

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4379–S4458

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3132–3143. **Page S4410**

Measures Passed:

Authenticating Local Emergencies and Real Threats Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2385, to establish best practices for State, tribal, and local governments participating in the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Daines (for Schatz) Amendment No. 3212, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4456**

Measures Considered:

Agriculture and Nutrition Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. **Pages S4382–85, S4385–S4458**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 27, 2018; with all post-cloture time being expired. **Page S4458**

Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the passage of H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and the adoption of Shelby Amendment No. 2910, to the bill, previously agreed to Amendment No. 2920 and Amendment No. 2999, be considered as having been agreed to following the adoption of Amendment No. 3066, and that the instruction line for Amendment No. 2920 be modified with the changes at the desk. **Page S4458**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4458.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Stephen R. Lyons, USA, to be general and

Commander, United States Transportation Command, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals to increase access to capital, including S. 588, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to clarify what constitutes a general solicitation under the Federal securities laws, S. 1117, to protect the investment choices of investors in the United States, S. 2126, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to provide a temporary exemption for low-revenue issuers from certain auditor attestation requirements, S. 2347, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, S. 2765, to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to exempt investment advisers who solely advise certain rural business investment companies, and S. 3004, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to exclude privately held, non-custody brokers and dealers that are in good standing from certain requirements under title I of that Act, after receiving testimony from Raymond J. Keating, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, Vienna, Virginia; Mercer E. Bullard, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford; and Christopher H. Daniel, Government Finance Officers Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Teri L. Donaldson, of Texas, to be Inspector General, who was introduced by Senator Barrasso, Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, Karen S. Evans, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response), and Daniel Simmons, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), all of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prescription drug affordability and innovation, focusing on addressing challenges in today's market, after receiving testimony from Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

U.S. POLICY IN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a

hearing to examine United States policy in Europe, after receiving testimony from A. Wess Mitchell, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1158, to help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2779, to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2463, to establish the United States International Development Finance Corporation, with an amendment;

H.R. 3776, to support United States international cyber diplomacy, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Robin S. Bernstein, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Kenneth S. George, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Harry B. Harris, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Joseph N. Mondello, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Georgette Mosbacher, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Tibor Peter Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary (African Affairs), Gordon D. Sondland, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Ronald Gidwitz, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3029, to revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act), with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1112, to support States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and in the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 808, to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act; and

The nominations of Scott Stump, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, and John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

SURVIVORS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Survivors' Bill of Rights, focusing on implementation and next steps, after receiving testimony from Howard Spivak, Principal

Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Amanda Nguyen, Rise, Washington, D.C.; and Terry Crews, Beverly Hills, California.

PROTECTING OUR ELECTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine protecting our elections, focusing on examining shell companies and virtual currencies as avenues for foreign interference, including S. 2939, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the establishment of a corporation to conceal election contributions and donations by foreign nationals, and S. 1989, to enhance transparency and accountability for online political advertisements by requiring those who purchase and publish such ads to disclose information about the advertisements to the public, after receiving testimony from David Murray, Financial Integrity Network, Scott Dueweke, The Identity and Payments Association, and Sheila Krumholz, Center for Responsive Politics, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019".

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R.6219–6235, and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 963 and H. Res. 966–969, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5841, to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to more effectively guard against the risk to the national security of the United States posed by certain types of foreign investment, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–784, Part 1);

H. Res. 964, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6157) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from

June 29, 2018, through July 9, 2018 (H. Rept. 115–785); and

H. Res. 965, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 200) to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–786).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dan Spexarth, St. Catharine of Siena Parish, Wichita, Kansas.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings during the former Members program be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, June 25th.

Prevention of Private Information Dissemination Act: H.R. 4294, amended, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to provide a criminal penalty for unauthorized disclosures of certain individually identifiable information by officers or employees of a Federal department or agency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 293.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to provide a criminal penalty for unauthorized disclosures by officers or employees of a Federal agency of certain living will and stress test determinations.”.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 963, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act: The House passed H.R. 2083, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 116 nays, Roll No. 294.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To allow for the taking of pinnipeds on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other nonlisted fish species.”.

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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 an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–79.

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Agreed to:

Kilmer amendment (No. 1 printed in Part B of H. Rept. 115–783) that limits the application of this bill to only sea lions, rather than all pinnipeds; and

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Vargas amendment (No. 3 printed in Part B of H. Rept. 115–783), as modified, that mandates that the Secretary of the Interior produce a report to Congress on the potential impact of the lethal taking of California Sea Lions on the recovery of Salmonid stocks.

Pages H5704–05

H. Res. 961, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6157) and (H.R. 2083) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 292, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 291. Pursuant to Sec. 5 of H. Res. 961, House Resolution 952 is laid on the table.

Pages H5672–73

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

Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018: H.R. 5841, amended, to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to more effectively guard against the risk to the national security of the United States posed by certain types of foreign investment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 295.

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Clerk to Correct Engrossment: Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 2083, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill including the changes placed at the desk.

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Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019: The House considered H.R. 6157, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 27th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–77 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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Agreed to:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 1 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that allocates \$2 million to provide the Secretary of Defense the flexibility needed for technical assistance for U.S. military women to military women in other countries combating violence targeting women and children as a weapon of war, terrorism, human trafficking, narcotics trafficking;

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Lowenthal amendment (No. 2 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that increases the STARBASE fifth grade youth STEM education program found in Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, Civil Military Programs by \$5 million, and to reduce Operations and Maintenance, Army, Other Servicewide Activities by the offsetting amount;

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Napolitano amendment (No. 4 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that increases funding for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program by \$6 million to match the program’s 2018 funding of \$180 million;

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McGovern amendment (No. 5 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that provides the Department of Defense with \$250,000 for administrative expenses for purposes of creating a military service medal to honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces who are radiation-exposed veterans (Atomic Veterans); atomic Veterans are determined in section 1112(c)(3) of title 38, in the United States Code; **Pages H5740–41**

Allen amendment (No. 6 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that transfers \$10,000,000 to the Defense POW/Missing Persons Office to assist in identifying unclaimed remains missing since the Korean conflict; **Pages H5741–42**

McSally amendment (No. 7 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that increases A–10 wing replacement funds to House-passed NDAA level; **Page H5742**

Soto amendment (No. 8 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that increases funding for the Quantum Information Sciences program within the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account by \$5 million to further advance quantum computing research; **Pages H5742–43**

Lipinski amendment (No. 10 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that provides \$30 million for MD5, the National Security Technology Accelerator, to support national security innovation and entrepreneurial education programs at universities; reduces Operations and Maintenance-Defense Wide by the same amount; **Page H5744**

Soto amendment (No. 14 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that increases funding for Gulf War illness research under the Defense Health Program by \$1 million; **Pages H5744–45**

Visclosky amendment (No. 16 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that increases Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program funding by \$5,000,000; **Page H5745**

Visclosky amendment (No. 22 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that bars the use of funds in contravention of existing federal requirements for meaningful consultation and engagement with tribal communities related to activities that will impact them; and **Pages H5746–47**

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 24 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that ensures none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to transfer the information technology contracting and acquisition services or the Senior Leader Communications functions of the Defense Information Systems Agency. **Page H5747**

Proceedings Postponed:

Langevin amendment (No. 9 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that seeks to provide \$10 million for Weapons and Munitions Technology

(0602624A), \$10 million for Innovative Naval Prototypes (INP) Applied Research (0602792N), and \$20 million for Innovative Naval Prototypes Advanced Technology Development (0603801N) to be used for accelerated development and prototyping for the electromagnetic railgun; and **Pages H5743–44**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 20 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that seeks to reduce the amount of Coalition Support Fund reimbursements Pakistan is eligible to receive by \$200 million. **Pages H5745–46**

H. Res. 961, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6157) and (H.R. 2083) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 292, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 291. Pursuant to Sec. 5 of H. Res. 961, House Resolution 952 is laid on the table. **Pages H5672–73**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5672, H5673, H5673–74, H5705, and H5705–06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE SHIFTING GEOPOLITICS OF OIL AND GAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Shifting Geopolitics of Oil and Gas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on legislation on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Reauthorization Act of 2018. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S APPROACH TO LEAD-BASED PAINT AND MOLD REMEDIATION IN PUBLIC AND SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Government’s Approach to Lead-Based Paint and Mold Remediation in Public and Subsidized Housing”. Testimony was heard from Jeremy Kirkland, Acting Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Karen McKeown, State Health Officer and Administrator, Division of Public

Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC IMPLICATIONS OF DE-RISKING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “International and Domestic Implications of De-Risking”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Clements, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE: OPERATIONS AND WORKFORCE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider Committee Resolution 115–19; and a hearing entitled “United States Capitol Police: Operations and Workforce”. Committee Resolution 115–19 was adopted. Testimony was heard from Chief Matthew Verderosa, Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police; Michael Bolton, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Capitol Police; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 938, of inquiry directing the Attorney General to provide certain documents in the Attorney General’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to the ongoing congressional investigation related to certain prosecutorial and investigatory decisions made by the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation surrounding the 2016 election; and H. Res. 928, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the President’s use of the pardon power under article II, section 2 of the Constitution. H. Res. 938 and H. Res. 928 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on legislation on the Offshore Renewable Energy for Territories Act; H.R. 5291, the “Offshore Wind Jobs and Opportunity Act”; and legislation on the National OCS Renewable Energy Leasing Program Act. Testimony was heard from James Bennett, Chief of the Office of Renewable Energy Programs, Bureau of Ocean Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS: THE EFFECTS OF FOREST SERVICE ROAD CLOSURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy, and Environment held a hearing entitled “Access to Public Lands: The Effects of Forest Service Road Closures”. Testimony was heard from Kerry White, Representative, Montana House of Representatives; Bill Harvey, Commission Chair, Baker County, Oregon; and public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING FISHING COMMUNITIES AND INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT; DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 200, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; and held a hearing on H.R. 6157, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019” [Amendment Consideration]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 6–2, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 200 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those 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. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–2, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 6157 under a structured rule. The rule provides for no additional general debate. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, and available pro forma amendments described in section 3 of House Resolution 961. 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 except amendments described in section 3 of House Resolution 961, 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. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from June 29, 2018, through July 9, 2018: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Finally, in section 4, the rule provides that it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider concurrent resolutions providing for adjournment during the month of July, 2018. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wasserman Shultz, Lee, Hastings, Rohrabacher, Wittman, Jones, Francis Rooney of Florida, Bordallo, Courtney, and Heck.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE—WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence—With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION REGULATORY REFORM: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Commercial Space Transportation Regulatory Reform: Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION: THE BEGINNING OF THE BEGINNING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “VA Electronic Health Record Modernization: The Beginning of the Beginning”. Testimony was heard from Peter O'Rourke, Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Vice Admiral Raquel Bono, Director, Defense Health Agency, Department of Defense; David Powner, Director

of IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

HIRING AND RETAINING VETERANS FOR THE MODERN DAY WORKFORCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Hiring and Retaining Veterans for the Modern Day Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D727)

S. 1869, to reauthorize and rename the position of Whistleblower Ombudsman to be the Whistleblower Protection Coordinator. Signed on June 25, 2018. (Public Law 115–192)

S. 2246, to designate the health care center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tallahassee, Florida, as the Sergeant Ernest I. “Boots” Thomas VA Clinic. Signed on June 25, 2018. (Public Law 115–193)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 645, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, S. 1092, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, S. 1896, to amend section 8331 of title 5, United States Code, and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the treatment of availability pay for Federal air marshals and criminal investigators of the Transportation Security Administration, S. 2941, to improve the Cooperative Observer Program of the National Weather Service, S. 3094, to restrict the department in which the Coast Guard is operating from implementing any rule requiring the use of biometric readers for biometric transportation security cards until after submission

to Congress of the results of an assessment of the effectiveness of the transportation security card program, H.R. 4254, to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, H.R. 4467, to require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, H.R. 4559, to conduct a global aviation security review, and the nominations of Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Heidi R. King, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Geoffrey Adam Starks, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and Peter A. Feldman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine how to reduce health care costs, focusing on understanding the cost of health care in America, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Medicaid fraud and overpayments, focusing on problems and solutions, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine FAST-41 and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, focusing on progress to date and next steps, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the eligibility requirements for the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program to ensure all downwinders receive coverage, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the competitive impact of the T-Mobile-Sprint transaction, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on legislation on the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018; H.R. 959, the "Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017"; H.R. 1676, the "Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act"; H.R. 3728, the "Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency Readiness Act of 2017"; and H.R. 5385, the "Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, markup on H.R. 2278, the "Responsible Disposal Reauthorization Act of 2017"; and H.R. 2389, to reauthorize the West Valley

demonstration project, and for other purposes, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Crisis in the Republic of the Cameroon", 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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