

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5227–S5314

Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3256–3261, and S. Res. 588–591. **Page S5267**

Measures Passed:

National Day of the American Cowboy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 589, designating July 28, 2018, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”. **Page S5312**

Pioneer Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 590, recognizing the 171st anniversary of the arrival of pioneers belonging to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Great Salt Lake Valley in Utah, and the contributions of the Church and its members to the United States and the world. **Page S5312**

National Purple Heart Recognition Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 591, supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day. **Page S5312**

Drug Enforcement Administration 45th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 578, honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the 45th anniversary of the agency, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5312**

National Trademark Exposition of the United States Patent and Trademark Office: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 580, recognizing and supporting public awareness of the importance of trademarks and the goals and ideals of the National Trademark Exposition of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5312**

State Offices of Rural Health Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 2278, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S5312–14**

Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5230–40, S5240–62**

Adopted:

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 164), Collins (for Heller/Brown) Amendment No. 3405 (to Amendment No. 3399), to increase the amount available for a Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance matching grants program for tax return preparation assistance. **Pages S5240–41**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 165), Collins (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3422 (to Amendment No. 3399), to require the Inspector General to update an audit report concerning on-time performance of Amtrak. **Pages S5240–41**

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 166), Murkowski (for Schatz/Hirono) Amendment No. 3407 (to Amendment No. 3399), to provide for a report on facilities of the Department of the Interior damaged by certain volcanic eruptions. **Pages S5255–58**

By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 167), Murkowski (for Kennedy/Cassidy) Amendment No. 3430 (to Amendment No. 3399), to provide amounts for inspection of foreign seafood manufacturers and field examinations of imported seafood. **Pages S5255–58**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 3399, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5230–40, S5240–62**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3399), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5230**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order to call up the following amendments to Shelby Amendment No. 3399 (listed above): Moran Amendment No. 3433, and Udall Amendment No. 3414; and that at 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, Senate vote on or in relation to Moran Amendment No. 3433, and Udall Amendment No. 3414, in the order listed, and that

there be no second-degree amendments in order to the amendments prior to the votes. **Page S5314**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bruce Landsberg, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2019.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

J. Nicholas Ranjan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Tamara Bonzanto, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection). **Page S5314**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—167) **Pages S5241, S5258**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5314.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 4,120 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Michael R. Bright, of the District of Columbia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOAA'S BLUE ECONOMY INITIATIVE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's blue economy initiative, focusing on supporting commerce in American oceans and Great Lakes, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Timothy Gallaudet, USN (Ret.), Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

EMPOWERING U.S. AMATEUR ATHLETES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening and empowering United States amateur athletes, focusing on moving forward with solutions, after receiving testimony from John Engler, Michigan State University, East Lansing; Susanne Lyons, United States Olympic Committee,

Colorado Springs, Colorado; Kerry Perry, USA Gymnastics, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Han Xiao, Athlete Advisory Council, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Teri L. Donaldson, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Karen S. Evans, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response), Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Daniel Simmons, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), all of the Department of Energy.

GLOBAL OIL PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine factors that are impacting global oil prices, after receiving testimony from John R. Auers, Turner, Mason and Company, Dallas, Texas; Jason E. Bordoff, Columbia University

School of International and Public Affairs, New York, New York; E. Russell Braziel, RBN Energy, LLC, Houston, Texas; Robert McNally, Rapidan Energy Group, Bethesda, Maryland; and Keisuke Sadamori, International Energy Agency, Paris, France.

THE CHINA CHALLENGE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the China challenge, focusing on economic coercion as statecraft, after receiving testimony from Dan Blumenthal, American Enterprise Institute, and Ely Ratner, Center for a New American Security, both of Washington, D.C.

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: 22 public bills, H.R. 6479–6500; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 1017–1025 were introduced. **Pages H7154–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7156–57**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 5649, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to amend the Social Security Act, and to direct the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense, Labor, and Homeland Security, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, to take certain actions to improve transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces who separate, retire, or are discharged from the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–864, Part 1);

H.R. 5882, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the termination by a spouse of a lessee of certain leases when the lessee dies while in military service (H. Rept. 115–865);

H.R. 2409, to allow servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed (H. Rept. 115–866);

H.R. 2787, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a pilot program instituting a clin-

ical observation program for pre-med students preparing to attend medical school, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–867);

H.R. 5693, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–868);

H.R. 5974, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–869);

H.R. 5538, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain additional periods of active duty service for purposes of suspending charges to veterans' entitlement to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs during periods of suspended participation in vocational rehabilitation programs (H. Rept. 115–870);

H.R. 5938, to amend the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a vacancy and recruitment database to facilitate the recruitment of certain members

of the Armed Forces to satisfy the occupational needs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish and implement a training and certification program for intermediate care technicians in that Department, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–871);

H.R. 5864, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish qualifications for the human resources positions within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–872); and

H. Res. 1020, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 115–873).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Palazzo to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Imam Seyed Ali Ghazvini, Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno, Fresno, California.

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Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2018—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1012, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6199) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include certain over-the-counter medical products as qualified medical expenses, and providing for proceedings during the period from July 27, 2018, through September 3, 2018, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 369, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 368.

Pages H7100–06

Recess: The House recessed at 4:39 p.m. and reconvened at 4:50 p.m.

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Protect Medical Innovation Act: The House passed H.R. 184, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, by a yea-and-nay vote of 283 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 372.

Pages H7119–24, 7124–25

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 115–860 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1011, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 184) and (H.R. 6311) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 371, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 370.

Pages H7095–H7100, H7106–07

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

Equitable Access to Care and Health Act: H.R. 1201, amended, to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate;

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Native American Health Savings Improvement Act: H.R. 1476, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit individuals eligible for Indian Health Service assistance to qualify for health savings accounts;

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Water and Agriculture Tax Reform Act: H.R. 519, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency;

Pages H7110–12

Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act of 2018: H.R. 3500, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from rehiring any employee of the Internal Revenue Service who was involuntarily separated from service for misconduct;

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Improving Social Security's Service to Victims of Identity Theft Act: H.R. 6084, amended, to amend title VII of the Social Security Act to provide for a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration for individuals who are victims of identity theft;

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Improving Seniors Access to Quality Benefits Act: H.R. 4952, amended, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit a report on the effects of the inclusion of quality increases in the determination of blended benchmark amounts under part C of the Medicare program;

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Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Transparency Act of 2018: H.R. 6138, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for ambulatory surgical center representation during the review of hospital outpatient payment rates under part B of the Medicare program;

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Tribal Social Security Fairness Act of 2018: H.R. 6124, amended, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to authorize voluntary agreements for coverage of Indian tribal council members;

Pages H7118–19

Allowing servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed: H.R. 2409, amended, to allow servicemembers to terminate their cable,

satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed; **Pages H7130–31**

Veterans-Specific Education for Tomorrow's Medical Doctors Act: H.R. 2787, amended, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a pilot program instituting a clinical observation program for pre-med students preparing to attend medical school; **Pages H7132–33**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain additional periods of active duty service for purposes of suspending charges to veterans' entitlement to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs during periods of suspended participation in vocational rehabilitation programs: H.R. 5538, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain additional periods of active duty service for purposes of suspending charges to veterans' entitlement to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs during periods of suspended participation in vocational rehabilitation programs; **Pages H7133–34**

Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William 'Bill' Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2018: H.R. 5649, amended, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to amend the Social Security Act, and to direct the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Defense, Labor, and Homeland Security, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, to take certain actions to improve transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces who separate, retire, or are discharged from the Armed Forces; **Pages H7134–40**

Gold Star Spouses Leasing Relief Act: H.R. 5882, amended, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the termination by a spouse of a lessee of certain leases when the lessee dies while in military service; **Pages H7140–41**

Veterans Serving Veterans Act of 2018: H.R. 5938, amended, to amend the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a vacancy and recruitment database to facilitate the recruitment of certain members of the Armed Forces to satisfy the occupational needs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish and implement a training and certification program for intermediate care technicians in that Department; and **Pages H7142–44**

Department of Veterans Affairs Creation of On-Site Treatment Systems Affording Veterans Improvements and Numerous General Safety Enhancements Act: H.R. 5974, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated

medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities. **Pages H7144–45**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: S. 1182, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion; and **Pages H7125–30**

VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act: H.R. 5864, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish qualifications for the human resources positions within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages H7141–42**

Raising a question of the privileges of the House pursuant to article I, section 7, of the United States Constitution: Agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 1019, raising a question of the privileges of the House pursuant to article I, section 7, of the United States Constitution. **Page H7150**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:39 p.m. and reconvened at 9:28 p.m. **Page H7150**

Senate Referral: S. 2503 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7107.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7105, H7105–06, H7106–07, H7107, and H7124–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 4219, the “Workflex in the 21st Century Act”. Testimony was heard from Gayle L. Goldin, Senator, General Assembly, Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING ADVERTISING AND MARKETING PRACTICES WITHIN THE SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Advertising and Marketing Practices within the Substance Use Treatment Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOE MODERNIZATION: LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A PILOT PROJECT TO COMMERCIALIZE THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “DOE Modernization: Legislation to Authorize a Pilot Project to Commercialize the Strategic Petroleum Reserve”. Testimony was heard from Steven Winberg, Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1511, the “Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2017”; H.R. 2069, the “Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2017”; H.R. 2570, the “Mortgage Fairness Act of 2017”; H.R. 3626, the “Bank Service Company Examination Coordination Act of 2017”; H.R. 5036, the “Financial Technology Protection Act”; H.R. 5059, the “State Insurance Regulation Preservation Act”; and H.R. 6332, the “Improving Strategies to Counter Weapons Proliferation Act”. H.R. 1511, H.R. 2069, H.R. 5036, H.R. 3626, and H.R. 5059 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6332 and H.R. 2570 were ordered reported, without amendment.

EGYPT: SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Egypt: Security, Human Rights, and Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5869, the “Maritime Border Security Review Act”; H.R. 6198, the “Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 2018”; H.R. 6265, the “PreCheck is PreCheck Act of 2018”; H.R. 6374, the “FIT Act”; H.R. 6400, the “United States Ports of Entry Threat and Operational Review Act”; H.R. 6430, the “Securing the Homeland Security Supply Chain Act of 2018”; H.R. 6438, the “DHS Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act”; H.R. 6439, the “Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act of 2018”; H.R. 6443, the “Advancing Cybersecurity Diagnostics and Mitigation Act”; H.R. 6459, the “TSA Opportunities to Pursue Expanded Networks for Business Act”; H.R. 6461, the “TSA National Deployment Force Act”; H.R. 6447, the “Department of Homeland Security Chief Data Officer Authorization Act”; H. Res. 1005, directing

the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the border security policies, procedures, and activities as such relate to the interdiction of families by the U.S. Border Patrol between ports of entry. H.R. 5869, H.R. 6198, H.R. 6265, H.R. 6374, H.R. 6400, H.R. 6443, and H.R. 6447 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6430, H.R. 6438, H.R. 6439, H.R. 6459, H.R. 6461, and H. Res. 1005 were ordered reported, without amendment.

BOOTS AT THE BORDER: EXAMINING THE NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Boots at the Border: Examining the National Guard Deployment to the Southwest Border”. Testimony was heard from Rodolfo Karisch, Chief Patrol Agent, Tucson Sector, U.S. Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security; Major General John F. Nichols, Adjutant General, Texas National Guard, U.S. Army National Guard; and Major General Michael T. McGuire, Adjutant General, Arizona National Guard, U.S. Army National Guard.

EXAMINING THE WAYFAIR DECISION AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS FOR CONSUMERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Wayfair decision and its Ramifications for Consumers and Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE USES OF COAL

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Assessing Innovative and Alternative Uses of Coal”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 5244, the “Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation Reaffirmation Act”; S. 607, the “Native American Business Incubators Program Act”; and S. 1116, the “Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2018”. Testimony was heard from Darryl LaCounte, Acting Deputy Bureau Director—Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CYBER-SECURING THE VOTE: ENSURING THE INTEGRITY OF THE U.S. ELECTION SYSTEM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Cyber-securing the Vote: Ensuring the Integrity of the U.S. Election System”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Krebs, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Thomas Hicks, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico; and Ricky Hatch, County Auditor, Weber County, Utah.

SHIELDING SOURCES: SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC’S RIGHT TO KNOW

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Shielding Sources: Safeguarding the Public’s Right to Know”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESERVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRAZING ON FEDERAL LAND

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy, and Environment held a hearing entitled “Preserving Opportunities for Grazing on Federal Land”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE JOHN S. MCCAIN NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 5515, the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thornberry and Representative Smith of Washington.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 1020, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of H. Res. ——. The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII

(requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of July 27, 2018 relating to a measure authorizing appropriations for the Department of Defense. In section 2, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of July 26, 2018, or July 27, 2018, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure authorizing appropriations for the Department of Defense. Finally, in section 3, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

URBAN AIR MOBILITY—ARE FLYING CARS READY FOR TAKE-OFF?

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Urban Air Mobility—Are Flying Cars Ready for Take-Off?”. Testimony was heard from Jaiwon Shin, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6468, the “Improving Science in Chemical Assessments Act”; and S. 141, the “Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act”. S. 141 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6468 was ordered reported, without amendment.

INVESTING IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access; and Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade held a joint hearing entitled “Investing in Rural America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UPDATE ON COAST GUARD ACQUISITION PROGRAMS AND MISSION BALANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Update on Coast Guard Acquisition Programs and Mission Balance and Effectiveness”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Daniel Abel, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; Vice Admiral Michael McAllister, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard; and Marie A. Mak, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

ASSESSING WHETHER VA IS ON TRACK TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT APPEALS REFORM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Assessing Whether VA is on Track to Successfully Implement Appeals Reform". Testimony was heard from Paul R. Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Elizabeth H. Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, Government Accountability Office.

THE OPIOID CRISIS: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA)

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled "The Opioid Crisis: Implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)". Testimony was heard from Jerry Milner, Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, and Acting Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

PRODUCT EXCLUSION PROCESS FOR SECTION 232 TARIFFS ON STEEL AND ALUMINUM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Product Exclusion Process for Section 232 Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the race to 5G, focusing on exploring spectrum needs to maintain United States global leadership, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine destination Mars, focusing on putting American boots on the surface of the red planet, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine American diplomacy to advance our national security strategy, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to

enrollees, H.R. 1222, to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, S. 2465, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program and to provide for sickle cell disease research, surveillance, prevention, and treatment, S. 3016, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking down barriers to care, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Maguire, of Florida, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Ellen E. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6147, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, with votes on or in relation to Moran Amendment No. 3433, and Udall Amendment No. 3414, at 2:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 6199—Restoring Access to Medication and Modernizing Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018 and H.R. 6311—Increasing Access to Lower Premium Plans and Expanding Health Savings Accounts Act of 2018. Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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