

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3144–3152, and S. Res. 557. **Pages S4512–13**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019”. (S. Rept. No. 115–287)

S. 2842, to prohibit the marketing of bogus opioid treatment programs or products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–285)

S. 2848, to improve Department of Transportation controlled substances and alcohol testing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–286)

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. 2463, to establish the United States International Development Finance Corporation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4512**

Measures Considered:

Agriculture and Nutrition Act—Agreement: Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4460–92**

Pending:

Roberts Amendment No. 3224, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4460**

McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 3134 (to Amendment No. 3224), to modify conservation reserve program provisions. **Pages S4460–61**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Roberts Amendment No. 3224 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of

the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 29, 2018. **Page S4491**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Roberts Amendment No. 3224. **Pages S4491–92**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 28, 2018. **Page S4468**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4688.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department

of State, after receiving testimony from Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1092, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2941, to improve the Cooperative Observer Program of the National Weather Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, Peter A. Feldman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

MEDICAID FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine

Medicaid fraud and overpayments, focusing on problems and solutions, including actions needed to mitigate billions in improper payments and program integrity risks, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and Brian P. Ritchie, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

FAST-41 AND THE FEDERAL PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT STEERING COUNCIL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine FAST-41 and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, focusing on progress to date and next steps, including S. 3017, to amend the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, after receiving testimony from former Senator Mary Landrieu; Angela Colamaria, Acting Executive Director, Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council; Megan K. Terrell, Office of the Governor of Louisiana, Baton Rouge; Alexander Herrgott, Council on Environmental Quality, Joseph Johnson, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Christy Goldfuss, Center for American Progress, and Sean McGarvey, North America's Building Trades Unions, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jolene S. Thompson, American Municipal Power, Inc., Columbus, Ohio.

HEALTH CARE COSTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how to reduce health care costs, focusing on understanding the cost of health care in America, after receiving testimony from Melinda J. B. Buntin, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee; Ashish K. Jha, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Global Health Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Niall Brennan, Health Care Cost Institute, and David A. Hyman, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the eligibility requirements for the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program to ensure all downwinders receive coverage, including S. 197, to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, after receiving testimony from Senator Udall; Eltona Henderson, Idaho Downwinders, Emmett; Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Robert N. Celestial, Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors, Barrigada, Guam; and Tina Cordova, Tularosa Basin

Downwinders Consortium, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

T-MOBILE–SPRINT TRANSACTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the competitive impact of the T-Mobile–Sprint transaction, after receiving testimony from John Legere, T-Mobile US, Inc., Bellevue, Washington; Marcelo Claure, Sprint Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas; Asha Keddy, Intel Corporation, Beaverton, Oregon; and Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, Roslyn Layton, American Enterprise Institute, and George P. Slover, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Tillis, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 6236–6256; 1 private bill, H.R. 6257; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 136 and H. Res. 970, were introduced. **Pages H5814–16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5817**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5905, to authorize basic research programs in the Department of Energy Office of Science for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–787);

H.R. 5907, to provide directors of the National Laboratories signature authority for certain agreements, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–788);

H.R. 5346, to amend title 51, United States Code, to provide for licenses and experimental permits for space support vehicles, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–789);

H.R. 5729, 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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–790, Part 1); and

H. Res. 971, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 970) insisting that the department of Justice fully comply with the requests, including subpoenas, of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the subpoena issued by the Committee on the Judiciary relating to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance

Act by personnel of the Department of Justice and related matters (H. Rept. 115–791). **Page H5814**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rogers (KY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5751**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H5756–57**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Jack Trieber, North Valley Baptist Church, Santa Clara, California. **Page H5757**

Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018: The House failed to pass H.R. 6136, to amend the immigration laws and provide for border security, by a recorded vote of 121 ayes to 301 noes, Roll No. 297. Consideration began Thursday, June 21st. **Pages H5766–67**

Rejected the Espallat motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 296. **Page H5766**

H. Res. 953, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6136) was agreed to Thursday, June 21st.

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

American Leadership in Space Technology and Advanced Rocketry Act: H.R. 5345, amended, to designate the Marshall Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to provide leadership for the U.S. rocket propulsion industrial base; **Pages H5769–70**

Commercial Space Support Vehicle Act: H.R. 5346, to amend title 51, United States Code, to provide for licenses and experimental permits for space support vehicles; **Pages H5770–71**

Department of Energy Science and Innovation Act of 2018: H.R. 5905, amended, to authorize basic research programs in the Department of Energy Office of Science for fiscal years 2018 and 2019; **Pages H5771–79**

Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy Act of 2018: H.R. 5906, amended, to amend the America COMPETES Act to establish Department of Energy policy for Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy; and **Pages H5779–81**

National Innovation Modernization by Laboratory Empowerment Act: H.R. 5907, to provide directors of the National Laboratories signature authority for certain agreements. **Pages H5781–82**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment and request a conference on H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page H5782**

Rejected the Carbajal motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 300. **Pages H5783–84**

Agreed to the Thornberry motion to close portions of the conference by a yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 301. **Pages H5784–85**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thornberry, Wilson of South Carolina, LoBiondo, Bishop of Utah, Turner, Rogers of Alabama, Shuster, Conaway, Lamborn, Wittman, Coffman, Hartzler, Austin Scott of Georgia, Cook, Byrne, Stefanik, Bacon, Banks of Indiana, Smith of Washington, Davis of California, Langevin, Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Tsongas, Garamendi, Speier, Veasey, Gabbard, O'Rourke, and Murphy of Florida. **Page H5788**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of title XVII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Latta, Johnson of Ohio, and Pallone. **Pages H5788–89**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of title XVII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Rep-

resentatives Hensarling, Barr, and Maxine Waters of California. **Page H5789**

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of title XVII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Royce of California, Kinzinger, and Engel. **Page H5789**

American Innovation \$1 Coin Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 770, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of American innovation and significant innovation and pioneering efforts of individuals or groups from each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, to promote the importance of innovation in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories. **Pages H5786–87**

North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2061, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004. **Pages H5787–88**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 28th. **Page H5788**

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 began yesterday, June 26th. **Pages H5789–H5812**

Agreed to:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that states that no funding in this Act shall be used or otherwise made available by this Act to end Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) programs at HBUCs, Hispanic Serving Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities; **Pages H5789–91**

Frankel (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that allocates \$3,000,000 for training on gender perspectives and full-time advisors on Women, Peace and Security at each of the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, and the Joint Staff; \$900,000 for training on the meaningful participation of women through foreign national security forces capacity building programs and for the collection of gender-disaggregated data in that programming; and \$100,000 for training on gender perspectives at the war colleges and research on women's contributions to security at the National Defense University Institute for National Security Studies; **Pages H5791–92**

Rosen amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that increases funding for the training and

retention of cybersecurity professionals under the Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance Account by \$5,000,000; **Pages H5792–93**

Lynch amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that reduces funding for the Office of the Secretary of Defense by \$10,000,000 and increases funding for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency by \$10,000,000; **Page H5793**

Kuster (NH) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that provides \$1 million to the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigations, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC–IPAD) for additional staff to conduct a first-ever review of collateral misconduct and disciplinary actions brought against survivors of sexual assault; **Pages H5793–94**

Hudson amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that increases Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide funds by \$5 million to provide for additional training of Special Operations Forces; **Page H5796**

Welch amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that increases funding for the Defense Health programs by \$1 million and decreases the Operations and Maintenance account, Defense-Wide, by \$1.3 million to improve coordination between DoD and the VA as both agencies study the effects of toxic exposure to burn pits; **Pages H5796–97**

Nolan amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that provides an additional \$6 million for the Department of Defense's Lung Cancer Research Program and decreases the Operations and Maintenance, Defense-wide account by the same amount; **Page H5797**

Gabbard amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that increases open air burn pits research funding by \$1 million; **Pages H5797–98**

Delaney amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that provides for an additional \$5 million for the Fisher House Foundation which is offset by an outlay neutral reduction in the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account; **Pages H5798–99**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that reduces funding for Procurement, Defense-Wide, by \$10 million and increases funding for Defense Health Programs by \$10 million in order to address Triple Negative Breast Cancer research; **Pages H5799–H5800**

Crawford amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that reduces Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide by \$1,000,000 and increases it by the same to be used for explosive ordinance disposal equipment upgrades and technology enhancements; **Pages H5801–02**

Langevin amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that removes \$10 million from Next Gen-

eration Air Dominance (0207110F), and provides \$10 million to be used for the DOD Cyber Scholarship Program within the Information Systems Security Program (0303140D8Z); **Page H5802**

Esty amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that increases funding for the Sexual Assault Special Victims' Counsel Program by \$2 million for sexual assault prevention and response programs; **Page H5803**

Gallego amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that prohibits the use of funds in this bill to procure any good or service or enter into any contract with the Chinese companies ZTE and Huawei; **Page H5805**

Wittman amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that strips the limiting language of "CVN–80" from the text which would allow funding for both CVN–80 and CVN–81 and thereby enable dual-buy; and **Pages H5805–06**

Murphy (FL) amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that increases funding for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense; National Guard counter-drug program by \$3.0 million, and reduces funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$3.2 million. **Pages H5806–07**

Rejected:

Langevin amendment (No. 9 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that was debated on June 26th that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 302); and **Pages H5785–86**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 20 printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–783) that was debated on June 26th that sought to reduce the amount of Coalition Support Fund reimbursements Pakistan is eligible to receive by \$200 million (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 303). **Page H5786**

Withdrawn:

Langevin amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have removed \$50 million from the Strategic Capabilities Office (0604250D8Z), and provides \$50 million to be used for directed energy solutions for boost phase missile defense, specifically the DPAL program with Technology Maturation Initiatives (0604115C). **Page H5802**

Proceedings Postponed:

Gallagher amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that seeks to increase funding for Navy AIM–120D missile procurement by \$23.8M to help

meet Indo-PACOM required critical capabilities and match the House-passed authorization in the FY 2019 NDAA, while reducing defense-wide operation and maintenance by the same amount;

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Gallagher amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that seeks to increase funding for Air Force AIM–120D missile procurement by \$33M to help meet Indo-PACOM required critical capabilities and match the House-passed authorization in the FY 2019 NDAA, while reducing defense-wide operation and maintenance by the same amount;

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Clark (MA) amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that seeks to reduce and then increase the defense-wide research, development, test and evaluation account by \$14.364 million with the intent of supporting DOD innovation;

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Foster amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to develop a space-based ballistic missile intercept layer; and

Pages H5803–05

Courtney amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 115–785) that seeks to provide funding for long lead time materials to construct additional Virginia-class submarines in FY 2022 and FY 2023.

Pages H5807–12

H. Res. 961, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6157) and (H.R. 2083) was agreed to yesterday, June 26th.

H. Res. 964, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6157) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 299, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 298.

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Senate Referral: S. 2385 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and appears on page H5768.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5766, H5767, H5767–68, H5768, H5783–84, H5784–85, H5785–86, and H5786. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a 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”. H.R. 959 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 1676, H.R. 3728, H.R. 5385, and legislation on the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2018 were ordered to the full Committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a 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. H.R. 2278 and H.R. 2389 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development”. Testimony was heard from Ben Carson, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

CRISIS IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE CAMEROON

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Crisis in the Republic of the Cameroon”. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5859, the “Education and Energy Act of 2018”; H.R. 6087, the “Removing Barriers to Energy Independence Act”; H.R. 6088, the “SPEED Act”; and H.R. 6107, the “Ending Duplicative Permitting Act”. H.R. 5859, H.R. 6087, H.R. 6088, and H.R. 6107 were ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE ADMINISTRATION'S GOVERNMENT-WIDE REORGANIZATION PLAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Administration’s Government-wide Reorganization Plan”. Testimony was heard from Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

INSISTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FULLY COMPLY WITH THE REQUESTS, INCLUDING SUBPOENAS, OF THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND THE SUBPOENA ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY RELATING TO POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT BY PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND RELATED MATTERS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 970, insisting that the Department of Justice fully comply with the requests, including subpoenas, of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the subpoena issued by the Committee on the Judiciary relating to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act by personnel of the Department of Justice and related matters. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for the consideration of H. Res. 970 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jordan, Nadler, Meadows, and Perry.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6227, the “National Quantum Initiative Act”; H.R. 6229, the “National Institute of Standards and Technology Reauthorization Act of 2018”; and H.R. 6226, the “American Space SAFE Management Act”. H.R. 6226, H.R. 6227, and H.R. 6229 were ordered reported, as amended.

BOLSTERING DATA PRIVACY AND MOBILE SECURITY: AN ASSESSMENT OF IMSI CATCHER THREATS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled

“Bolstering Data Privacy and Mobile Security: An Assessment of IMSI Catcher Threats”. Testimony was heard from Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ZTE: A THREAT TO AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “ZTE: A Threat to America’s Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 66, the “Route 66 Centennial Commission Act”; H.R. 6194, the “REAL Reform Act of 2018”; H.R. 5846, the “Promoting Flood Risk Mitigation Act”; H.R. 5772, to designate the J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Courthouse in Amarillo, Texas, as the “J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Mary Lou Robinson United States Courthouse”; H.R. 3460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 323 East Chapel Hill Street in Durham, North Carolina, as the “John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse”; H.R. 6175, the “Maritime Safety Act of 2018”; H.R. 6206, the “Coast Guard Blue Technology Center of Expertise Act”; S. 756, the “Save Our Seas Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3906, the “Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act of 2017”. General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved. H.R. 5772, H.R. 6175, and H.R. 6206 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 66, H.R. 6194, H.R. 5846, H.R. 3460, S. 756, and H.R. 3906 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 2787, the “VET MD Act”; H.R. 3696, the “Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement Act”; H.R. 5521, the “VA Hiring Enhancement Act”; H.R. 5693, the “Long Term Care Veterans Choice Act”; H.R. 5938, the “Veterans Serving Veterans Act of 2018”; H.R. 6066, to improve the productivity of the management of Department of Veterans Affairs health care; H.R. 5864, the “VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act”; and H.R. 5974, the “VA COST SAVINGS Enhancement Act”. H.R. 2787, H.R. 3696, H.R. 5693, H.R. 5938, H.R. 6066, H.R. 5974 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R.

5864 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

U.S. LEADERSHIP ON DIGITAL TRADE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for United States leadership on digital trade, after receiving testimony from Rachel F. Fefer, Analyst in International Trade and Finance, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Sean Heather, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Ryan Radia, Competitive Enterprise Institute, and Robert W. Holleyman, Crowell and Moring LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and 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, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine legislative proposals to examine corporate governance, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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