

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1295–S1323*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2477–2489, and S. Res. 419–423. **Page S1316**

**Measures Passed:**

**Rural Wireless Access Act:** Senate passed S. 1621, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a methodology for the collection by the Commission of information about commercial mobile service and commercial mobile data service. **Page S1320**

**Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S1320–21**

**Tribal Cemeteries burial benefits:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2248, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain burial benefits for spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1321**

**Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1321**

**National Eating Disorders Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 419, designating the week of February 26 through March 4, 2018, as "National

Eating Disorders Awareness Week" and supporting the goals and ideals of raising awareness and understanding of eating disorders. **Page S1321**

**World Wildlife Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 420, designating March 3, 2018, as "World Wildlife Day". **Page S1321**

**Condemning the horrific attack in Parkland, Florida:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, condemning the horrific attack in Parkland, Florida, and expressing support and prayers for all those impacted by that tragedy. **Page S1321**

**Read Across America Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, designating March 2, 2018, as "Read Across America Day". **Page S1321**

**Rare Disease Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 423, designating February 28, 2018, as "Rare Disease Day". **Page S1321**

**Measures Considered:**

**Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections. **Pages S1307–09**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. **Page S1307**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1307**

**Scholar Nomination—Agreement:** By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 43), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Pages S1304–05**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 5, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, under the order of Wednesday, February 28, 2018. **Page S1321**

**Self Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Tilman Eugene Self III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. **Page S1305**

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

By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1305**

**Doughty Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Page S1307**

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

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 45), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1307**

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

By 69 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 42), A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S1304**

Gregory Doud, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2024.

Dennis Shea, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador.

C.J. Mahoney, of Kansas, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Investment, Services, Labor, Environment, Africa, China, and the Western Hemisphere), with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S1322**

34 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
2 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.  
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1322–23**

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

Henry E. Hudson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021.

William Graham Otis, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021.

William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2023.

William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019. **Pages S1321–22**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018, from the Senate Committee on Armed Services. **Page S1322**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1313**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S1295, S1313**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S1313**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1319–20**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—45) **Pages S1304, S1305, S1307**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:58 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1321.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Paul M. Nakasone, USA, to be general and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service/Commander, United States Cyber Command, Department of Defense, and Brent K. Park, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Administrator for

Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary (Environmental Management), both of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, including S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of positive train control, including opportunities to provide Federal assistance, after receiving testimony from Susan Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Barry J. DeWeese, Assistant Inspector General for Surface Transportation Audits, Department of Transportation; David L. Mayer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, New York; and Richard Anderson, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.

#### ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE CYBER SECURITY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine private sector and government challenges and opportunities to promote the cyber security and resiliency of our nation's critical energy infrastructure, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jim Matheson, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Barbara Endicott-Popovsky, University of Washington Center for Information Assurance and Cybersecurity, Bothell; Robert M. Lee, Dragos, Hanover, Maryland; and William H. Sanders, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana.

#### REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's framework for rebuilding infrastructure in America, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Transportation; and R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, both of the Department of State, and Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### FEDERAL MANAGERS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine the role of Federal managers in hiring, after receiving testimony from Mark Reinhold, Associate Director, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management; Angela Bailey, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Kevin E. Mahoney, Director of Human Resources and Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Commerce.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John F. Ring, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Billy J. Williams, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, Mark S. James, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri, Daniel C. Mosteller, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota, and Jesse Seroyer, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama, all of the Department of Justice.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

#### 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:** 22 public bills, H.R. 5132–5153; 1 private bill, H.R. 5154; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 759–761 were introduced. **Pages H1340–41**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1342**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1337**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Gene Hemrick, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H1337**

**Social Security Advisory Board—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of six years: Ms. Nancy Altman of Bethesda, Maryland. **Page H1337**

**Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform—Appointment:** The Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and Majority Leader of the Senate, the joint appointment of the following Member to the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform as co-chair: Representative Womack. **Page H1337**

**Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans—Appointment:** The Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and Majority Leader of the Senate, the joint appointment of the following Senator to the Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans as co-chair: Senator Hatch. **Pages H1337–38**

**Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she announced her joint appointment with the Minority Leader of the Senate of the following Member to serve as co-chair of the Joint Select Com-

mittee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform: Representative Lowey. **Page H1338**

**Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Reverend Billy Graham:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 759, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Reverend Billy Graham. **Page H1338**

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 35 was held at the desk. S.J. Res. 53 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H1337**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1337.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 1:30 p.m. and at 1:36 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 759, the House stands adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Billy Graham.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1917, the "Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2017"; and H.R. 1119, the "Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment Act", 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through February 28, 2018

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	35	30	..
Time in session .....	207 hrs., 44'	126 hrs., 39'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	1,293	1,268	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	223	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	8	21	29
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	1	1
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total .....	54	104	158
Senate bills .....	8	7	..
House bills .....	11	64	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	2	1	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	7	7	..
Simple resolutions .....	25	25	..
Measures reported, total .....	*39	*102	141
Senate bills .....	16	2	..
House bills .....	22	87	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	1	13	..
Special reports .....	1	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	216	50	..
Measures introduced, total .....	261	500	761
Bills .....	202	397	..
Joint resolutions .....	3	6	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	4	13	..
Simple resolutions .....	52	84	..
Quorum calls .....	..	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	41	67	..
Recorded votes .....	..	22	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 13 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 102 reports have been filed in the House.

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through February 28, 2018

Civilian nominations, totaling 313 (including 145 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		52
Unconfirmed .....		167
Withdrawn .....		4
Returned to White House .....		90
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 579 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		309
Unconfirmed .....		261
Returned to White House .....		9
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,355 (including 76 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		228
Unconfirmed .....		1,125
Returned to White House .....		2
Army nominations, totaling 2,335 (including 12 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		43
Unconfirmed .....		2,292
Navy nominations, totaling 81 (including 11 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		14
Unconfirmed .....		66
Returned to White House .....		1
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,312, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed .....		771
Unconfirmed .....		541
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....		246
Total nominations received this Session .....		5,729
Total confirmed .....		1,417
Total unconfirmed .....		4,452
Total withdrawn .....		4
Total returned to the White House .....		102

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, March 5

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Tilman Eugene Self III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Monday, March 5

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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