. 4042, H.R. 4285, and H.R. 4301 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4460, the “Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 3814, the “No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act”; and H.R. 3813, the “Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act”. H.R. 4460 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3814 and H.R. 3813 were ordered reported, without amendment.

TESTIMONY OF ERIK PRINCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Testimony of Erik Prince”. Testimony was heard from a public witness. This hearing was open in a closed space.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Block Grant-Disaster Recovery”, 9:30 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Amphibious Warfare Readiness and Training: Interoperability, Shortfalls, and the Way Ahead”, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4478, the “FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, December 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, December 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1, Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, with votes on Baldwin motion to commit and on Wyden (for Nelson) motion to commit at approximately 11 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017.

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