

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2893–S2949

Measures Introduced: Forty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1499–1540, S. Res. 212–213, and S. Con. Res. 17.

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Measures Passed:

Protecting America's First Responders Act: Senate passed S. 1208, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program: Senate passed H.R. 2379, to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

Pages S2901–02

Effective Prosecution of Possession of Biological Toxins and Agents Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 744, to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error, and the bill was then passed.

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Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 1379, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and the bill was then passed.

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Debbie Smith Act: Senate passed S. 820, to strengthen programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

Pages S2946–48

Supporting and Treating Officers In Crisis Act: Senate passed S. 998, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduc-

tion, and suicide prevention, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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Collins Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel P. Collins, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 16, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 20, 2019.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Nielson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Howard C. Nielson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Daniel P. Collins, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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Clark Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen R. Clark, Sr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Howard C. Nielson, Jr., of

Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S2907**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2907**

Nichols Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Carl J. Nichols, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S2907**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Stephen R. Clark, Sr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Page S2907**

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Bell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kenneth D. Bell, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Carl J. Nichols, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S2908**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2907**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2908**

Wallace Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Robert Wallace, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, sent to the Senate by the President on May 13, 2019, be referred jointly to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Pages S2915–16**

Collins, Nielson, Clark, Nichols, and Bell Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions

filed on Thursday, May 16, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 20, 2019. **Pages S2948–49**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 114), Wendy Vitter, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 115), Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management). **Pages S2903, S2949**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 116), Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General. **Pages S2903–07, S2949**

Jane L. Corwin, of New York, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Robert C. Sisson, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Lance V. Yohe, of North Dakota, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada. **Pages S2916, S2949**

Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. **Pages S2916, S2949**

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Pages S2916, S2949**

Messages from the House: **Page S2922**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2929**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—116) **Pages S2903, S2906–07**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:04 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2948–49.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather concluded a hearing to examine atmospheric science research and forecasting innovation, after receiving testimony from Waleed Abdalati, University of Colorado Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, Boulder; Deborah A. Bronk, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, Maine; Radley Horton, Columbia University, Palisades, New York; and Erika Washburn, Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, Superior, Wisconsin.

CARBON CAPTURE, UTILIZATION, AND STORAGE PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's carbon capture, utilization, and storage programs, including S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Winberg, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy; S. Julio Friedmann, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Center on Global Energy Policy, Livermore, California; Adam Goff, 8 Rivers Capital, LLC, Durham, North Carolina; John Harju, University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center, Grand Forks; Richard Jackson, Occidental Petroleum Low Carbon Ventures, Houston, Texas; and Judith Lagano, NRG Energy, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1328, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens; and

S. 1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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: 39 public bills, H.R. 2780–2818, and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 385–387, were introduced. **Pages H3923–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3925–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2779, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–64);

H.R. 1994, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement savings, and for

other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–65, Part 1);

H.R. 1318, to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building (H. Rept. 116–66, Part 1);

H.R. 1775, to establish a task force on NOTAM improvements, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–67);

H.R. 1200, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2019, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–68);

H.R. 2045, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration and the Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–69); and Supplemental Report on H.R. 965, to promote competition in the market for drugs and biological products by facilitating the timely entry of lower-cost generic and biosimilar versions of those drugs and biological products (H. Rept. 116–55, Part 3). **Pages H3922–23**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson Lee to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3845**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3850**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Bruce Lustig, Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, DC. **Page H3850**

Marketing and Outreach Restoration to Empower Health Education Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 987, to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for Federal Exchange outreach and educational activities, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 214. **Pages H3853–H3904, H3910–11**

Rejected the Walden motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 213. **Pages H3904–10**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–14 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Pages H3868–73**

Agreed to:

Pallone amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that clarifies communication requirements for eligible product developers and license holders regarding requests, offers, and delivery of product samples; **Pages H3873–74**

Welch amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that prohibits the Secretary of HHS from ending autoenrollment; **Pages H3876–77**

Blunt Rochester amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to release all aggregated studies and data sets created on or after January 1, 2014 related to marketing and outreach for the Affordable Care Act's individual marketplace; **Pages H3877–78**

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that commissions a study by the National Academy of Medicine into the amount of federal funding and research used in the development of drugs by pharmaceutical companies, and to put measures in place to curb excessive drug costs; **Pages H3878–79**

Shalala amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that states the sense of Congress that the Secretary of HHS should not take any action to prohibit or restrict "silver loading"; **Pages H3879–80**

Hayes amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that amends the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) navigator program to authorize \$25,000,000 out of amounts collected by user fees for State-Based Exchanges; ensures that no state shall receive a grant that is less than \$1,000,000; **Pages H3880–81**

McBath amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that provides pharmacy school outreach by directing the Labor HHS and Education Secretaries to do outreach to institutions of higher education as it relates to the use and availability of generic drugs; **Pages H3881–83**

Scanlon amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that requires the HHS Secretary to issue bi-weekly public reports during the annual open enrollment period on the performance of the federal exchange and the Small Business Health Options Program exchange; each report will include a summary of information on the open enrollment season including the number of website visits, accounts created, calls to the call center, number of people who enroll in a plan and what enrollment path they took, e.g., website, broker, or call center; **Pages H3883–84**

Morelle amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that requires GAO to study the effect of President Trump's cuts to ACA outreach and the Navigator Program on health insurance enrollment and the cost of coverage; **Pages H3884–85**

Waters amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that requires HHS to submit to Congress a report on the extent to which increases in the prices of commonly prescribed drugs have caused individuals with health insurance to forego needed treatment; **Pages H3885–86**

Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that requires Navigators to receive

training on how to assist consumers with Medicaid and CHIP enrollment; **Pages H3886–87**

Lynch amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that extends the deadline by which States may apply for federal assistance to establish state-based marketplaces by one year to December 31, 2023; extends the date by which the State Exchanges must be self-sustaining by one year to January 1, 2025; **Pages H3887–88**

Lynch amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that asks the GAO to conduct a cost benefit analysis of the establishment of State-administered health insurance plans for states that may want to offer a public option in their health insurance exchanges; the report is due to Congress no later than one year after enactment; **Page H3888**

Lipinski amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that requires a GAO report to determine whether the Department of Health and Human Services has taken appropriate steps to ensure that routine maintenance to the Healthcare.gov website is minimally disruptive to consumers; **Pages H3888–89**

Deutch amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 116–61), as modified, that adds a duty requiring navigators to provide information in plain language regarding essential health benefits and consumer protections under the mental health and substance use disorder benefits parity law; **Pages H3889–91**

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that adds that the Secretary shall implement outreach and educational activities in areas with high health disparities; **Pages H3891–92**

Gomez amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that clarifies the ability of Navigators to provide referrals to community-based organizations that address social needs related to health outcomes; **Pages H3892–93**

Escobar amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 116–61), as modified, that requires Navigators to assist vulnerable populations including individuals with limited English proficiency and chronic illnesses; **Pages H3893–94**

Pappas amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to set annual enrollment targets for the Exchanges for the plan year 2020 and each subsequent plan year; **Pages H3896–97**

Cox (CA) amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that adds a new subsection (b): Promote Transparency and Accountability in the Administration's Expenditures of Exchange User Fees, which requires HHS to submit an annual report to Congress that includes a detailed breakdown of the Department's spending on outreach and enrollment,

navigators, maintenance of Healthcare.gov, and operation of the Healthcare.gov call centers; **Pages H3897–98**

Cox (CA) amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that adds areas with high concentrations of unemployment to the list where such outreach and educational activities shall be provided; **Pages H3898–H3900**

Horn amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that ensures rural areas are included in navigator outreach; **Pages H3900–01**

Cunningham amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that ensures that state healthcare Exchanges' outreach activities are also targeted towards veteran populations; **Pages H3901–02**

Harder (CA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that provides opioid specific education and training to the Navigators and the Certified Application Counselors (CACs) that ensures they can best educate individuals on the marketplace plans specifically for opioid health care treatment (by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 211); and **Pages H3879, H3902**

Wexton amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that includes findings that the final rule on short-term, limited duration insurance weakens protections for the millions of Americans living with preexisting health conditions, including children with complex medical needs and disabilities and their families (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 212). **Pages H3894–96, H3904**

Rejected:

McKinley amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 116–61) that sought to strike title II—Health Insurance Market Stabilization (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 210). **Pages H3874–76, H3902–03**

Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes. **Page H3911**

H. Res. 377, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5), (H.R. 312), and (H.R. 987) was agreed to yesterday, May 15th.

Requiring each Member, officer, and employee of the House of Representatives to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities each session of each Congress: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 30, requiring each Member, officer, and employee of the House of Representatives to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities each session of each Congress.

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Making technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110–279: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 1436, to make technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110–279. **Page H3911**

Permission to File Report: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 965, to promote competition in the market for drugs and biological products by facilitating the timely entry of lower-cost generic and biosimilar versions of those drugs and biological products. **Page H3911**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Correa, Gonzalez of (TX), Jackson Lee, Escobar, Lofgren and Carbajal. **Page H3913**

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representatives Moore, Titus, Connolly, Ted Lieu (CA), Torres (CA), Kelly (IL), Sewell (AL), DeGette, Plaskett and Lee (CA). **Page H3913**

Senate Referral: S. 1208 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H3921**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H3853 and H3876.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3902–03, H3903, H3904, H3909–10, and H3910. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2020; and the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2020. The Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2020 was approved. The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, was ordered reported, as amended.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN: THE PATH FORWARD

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Department of Defense's Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan: The Path Forward”. Testimony was heard from David Norquist, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense; Thomas Harker, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller), U.S. Navy; John Roth, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), U.S. Air Force; and John Whitley, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller), U.S. Army.

MILITARY PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT—HOW ARE THE MILITARY SERVICES ADAPTING TO RECRUIT, RETAIN, AND MANAGE HIGH QUALITY TALENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A MODERN MILITARY?

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Military Personnel Management—How Are the Military Services Adapting to Recruit, Retain, and Manage High Quality Talent to Meet the Needs of a Modern Military?”. Testimony was heard from James N. Stewart, Performing the Duties of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Thomas Seamands, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Robert P. Burke, Chief of Naval Personnel, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Brian T. Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, U.S. Air Force; and Lieutenant General Michael A. Rocco, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 2088, a bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2041, the “Weatherization Enhancement and Local Energy Efficiency Investment and Accountability Act”; H.R. 2119, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize grants for improving the energy efficiency of public buildings, and for other purposes; H.R. 1315, the “Blue Collar to Green Collar Jobs Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 2665, the “Smart Energy and Water Efficiency

Act of 2019”; H.R. 2044, the “Smart Building Acceleration Act”; H.R. 359, the “Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act”; H.R. 360, the “Cyber Sense Act of 2019”; H.R. 362, the “Energy Emergency Leadership Act”; and H.R. 370, the “Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act”. H.R. 2088 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 2119, H.R. 2041, H.R. 1315, H.R. 2665, H.R. 2044, H.R. 359, H.R. 360, H.R. 362, and H.R. 370 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2574, the “Equity and Inclusion Enforcement Act”; and H.R. 2639, the “Strength in Diversity Act of 2019”. H.R. 2574 and H.R. 2639 were ordered reported, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF PRUDENTIAL REGULATORS: ENSURING THE SAFETY, SOUNDNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF MEGABANKS AND OTHER DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Prudential Regulators: Ensuring the Safety, Soundness and Accountability of Megabanks and Other Depository Institutions”. Testimony was heard from Rodney Hood, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Jelena McWilliams, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Joseph Otting, Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Randal Quarles, Vice Chairman of Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

DEMOCRACY, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEFENSE: REBALANCING U.S.-AFRICA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Democracy, Development, and Defense: Rebalancing U.S.-Africa Policy”. Testimony was heard from Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Ramsey Day, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Michelle Lenihan, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs, Department of Defense.

THE DANGERS OF REPORTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The

Dangers of Reporting on Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTERS: PREPARING AMERICA’S LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers: Preparing America’s Law Enforcement to Protect the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Walters, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, Department of Homeland Security; John Kelly, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Greg Davis, Captain, Department of Public Safety Academy Training Coordinator, Texas Department of Public Safety.

JUSTICE DENIED: FORCED ARBITRATION AND THE EROSION OF OUR LEGAL SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “Justice Denied: Forced Arbitration and the Erosion of our Legal System”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant Commander Kevin Ziober, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy Reserves; and public witnesses.

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT: IMPACTS OF WATER POLLUTION ABOVE AND BELOW GROUND

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Oil and Gas Development: Impacts of Water Pollution Above and Below Ground”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Examining the President’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Geological Survey”. Testimony was heard from Brenda Burman, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; and Don Cline, Associate Director, Water Resources Mission Area, U.S. Geological Survey.

INVESTIGATING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS OF NATIVE CHILDREN AT BIE BOARDING SCHOOLS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing

entitled “Investigating the Health and Safety Risks of Native Children at BIE Boarding Schools”. Testimony was heard from Mark Cruz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development, Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

HIV PREVENTION DRUG: BILLIONS IN CORPORATE PROFITS AFTER MILLIONS IN TAXPAYER INVESTMENTS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “HIV Prevention Drug: Billions in Corporate Profits after Millions in Taxpayer Investments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CFPB’S ROLE IN EMPOWERING PREDATORY LENDERS: EXAMINING THE PROPOSED REPEAL OF THE PAYDAY LENDING RULE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “CFPB’s Role in Empowering Predatory Lenders: Examining the Proposed Repeal of the Payday Lending Rule”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Pahl, Policy Associate Director for Research, Markets and Regulations, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

EVENT HORIZON TELESCOPE: THE BLACK HOLE SEEN ROUND THE WORLD

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Event Horizon Telescope: The Black Hole Seen Round the World”. Testimony was heard from France Córdova, Director, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF FORECASTING: BUILDING A STRONGER U.S. WEATHER ENTERPRISE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “The Future of Forecasting: Building a Stronger U.S. Weather Enterprise”. Testimony was heard from Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Louis Uccellini, Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, and Director, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE SBA’S WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS FEDERAL CONTRACT PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the SBA’s Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program”. Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and Robb N. Wong, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration.

THE IMPACTS OF STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES ON PUBLIC TRANSIT AND FREIGHT RAIL SECTORS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Impacts of State-Owned Enterprises on Public Transit and Freight Rail Sectors”. Testimony was heard from Phillip A. Washington, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, California; and public witnesses.

OVERCOMING RACIAL DISPARITIES AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS IN THE MATERNAL MORTALITY CRISIS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Overcoming Racial Disparities and Social Determinants in the Maternal Mortality Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kelly of Illinois and Herrera Beutler; Melanie Rouse, Coordinator, Maternal Mortality Projects Coordinator, Virginia, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Virginia Department of Health; Loren Robinson, Deputy Secretary for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Pennsylvania Department of Health; and public witnesses.

CHINA’S DIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM: SURVEILLANCE, INFLUENCE, AND POLITICAL CONTROL

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “China’s Digital Authoritarianism: Surveillance, Influence, and Political Control”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,

MAY 17, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 9:30 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members’ Day Hearing: House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Daniel P. Collins, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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