

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1799–S1848

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2572–2580, and S. Res. 440. **Pages S1844–45**

Measures Reported:

S. 2325, to incentivize the hiring of United States workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–214)

S. Res. 85, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill repeated promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 432, congratulating the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 100th anniversary of their declarations of independence, with an amendment. **Page S1840**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 434, recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni to the lives of the people of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1847**

Veterans Health Administration employees: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 899, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1848**

Measures Considered:

Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, to amend the Communications

Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking. **Pages S1801–13, S1813–34**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, Senate begin consideration of the bill, as under the order of Monday, March 19, 2018. **Page S1848**

Yemen Joint Resolution: By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 58), Senate tabled the motion to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations of S.J. Res. 54, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. **Page S1827**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to extending trade authorities procedures for three years; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–32) **Pages S1836–37**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William M. McSwain, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Matthew D. Harris, of Utah, to be United States Marshal for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Johnny Lee Kuhlman, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Joseph D. McClain, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

David A. Weaver, of Colorado, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado for the term of four years. **Page S1848**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Secretary of State.

Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador.

Sharon Fast Gustafson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018.

Johnathan Miller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 18, 2018.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1847**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—58) **Page S1827**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1848.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,901 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Gen-

eral John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jimmy D. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management, and Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Commander, United States Marine Forces Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

TAKATA AIR BAG INFLATORS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine an update on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and automaker efforts to repair defective Takata air bag inflators, after receiving testimony from Heidi King, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; John D. Buretta, TK Holdings, Inc., New York, New York; David Kelly, Independent Testing Coalition, Springfield, Virginia; Joseph Perkins, Key Safety Systems, Inc., Sterling Heights, Michigan; Rick Schostek, Honda North America, Inc., Marysville, Ohio; and Desi Ujkashevich, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, who was introduced by Senator Gardner, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 85, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill repeated promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, with an amendment;

S. Res. 224, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the death of Oswaldo Paya Sardinias, and commemorating his legacy and commitment to democratic values and principles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 376, urging the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh to ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 426, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, with an amendment;

S. Res. 429, commemorating the 59th anniversary of Tibet's 1959 uprising as "Tibetan Rights Day", and expressing support for the human rights and religious freedom of the Tibetan people and the Tibetan Buddhist faith community;

S. Res. 432, congratulating the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 100th anniversary of their declarations of independence, with an amendment;

H.R. 1660, to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency;

Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (the "Treaty"), signed at Pristina on March 29, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115-02);

Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries, signed at Majuro on September 6, 2013, and the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia on the Delimitation

of a Maritime Boundary, signed at Koror on August 1, 2014 (Treaty Doc. 114-13);

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Serbia (the "Treaty"), signed at Belgrade on August 15, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115-01);

United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade, done at New York on December 12, 2001, and signed by the United States on December 30, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 114-07); and

The nominations of Erik Bethel, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Kevin Edward Moley, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organization Affairs), Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Andrea L. Thompson, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Marie Royce, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary (Educational and Cultural Affairs), and Edward Charles Prado, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, all of the Department of State, Josephine Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, and Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

REAUTHORIZING THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, including S. 2521, to authorize the issuance of extreme risk protection orders, S. 2266, to authorize the Office on Violence Against Women to improve the handling of crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by incorporating a trauma-informed approach into the initial response to and investigation of such crimes, and S. 1539, to protect victims of stalking from gun violence, after receiving testimony from Katharine T. Sullivan, Principal Deputy Director, Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice; Tracy M. Prior, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, San Diego, California; and Amanda Nguyen, Rise, and Cindy Dyer, Vital Voices Global Partnership, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5336–5356, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 791–792, were introduced. **Pages H1727–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1729**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Randy K. Weber Sr. to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1701**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Michael Lewis, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, GA. **Page H1702**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1704.

Recess: The House recessed at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m. **Page H1710**

Alleviating Stress Test Burdens to Help Investors Act: The House passed H.R. 4566, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide relief to nonbanks from certain stress test requirements under such Act, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 119. **Pages H1717–18**

Agreed to:

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment No. 1, as modified, That restores the Federal Reserve Board's discretionary authority to stress test any non-designated non-bank, provided that certain conditions are met. It would also allow the Fed to use alternatives to capital, as appropriate, when stress-testing SIFI-designated non-banks, and eliminates the bill's \$10 billion threshold for the SEC's and CFTC's authority to issue stress testing rules for entities under their purview. **Page H1717**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the Waters Amendment No. 1 to the bill H.R. 4566, printed in House Report No. 115–613, be modified. **Page H1712**

Pursuant to House Resolution 787, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–65, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read. **Page H1712**

H. Res. 787, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4566 and H.R. 5247), was agreed to by recorded vote of 225 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 118, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 117. **Pages H1710–12**

Unanimous Consent: When the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and 11 a.m. for legislative business. **Page H1718**

Mabel Lee Memorial Post Office: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4463, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Doyers Street in New York, New York, as the "Mabel Lee Memorial Post Office". **Page H1718**

Amelia Earhart Post Office Building: Agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2040, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 621 Kansas Avenue in Atchison, Kansas, as the "Amelia Earhart Post Office Building". **Page H1718**

Quorum—Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1710–11, H1711–12, and H1717–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Commerce.

Testimony was heard from Wilbur Ross, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Ben Carson, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Betsy DeVos, Secretary, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security officials: Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, Administrator, and Under Secretary for National Security; Phil Calbos, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs; Dave Huizenga, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation; and Adm. James Caldwell, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors.

ASSESSING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET REQUEST AND ACQUISITION REFORM PROGRESS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request and Acquisition Reform Progress”. Testimony was heard from Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the Army; Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy; and Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force.

SUBMARINE INDUSTRIAL BASE: OPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Submarine Industrial Base: Options for Construction”. Testimony was heard from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Navy, Headquarters, U.S. Navy; Rear Admiral Upper Half Michael E. Jabaley, Program Executive Officer for Submarines, Department of the Navy;

and Rear Admiral Upper Half John W. Tammen, Jr., Director, Undersea Warfare Division (OPNAV 97), Department of the Navy.

NAVY READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Navy Readiness Posture”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Navy Headquarters officials: Vice Admiral William K. Lescher, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8); Vice Admiral Andrew L. Lewis, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5); and Vice Admiral Luke M. McCollum, Chief of Navy Reserve, Commander, Navy Reserve Force.

EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE OPTIONS: EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR’S PROPOSED RULE ON ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Expanding Affordable Health Care Options: Examining the Department of Labor’s Proposed Rule on Association Health Plans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2019 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget”. Testimony was heard from the following Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials: Jeff Baran, Commissioner; Stephen Burns, Commissioner; and Kristine Svinicki, Chairman.

THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION’S ROLE IN COMBATING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Drug Enforcement Administration’s Role in Combating the Opioid Epidemic”. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Patterson, Acting Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration.

EXPLORING THE FINANCIAL NEXUS OF TERRORISM, DRUG TRAFFICKING, AND ORGANIZED CRIME

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance held a hearing entitled “Exploring the Financial Nexus of Terrorism, Drug Trafficking, and Organized Crime”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CDM: GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES ON SECURITY AND MODERNIZATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection; and the Subcommittee on Information Technology of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a joint hearing entitled “CDM: Government Perspectives on Security and Modernization”. Testimony was heard from Max Everett, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; Scott Blackburn, Executive in Charge, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Garcia, Chief Information Officer, Office of Personnel Management; and Kevin Cox, Program Manager, Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

PREVENTABLE VIOLENCE IN AMERICA: AN EXAMINATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION SHARING AND MISGUIDED PUBLIC POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Preventable Violence in America: An Examination of Law Enforcement Information Sharing and Misguided Public Policy”. Testimony was heard from David Bowdich, Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Timothy Carter, Sheriff, Shenandoah County, Virginia; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM FOR COVERED BUSINESS METHOD PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Effectiveness of the Transitional Program for Covered Business Method Patents”. Testimony was heard from John Neumann, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY 2019 BUDGET FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INSULAR AREAS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Policy Priorities for the Administration's FY 2019 Budget for Indian Affairs and Insular Areas”. Testimony was heard from Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; John Tahsuda, Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and RADM Michael D. Weahkee, Acting Director,

Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 5210, to establish the National Park Restoration Fund, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2584, the “National Park Service Legacy Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Simpson and Hurd; P. Daniel Smith, Deputy Director, National Parks Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: ADVANCING APPRENTICESHIPS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Workforce Development: Advancing Apprenticeships for Small Business”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACTS OF THE 2017 WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Impacts of the 2017 Wildfires in the United States”. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Regional Administrator, Region IX, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Mark Ghilarducci, Director, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California; Susan Gorin, Supervisor, First District, Sonoma County, California; Eric Holly, Deputy Fire Warden, Deputy Director of Emergency Services, Stanislaus County, California; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 888, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain totally disabled veterans; H.R. 4335, the “Servicemember Family Burial Act”; H.R. 4910, the “Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act”; and H.R. 4958, the “Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bost, Correa, and Austin Scott of Georgia; Cheryl Rawls, Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 1206, the “Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act of 2017”; H.R. 3023, to amend title 38, United

States Code, to eliminate the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay reporting fees to educational institutions; H.R. 3940, the “Veterans Education Disaster Assistance Act”; H.R. 4451, the “Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 4830, the “SIT-REP Act”; H.R. 4835, the “Job TOOLS for Veterans Act”; H.R. 5044, the “Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act”; legislation on the VA Home Loan Improvement Act of 2018; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilirakis, Wenstrup, Poe of Texas, Messer, and Russell; MG Robert M. Worley II, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kirsten Dawn Madison, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), and Thomas J. Hushek, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine stability and security challenges in Lebanon, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1250, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to improve the recruitment and retention of

employees in the Indian Health Service, restore accountability in the Indian Health Service, improve health services, and S. 2515, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for Indian Programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Y. Scudder, of Illinois, and Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Charles J. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for veterans’ programs and fiscal year 2020 advance appropriations requests, 2 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine election security, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., H-310 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, 1:30 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Open World Leadership Trust Fund, 2:30 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “State and Non-State Actor Influence Operations: Recommendations for U.S. National Security”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Ground Force Modernization Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Military Personnel Posture: FY 2019”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Combating the Opioid Crisis: Prevention and Public Health Solutions”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2683, the “Protecting Veterans Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 4659, to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to recognize the exposure-reducing nature of client margin for cleared derivatives; H.R. 4790, to amend the Volcker rule to give the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System sole rulemaking authority, to exclude community banks from the requirements of the Volcker rule, and for other purposes; H.R. 4861, the “Ensuring Quality Unbiased Access to Loans Act of 2018”; H.R. 5051, the “Public Company Registration Threshold Act”; H.R. 5076, the “Small Bank Exam Cycle Improvement Act of 2018”; H.R. 5082, the “Practice of Law Technical Clarification Act of 2018”; and H.R.

5323, the “Derivatives Fairness Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The FY 2019 Foreign Assistance Budget”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “U.S. Responses to China’s Foreign Influence Operations”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Implications of a U.S.-Saudi Arabia Nuclear Cooperation Agreement for the Middle East”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3997, the “Free Veterans from Fees Act”; H.R. 4257, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act”; H.R. 5005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 5269, the “State and Territorial Approval for Restriction of Fishing Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019

Spending, Priorities and Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Four Power Marketing Administrations”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Challenges to Hurricane Recovery in Puerto Rico”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the American Leadership in Space Technology and Advanced Rocketry Act; legislation on the Commercial Space Support Vehicle Act; and H.R. 5086, the “Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Infrastructure and the Small Business Perspective”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Trade Policy Agenda”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Implementation of MACRA’s Physician Payment Policies”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Wednesday, March 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1865, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, and after a period of up to 4 hours of debate, vote on or in relation to Wyden Amendment No. 2212 and Amendment No. 2213, and on passage of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue.

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