

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2687–S2733

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2853–2871, and S. Res. 511–514. **Pages S2724–25**

Measures Reported:

S. 1692, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs. (S. Rept. No. 115–249)

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Measures Passed:

Federal Communications Commission Rule: By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 97), Senate passed S.J. Res. 52, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to “Restoring Internet Freedom”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 96), Senate agreed to Markey motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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Improve Data on Sexual Violence Act: Senate passed S. 2349, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish an inter-agency working group to study Federal efforts to collect data on sexual violence and to make recommendations on the harmonization of such efforts.

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Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3249, to authorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Cornyn/Peters) Amendment No. 2245, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2731–32**

SEA Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2772, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for requirements relating to the reassignment of Department of Veterans Affairs senior executive employees, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2732**

McConnell (for Tillis) Amendment No. 2244, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2732**

Veterans in Rehabilitation Programs: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3562, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2732**

Smithsonian National Zoological Park Central Parking Facility Authorization Act: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4009, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a central parking facility on National Zoological Park property in the District of Columbia, and the bill was then passed.

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Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 112, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. **Page S2733**

National Police Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 512, designating the week of May 13 through May 19, 2018, as “National Police Week”. **Page S2733**

National Foster Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 513, recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster-care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster-care system.

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National Charter Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 514, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the

United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 19th annual National Charter Schools Week, celebrated May 7 through May 11, 2018. **Page S2733**

Budget Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Thursday, May 17, 2018, Senator Paul, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 36, a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2019 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2020 through 2028; that there be up to 90 minutes of debate on the motion, with 45 minutes under the control of Senator Paul, or his designee, and 45 minutes under the control of the Democratic Leader, or his designee; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote in relation to the motion.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 98), Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary of Education. **Pages S2687–98, S2709–10, S2733**

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House: **Page S2723**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—98) **Pages S2698, S2709–10**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2733.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Scott Pruitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: FBI

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

ROLE OF DHS IN STOPPING FLOW OF DRUGS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the role of the Department of Homeland Security in stopping the flow of opioids, methamphetamines, and other dangerous drugs, after receiving testimony from Todd Owen, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, Derek Benner, Acting Executive Associate Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, and Andre L. Hentz, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Science and Technology Directorate, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

RAILROAD SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine railroad safety initiatives, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Batory, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Stephen J. Gardner, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.; Arthur Leahy, Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), Los Angeles, California; and Patricia Quinn, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority, Portland, Maine.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Ryan Gruters, of Florida, to

be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, who was introduced by Representative Ronney; Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, and Heidi R. King, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the future of the International Space Station; focusing on Administration perspectives, after receiving testimony from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations, and Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Francis R. Fannon, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Resources), Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and David B. Cornstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to Hungary, all of the Department of State, Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Jackie Wolcott, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S.J. Res. 59, to authorize the

use of military force against the Taliban, al Qaeda, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, and designated associated forces, and to provide an updated, transparent, and sustainable statutory basis for counterterrorism operations, after receiving testimony from John B. Bellinger III, Council on Foreign Relations, and Rita M. Siemion, Human Rights First, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1400, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage; and

S. 2804, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture for Indian Country.

SAFETY AND SECURITY AT BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOOLS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine safety and security at Bureau of Indian Education schools, after receiving testimony from Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior; Cecelia Firethunder, Oglala Lakota Nation Education Coalition, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; and Gary J. Lujan, Santa Fe Indian School, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Cambridge Analytica and the future of data privacy, after receiving testimony from Eitan Hersh, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; Mark A. Jamison, American Enterprise Institute, Gainesville, Florida; and Christopher Wylie, London, United Kingdom.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Gina Haspel, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 5833–5856; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 121; and H. Res. 897–899 were introduced. **Pages H4137–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4139–40**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 900, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–679). **Page H4137**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Higgins (LA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3981**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3987**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Ted Kitchens, Christ Chapel Bible Church, Fort Worth, TX. **Page H3987**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H3987, H4058**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Banks (IN) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H3990**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Rutherford wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H3990**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wenstrup wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services. **Pages H3990–91**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 897, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3991**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, May 15th.

Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act: S. 35, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black

Hills National Cemetery, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 187. **Page H4008**

Requesting the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill H.R. 4743: The House agreed to H. Res. 899, requesting the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill H.R. 4743. **Page H4008**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting the amendment to H.R. 5698 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H4009**

Protect and Serve Act of 2018: The House passed H.R. 5698, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 188. **Pages H4009–14, H4057**

Agreed to:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–677) that adds clarifying language so only those who cause injury to a law enforcement officer with intent, not by accident, can be charged under the statute; it also amends the definition of law enforcement officer to assure correctional officers are covered by the definition. **Page H4014**

H. Res. 891, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5698), (S. 2372), and (H.R. 2) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 186, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 185. **Pages H3991–H4007**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 891 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 184. **Pages H3991–94**

Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act: The House passed S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, by a recorded vote of 347 yeas to 70 noes, Roll No. 189. **Pages H4014–46, H4057–58**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 5674 as reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, as modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–677, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4014**

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Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 2372: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 121, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 2372. **Page H4058**

Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018: The House considered H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 17th. **Pages H4046–50, H4050–57, H4058–4129**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill. **Page H4058**

Agreed to:

King (IA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that allows Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to go into contracts with drainage districts to provide irrigation or water efficiency; **Pages H4123–24**

Gibbs amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that expresses a sense of Congress encouraging partnerships at the watershed level between nonpoint sources and regulated point sources to advance the goals of the Water Pollution Control Act; **Page H4124**

Rogers (AL) amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that amends the Nutrition title to allow SNAP users to purchase a multi-vitamin with their SNAP benefits; **Pages H4124–25**

Bergman amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that directs GAO to study the agricultural credit needs of farms, ranches, and related agricultural businesses that are owned or operated by Indian tribes on tribal lands or enrolled members of Indian tribes on Indian allotments; if needs are not being met, report shall include legislative and other recommendations that would result in a system under which the needs are met in an equitable and effective manner; **Page H4125**

Arrington amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that modifies the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Guarantee Loan Program and the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Pro-

gram to permit rural hospitals to refinance existing debt; **Pages H4125–26**

Jones amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that removes the first 1,500 individuals residing on military bases from calculation into population thresholds set for ‘rural areas’; **Pages H4126–27**

Latta amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that requires the Federal Communications Commission, in consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture, to establish a task force for reviewing the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States; and **Pages H4127–28**

Thompson (PA) amendment (No. 9 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that adds Chronic Wasting Disease to Sec. 7208, High-Priority Research and Extension Initiatives. **Pages H4128–29**

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 891 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 184. **Pages H3991–94**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m. **Page H4136**

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 52 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4050.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3993–94, H4006–07, H4007, H4008, H4057, and H4057–58. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2019 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2019 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2019 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2019 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and

Related Agencies Appropriations Bill were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on the FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

ENHANCING RETIREMENT SECURITY: EXAMINING PROPOSALS TO SIMPLIFY AND MODERNIZE RETIREMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Retirement Security: Examining Proposals to Simplify and Modernize Retirement Plan Administration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS, AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Telecommunications, Global Competitiveness, and National Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATION ADDRESSING NEW SOURCE REVIEW PERMITTING REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Legislation Addressing New Source Review Permitting Reform”. Testimony was heard from William Wehrum, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Sean Alteri, Director, Division of Air Equality, Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection; Paul Baldauf, Assistant Commissioner, Air Quality, Energy, and Sustainability, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE SEC’S DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Stephanie Avakian, Co-Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Steven

Peikin, Co-Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission.

IMPLEMENTATION OF FINCEN’S CUSTOMER DUE DILIGENCE RULE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance held a hearing entitled “Implementation of FinCEN’s Customer Due Diligence Rule”. Testimony was heard from Kenneth A. Blanco, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

THE U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER—TEN YEARS OF SERVING CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Capitol Visitor Center—Ten Years of Serving Congress and the American People”. Testimony was heard from Beth Plemmons, CEO for Visitor Services, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 224, the “Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act”; H.R. 857, the “California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation Act”; H.R. 3045, the “Eastern Legacy Extension Act”; H.R. 3186, the “Every Kid Outdoors Act”; H.R. 3916, the “FISH Act”; and H.R. 4419, the “Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act”. H.R. 224 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 857, H.R. 3045, H.R. 3186, H.R. 3916, and H.R. 4419 were ordered reported, as amended.

WORKFORCE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: ANALYZING THE PRESIDENT’S MANAGEMENT AGENDA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Workforce for the 21st Century: Analyzing the President’s Management Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Jeff Pon, Director, Office of Personnel Management; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION ACT OF 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2, the “Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018” [Amendment Consideration]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2. The rule provides for no additional general debate. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such

amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, 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 amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Comer, Faso, Marino, Barr, Grothman, Estes of Kansas, Russell, Graves of Louisiana, and Blumenauer.

USING TECHNOLOGY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Using Technology to Address Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY 101: HOW SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS CAN UTILIZE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTIONS IN THEIR BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Intellectual Property 101: How Small Business Owners Can Utilize Intellectual Property Protections in Their Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY: TESTIMONY AND PROPOSALS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day: Testimony and Proposals on the Department of Veterans Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Chabot, and Representatives Mast, Rouzer, Hill, Mullin, Suozzi, Walorski, Westerman, Plaskett, Carter of Georgia, DeFazio, Renacci, Murphy of Florida, Kildee, Stivers, Ruiz, Heck of Washington, Schneider, Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Johnson of Louisiana, DeSantis, Hartzler, Titus, Biggs, Sablan, Kihuen, O'Halleran, Carbajal, Vargas, Flores, Carter of Texas, Rohrabacher, Welch, Moulton, Shea-Porter, Zeldin, Brat, Ted Lieu of California, Rosen, Gianforte, McMorris Rodgers, Richmond, Bishop of Georgia, Bordallo, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Taylor, Napolitano, Lofgren, Crawford, Kennedy, Mimi Walters of California, Gabbard, Tonko, Smith of Washington, McKinley, and Hultgren.

TAX REFORM: GROWING OUR ECONOMY AND CREATING JOBS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Tax Reform: Growing Our Economy and Creating Jobs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5774, the “Combating Opioid Abuse for Care in Hospitals Act”; H.R. 5775, the “Providing Reliable Options for Patients and Educational Resources Act”; H.R. 5776, the “Medicare and Opioid Safe Treatment Act”; H.R. 5773, the “Preventing Addiction for Susceptible Seniors Act”; H.R. 5676, the “SENIOR Communities Protection Act”; H.R. 5723, the “Expanding Oversight of Opioid Prescribing and Payment Act”; and H.R. 5788 to provide for the processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection of certain international mail shipments and to require the provision of advance electronic information on international mail shipments of mail, and for other purposes. H.R. 5774, H.R. 5775, H.R. 5776, H.R. 5773, H.R. 5676, H.R. 5723, and H.R. 5788 were ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee concluded an organizational business meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee concluded an organizational business meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 436, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, S. 612, and H.R. 1547, bills to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City, S. 930, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, S. 966, to establish a program to accurately document vehicles that were significant in the history of the United States, S. 1029, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to exempt certain small hydroelectric power projects that are applying for relicensing under the Federal Power Act from the licensing requirements of that Act, S. 1030, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects, S. 1142, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, S. 1219, to provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, S. 1403, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in national service positions to conserve, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, S. 1459, to establish Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in the State of South Carolina, S. 1548, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, S. 1573, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the “American Discovery Trail”, S. 1645, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland, S. 1646, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, S. 2102, and H.R. 4266, bills to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, S. 2218, and H.R. 4609, bills to provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station, S. 2238, to amend the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway Act of 1996 to repeal the funding limitation, H.R. 497, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain non-Federal lands, H.R. 965, to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”, H.R.

995, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations, H.R. 1900, to designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, H.R. 2582, to authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, H.R. 2768, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”, H.R. 2786, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify as a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, H.R. 2897, to authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and an original bill to designate a National Nordic Museum in Washington State, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine S. 2800, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2645, to establish a demonstration program under which the Drug Enforcement Administration provides grants to certain States to enable those States to increase participation in drug take-back programs, S. 2535, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to strengthen Drug Enforcement Administration discretion in setting opioid quotas, S. 2789, to prevent substance abuse and reduce demand for illicit narcotics, S. 207, to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues, an original bill entitled, “Using Data to Prevent Opioid Diversion Act of 2018”, an original bill entitled, “Preventing Drug Diversion Act of 2018”, and the nominations of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S. Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Michael J. Truncale, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Wendy Vitter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Erica H. MacDonald, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on the FY 2019 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Protecting Privacy, Promoting Data Security: Exploring How Schools and States Keep Data Safe”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3692, the “Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4684, the “Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act of 2018”; H.R. 5329, the “Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2018”; H.R. 5580, the “STOP Fentanyl Deaths Act of 2018”; H.R. 5587, the “Peer Support Communities of Recovery Act”; H.R. 5795, the “Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act”; H.R. 5807, the “Substance Use Disorder Coordination, Access, Recovery Enhancement Act of 2018”; H.R. 5812, the “Creating Opportunities that Necessitate New and Enhanced Connections That Improve Opioid Navigation Strategies Act”; H.R. 5590, the “Opioid Addiction Action Plan Act”; H.R. 5603, the “Access to Telehealth Services for Opioid Use Disorder”; H.R. 5605, the “Advancing High Quality Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders in Medicare Act”; H.R. 5798, the “Opioid Screening and Chronic Pain Management Alternatives for Seniors Act”; H.R. 5804, the “Post-Surgical Injections as an Opioid Alternative Act”; H.R. 5809, the “Post-operative Opioid Prevention Act of 2018”; H.R. 5715, the “Strengthening Partnerships to Prevent Opioid Abuse Act”; H.R. 5716, the “Commit to Opioid Medical Prescriber Accountability and Safety for Seniors Act”; H.R. 5796, the “Responsible Education Achieves Care and Healthy Outcomes for Users’ Treatment Act of 2018”; H.R. 1925, the “At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 3192, the “CHIP Mental Health Parity Act”; H.R. 4005, the “Medicaid Reentry Act”; H.R. 4998, the “Health Insurance for Former Foster Youth Act”; H.R. 5477, the “Rural Development of Opioid Capacity Services Act”; H.R. 5583, the “Requiring Medicaid Programs to Report on All Core Behavioral Health Measures”; H.R. 5789, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicaid coverage protections for pregnant and postpartum women while receiving inpatient treatment for a substance use disorder; H.R. 5797, the “IMD CARE Act”; H.R. 5799, the “Medicaid DRUG Improvement Act”; H.R. 5800, the “Medicaid IMD ADDITIONAL INFO Act”; H.R. 5801, the “Medicaid PARTNERSHIP Act”; H.R. 5808, the “Medicaid Pharmaceutical Home Act of 2018”; H.R. 5810, the “Medicaid Health HOME Act”; H.R. 5228, the “Stop Counterfeit Drugs by Regulating and Enhancing Enforcement Now Act”; H.R. 5752, the “Stop Illicit Drug Importation Act of 2018”; H.R. 5806, the “21st Century Tools for Pain and Addiction Treatments”; and H.R. 5811, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to postapproval study requirements for certain controlled substances, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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