

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification of the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1).
- Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification of the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1).
- Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification of the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8).

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4871–S4921*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2135–2155, S. Res. 277, and S. Con. Res. 22.

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**Measures Passed:**

*Defending the Integrity of Voting Systems Act:* Senate passed S. 1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

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*Restore the Harmony Way Bridge Act:* Senate passed S. 1833, to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority.

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**Treaties Approved:** The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to by a vote of 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 210): Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4873–75**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 912, to change the enactment date. **Pages S4873–75**

McConnell Amendment No. 913 (to Amendment No. 912), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4873–75**

The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to by a vote of 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 211): Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1), after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4876–77**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 914, to change the enactment date. **Page S4870**

McConnell Amendment No. 915 (to Amendment No. 914), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4870**

The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to by a vote of 93 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 212): Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4878–79**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 916, to change the enactment date. **Page S4878**

McConnell Amendment No. 917 (to Amendment No. 916), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4878**

**Corker Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Pages S4870–86**

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

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 213), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Blanchard Nomination—Cloture:** By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 214), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Department of State.

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**Tapia Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Department of State.

**Pages S4887–S4901**

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

By 67 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 215), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2019, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Department of State; following disposition of the nominations, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Department of State.; and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Department of State.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of three years.

Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Keith E. Sonderling, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2019, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Executive Communications:**

**Pages S4905–06**

**Petitions and Memorials:**

**Pages S4906–07**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

**Pages S4904–05**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

**Pages S4914–15**

**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—215)

**Pages S4875–76, S4878, S4886–87**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4915.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### ECONOMIC MOBILITY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine economic mobility, focusing on whether the American dream is in crisis, after receiving testimony from Oren M. Cass, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Berkeley, California; Yuval Levin, Silver Spring, Maryland, and Ramesh Ponnuru, Kansas City, Missouri, both of the American Enterprise Institute; Thea M. Lee, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Keith R. Miller, Fanchisee Advocacy Consulting, Meadow Vista, California.

**DEEP SPACE EXPLORATION**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans for deep space exploration, focusing on the Moon to Mars, after receiving testimony from James F. Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ELECTRIC BATTERY PRODUCTION AND WASTE**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine electric battery production and waste, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from James J. Greenberger, NAATBatt International, Chicago, Illinois; Michael L. Sanders, Avicenne Energy, Landenberg, Pennsylvania; and Ajay Chawan, Navigant Consulting, Inc., Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michelle A. Bekkering, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Richard K. Bell, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Jessica E. Lapenn, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Lana J. Marks, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**MIGRATION AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on bipartisan policy recommendations from the Homeland Security Advisory Council, after receiving testimony from Karen Tandy, Chair, Jayson Ahern, Vice Chair, Sharon W. Cooper, and Leon Fresco, both a Member, all of the Customs and Border Protection Families and Children Care Panel Subcommittee, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security.

**FEDERALLY INCURRED COST OF REGULATORY CHANGES**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine the Federally incurred cost of regulatory changes and how such changes are made, after receiving testimony from James Broughel, George Mason University Mercatus Center, and Thomas Berry, Pacific Legal Foundation, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Richard W. Parker, University of Connecticut School of Law, Washington, D.C.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

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

S. 886, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2071, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senator Romney, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**COMBATING ROBOCALL FRAUD**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating robocall fraud, focusing on using telecom advances and law enforcement to stop scammers and protect seniors, after receiving testimony from Delany De Leon-Colon, Postal Inspector in Charge, Criminal Investigations Group, Postal Inspection Service; Jerry L. Sanders, Jr., Delaware County Sheriff, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania; David Frankel, ZipDX LLC, Monte Serano, California; and Angela Stancik, Ganado, Texas.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 31 public bills, H.R. 3788–3818; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 497–501, were introduced. **Pages H5998–99**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6000–02**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5915**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5924**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J., Regis University, Denver, Colorado. **Page H5924**

**Raise the Wage Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 492, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 582) to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage, by a ye-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 485, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 484.

**Pages H5926–35, H5974–75**

**Providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services:** The House passed S.J. Res. 36, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services, by a ye-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 486.

**Pages H5935–38, H5975–76**

Considered under the provisions of H. Res. 491, which was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

**Providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services:** The House passed S.J. Res. 37, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services, by a ye-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 487.

**Pages H5938–40, H5976**

Considered under the provisions of H. Res. 491, which was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

**Providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services:** The House passed S.J. Res. 38, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services, by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 488.

**Pages H5940–41, H5976–77**

Considered under the provisions of H. Res. 491, which was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

**Recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform:** The House agreed to H. Res. 497, recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform, by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 489.

**Pages H5941–49, H5977–78**

H. Res. 491, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3494), relating to consideration of H. Rept. 116–125 and an accompanying resolution, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 489) was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

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

**Inspector General Protection Act:** H.R. 1847, amended, to require congressional notification for certain changes in status of inspectors general;

**Pages H5950–51**

**Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act:** H.R. 736, amended, to require the Director of the Government Publishing Office to establish and maintain an online portal accessible to the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one place;

**Pages H5951–53**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the “Lucas Lowe Post Office”:** H.R. 1250, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the “Lucas Lowe Post Office”;

**Pages H5953–54**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the ‘Lucas Lowe Memorial Post Office’”;

**Page H5954**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Israel Road Southeast in Tumwater, Washington, as the “Eva G. Hewitt Post Office”:** H.R. 1526, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Israel Road Southeast in Tumwater, Washington, as the “Eva G. Hewitt Post Office”;

**Pages H5954–55**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Grove Court in Elgin, Illinois, as the “Corporal Alex Martinez Memorial**

**Post Office Building**: H.R. 1844, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Grove Court in Elgin, Illinois, as the “Corporal Alex Martinez Memorial Post Office Building”;

**Pages H5955–56**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building**”: H.R. 3305, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building”

**Pages H5956–57**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Calle Alondra in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “65th Infantry Regiment Post Office Building**”: H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Calle Alondra in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “65th Infantry Regiment Post Office Building”; and

**Pages H5957–58**

**Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019**: H.R. 748, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 493.

**Pages H5958–73, H5980–81**

**Consensus Calendar**: The Chair announced the Speaker’s designation, pursuant to clause 7(a)(1) of rule 15, of H.R. 748, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage, as the measure on the Consensus Calendar to be considered this week.

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**Question of Privilege**: Representative Green (TX) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the McCarthy motion to table H. Res. 498, impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, of high misdemeanors, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 332 yeas to 95 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 483.

**Pages H5973–74**

**Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Polard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020**: The House passed H.R. 3494, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 397 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 492.

**Pages H5978–80**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.”

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Agreed to:

Kennedy amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that was debated on July 16th that establishes the Foreign Threat Response Center, comprised of analysts from all elements of the intelligence community, to provide comprehensive assessment of foreign efforts to influence United States’ political processes and elections by the Governments of Russia, Iran, North Korea, China, and any other foreign country the Director determines appropriate (by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 491).

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Rejected:

Chabot amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–154) that was debated on July 16th that sought to strike section 401 of the bill which establishes the Climate Security Advisory Council under the Director of National Intelligence (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 255 noes, Roll No. 490).

**Pages H5978–79**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized in the engrossment to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill.

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H. Res. 491, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3494), relating to consideration of H. Rept. 116–125 and an accompanying resolution, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 489) was agreed to yesterday, July 16th.

**Meeting Hour**: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 18th.

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**Senate Referral**: S. 375 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

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**Senate Message**: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5935.

**Quorum Calls—Votes**: Nine yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5973–74, H5974, H5974–75, H5975–76, H5976, H5976–77, H5977–78, H5978, H5979 H5979–80, and H5980–81. There were no quorum calls.

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

## Committee Meetings

### ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Effectiveness of the National Organic Program”. Testimony was heard from Greg Ibach, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture.

### EDUCATING OUR EDUCATORS: HOW FEDERAL POLICY CAN BETTER SUPPORT TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a joint hearing entitled “Educating our Educators: How Federal Policy Can Better Support Teachers and School Leaders”. Testimony was heard from Tricia McManus, Assistant Superintendent for Leadership, Professional Development and School Transformation, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, Florida; John White, State Superintendent of Education, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3375, the “Stopping Bad Robocalls Act”; H.R. 2211, the “STURDY Act”; H.R. 3172, the “Safe Sleep for Babies Act of 2019”; H.R. 3170, the “Safe Cribs Act of 2019”; H.R. 1618, the “Nicholas and Zachary Burt Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2019”; H.R. 806, the “Portable Fuel Container Safety Act of 2019”; H.R. 2647, the “SOFFA”; 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”; H.R. 370, the “Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act”; 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. 2781, the “EMPOWER for Health Act of 2019”; H.R. 728, the

“Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 1058, the “Autism CARES Act of 2019”; H.R. 2507, the “Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 776, the “Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2035, the “Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2296, the “METRIC Act”; and H.R. 2328, the “REACH Act”. H.R. 3375, H.R. 2211, H.R. 3172, H.R. 3170, H.R. 1618, H.R. 806, H.R. 1315, H.R. 2665, H.R. 2088, H.R. 2041, H.R. 2119, H.R. 2781, H.R. 728, H.R. 1058, H.R. 2507, H.R. 2035, H.R. 2296, and H.R. 2328 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2647, H.R. 2044, H.R. 359, H.R. 360, H.R. 362, H.R. 370, and H.R. 776 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### EXAMINING FACEBOOK’S PROPOSED CRYPTOCURRENCY AND ITS IMPACT ON CONSUMERS, INVESTORS, AND THE AMERICAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Facebook’s Proposed Cryptocurrency and Its Impact on Consumers, Investors, and the American Financial System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 326, expressing the sense of the House regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution; H. Res. 246, opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel; H.R. 1850, the “Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act of 2019”; H.R. 1837, the “United States-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Regional Security Act”; H. Res. 138, expressing support for addressing the Arab-Israeli conflict in a concurrent track with the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and commending Arab and Muslim-majority states that have improved bilateral relations with Israel; H. Con. Res. 32, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999; H. Res. 442, observing 10 years since the war in Sri Lanka ended on May 18, 2009, commemorating the lives lost, and expressing support for transitional justice, reconciliation, reconstruction, reparation, and reform in Sri Lanka, which are necessary to ensure a lasting peace and a prosperous future for all Sri Lankans; H.R. 3501, the “Safeguard our Elections and Combat Unlawful Interference in Our Democracy Act”; H.R. 2097, to recognize the Hmong, Khmer, Laotian, and other ethnic groups commonly

referred to as Montagnards, who supported and defended the Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia, authorize assistance to support activities relating to clearance of unexploded ordnance and other explosive remnants of war, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 127, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests. H.R. 3501, H.R. 1850, H. Con. Res. 32, H.R. 2097, and H. Res. 127 were ordered reported, without amendment. H. Res. 326, H. Res. 246, H.R. 1837, H. Res. 138, and H. Res. 442 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”; H.R. 3106, the “Domestic Terrorism DATA Act”; H.R. 3246, the “Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act of 2019”; H.R. 3318, the “Emerging Transportation Security Threats Act of 2019”; H.R. 3320, the “Securing the Homeland Security Supply Chain Act of 2019”; H.R. 3356, the “Veterans Expedited TSA Screening Safe Travel Act”; H.R. 3413, the “DHS Acquisition Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”; H.R. 3526, the “Counter Terrorist Network Act”; H.R. 3669, the “Weatherizing Infrastructure in the North and Terrorism Emergency Readiness Act of 2019”; H.R. 3670, the “Short-term Detention Act”; H.R. 3675, the “Trusted Traveler Reconsideration and Restoration Act of 2019”; H.R. 3691, the “TRANSLATE Act”; H.R. 3694, the “Helping Families Fly Act of 2019”; H.R. 3699, the “Pipeline Security Act”; H.R. 3710, the “Cybersecurity Vulnerability Remediation Act”; and H.R. 3722, the “Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act of 2019”. H.R. 2203, H.R. 3525, H.R. 3670, H.R. 3106, H.R. 3318, H.R. 3320, H.R. 3413, and H.R. 3699 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3246, H.R. 3356, H.R. 3526, H.R. 3669, H.R. 3675, H.R. 3691, H.R. 3694, H.R. 3710, and H.R. 3722 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3239, the “Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act”. H.R. 3239 was ordered reported, as amended.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1373, the “Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act”; H.R. 2181, the “Chaco Cul-

tural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3405, the “Removing Uranium from the Critical Minerals List Act”. H.R. 1373 and H.R. 3405 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2181 was ordered reported, without amendment.

#### TO THE CLOUD! THE CLOUDY ROLE OF FedRAMP IN IT MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “To the Cloud! The Cloudy Role of FedRAMP in IT Modernization”. Testimony was heard from Anil Cheriyan, Director, Technology Transformation Services, General Services Administration; Jack Wilmer, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, Department of Defense; Joseph Klimavicz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief Information Officer, Department of Justice; Jose Arrieta, Chief Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY IN FEDERAL AGENCIES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a joint hearing entitled “Scientific Integrity in Federal Agencies”. Testimony was heard from John Neumann, Managing Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### THE FUTURE OF ELECTRICITY DELIVERY: MODERNIZING AND SECURING OUR NATION'S ELECTRICITY GRID

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Future of Electricity Delivery: Modernizing and Securing our Nation's Electricity Grid”. Testimony was heard from Karen Evans, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, Department of Energy; Juan Torres, Co-Chair, Grid Modernization Lab Consortium and Associate Laboratory Director, Energy Systems Integration, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3537, the “Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act of 2019”; H.R. 3734, the “Successful Entrepreneurship for Reservists and Veterans Act”; H.R. 1615, the “Verification Alignment and Service-disabled Business Adjustment Act”; H.R. 499, the “Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act”; and H.R. 3661, the “Patriotic Employer Protection Act”. H.R. 1615 was ordered

reported, as amended. H.R. 499, H.R. 3661, H.R. 3734, and H.R. 3537 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### STATE OF AVIATION SAFETY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “State of Aviation Safety”. Testimony was heard from Dana Schulze, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 561, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2019”; H.R. 716, the “Homeless Veterans Legal Services Act”; H.R. 1615, the “VA–SBA Act”; H.R. 2227, the “Gold Star Spouses and Spouses of Injured Servicemembers Leasing Relief Expansion Act of 2019”; H.R. 2618, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide a guarantee of residency for registration of businesses of spouses of members of the uniformed services, to improve occupational license portability for military spouses through interstate compacts, and for other purposes; H.R. 2924, the “Housing for Women Veterans Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize State approving agencies to carry out outreach activities; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that educational institutions abide by Principles of Excellence as a condition of approval for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to require proprietary for-profit educational institutions to comply with Federal revenue limits to participate in educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that certain educational institutions have letters of credit as a condition of approval for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; legislation on the Forever GI Bill Class Evaluation Act; legislation on the VA Economic Hardship Report Act; legislation to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to collect overpayments of specially adapted housing assistance; legislation on the legal Services for Homeless Veterans Act; legislation on the GI Bill Access to Career Credentials Act; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the time period under which an election must be made for entitlement to educational assistance under the All-Volunteer Educational Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation on the Student Veteran Empowerment Act of 2019; and legislation to amend title 38, United States

Code, to increase the monthly housing stipend under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for individuals who pursue programs of education solely through distance learning on more than a half-time. Testimony was heard from Charmain Bogue, Executive Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jeffrey London, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Carroll, Executive Director, Mental Health Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine agricultural research and 2018 Farm Bill implementation, 10:30 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine export control reform implementation, focusing on outside perspectives, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine opportunities to increase water storage and conservation through rehabilitation and development of water supply infrastructure, including S. 1570, to provide flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, S. 1932, to support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, and S. 2044, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to provide additional funds under that Act, to establish a review of flood control rule curves pilot project within the Bureau of Reclamation, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1273, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, S. 1883, to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, and the nominations of Douglas Russell Cole, and Matthew Walden McFarland, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Robert Anthony Molloy, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and Kea Whetzal Riggs, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.



### House

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Counterfeits and Cluttering: Emerging Threats to the Integrity of the Trademark System and the Impact on American Consumers and Businesses”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 2245, the “CECIL Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 401, the “Lowell Observatory Conveyance Act”; H.R. 1492, the “Yucca House National Monument Boundary Revision Act”; H.R. 1572, the

“Botanical Sciences and Native Plant Materials Research, Restoration, and Promotion Act”; and H.R. 2819, the “Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing with Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin K. McAleenan”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to receive a briefing to examine truth, reconciliation, and healing toward a unified future, 10 a.m., 2167, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, July 18

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, July 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and vote on confirmation of the nominations of Clifton L. Corker, and Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Department of State, at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Lynda Blanchard, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Department of State, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 582—Raise the Wage Act.

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