

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.

Senate passed H.R. 1327, Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4983–S5025*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2203–2242, and S. Res. 280–282. **Pages S5011–13**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 349, to require the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for, and make determinations regarding, roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program. (S. Rept. No. 116–61)

Report to accompany S. 1014, to establish the Route 66 Centennial Commission. (S. Rept. No. 116–62)

Report to accompany S. 1689, to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances. (S. Rept. No. 116–63)

Report to accompany 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. (S. Rept. No. 116–64)

S. 1883, to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5011**

#### Measures Passed:

*Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act:* By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 224), Senate passed H.R. 1327, to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of

2001 through fiscal year 2092, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S4986–93, S4994–98**

#### Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 222), Lee Amendment No. 928, to limit the amount available for the Victims Compensation Fund. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2019, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4997–98**

By 22 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 223), Paul Amendment No. 929, to require a sequestration of certain direct spending. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2019, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4996–98**

*Honoring former Associate Justice John Paul Stevens:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, honoring former Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Pages S5000–01**

*National Day of the American Cowboy:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 265, designating July 27, 2019, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5018**

*National Whistleblower Appreciation Day:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 194, designating July 30, 2019, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5018–19**

**Dickson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S4993**

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 221), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4993**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2019; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; and that if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed at 3 p.m. **Page S5009**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. **Page S5019**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 220), Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense. **Pages S4993, S5025**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. **Page S5025**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5011**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5013–15**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5015–16**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5010–11**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5018**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—224) **Pages S4993, S4998**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5019.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHALLENGES FOR CANNABIS AND BANKING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine chal-

lenges for cannabis and banking, focusing on outside perspectives, after receiving testimony from Senators Gardner and Merkley; Rachel Pross, Maps Credit Union, Salem, Oregon, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Garth Van Meter, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, Alexandria, Virginia; and Joanne Sherwood, American Bankers Association, and John Lord, LivWell Enlightened Health, both of Denver, Colorado.

### WORKING WATERFRONTS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather concluded a hearing to examine America's waterfronts, focusing on addressing economic, recreational, and environmental challenges, after receiving testimony from Mayor Eric Genrich, Green Bay, Wisconsin; Michael J. Friis, Wisconsin Department of Administration Coastal Management Program, Madison; Lynn Clark, Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado; and Monty Graham, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach.

### FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States' interests in the Freely Associated States, after receiving testimony from Douglas Domenech, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Insular and International Affairs; Randall G. Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs; Sandra Oudkirk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

### ELDER JUSTICE REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting elder justice, focusing on a call for reform, after receiving testimony from Megan H. Tinker, Senior Advisor for Legal Affairs, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Robert B. Blancato, Elder Justice Coalition, Mark Parkinson, American Health Care Association, and Lori Smetanka, National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, all of Washington, D.C.

### FBI OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

## 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.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 51 public bills, H.R. 3876–3926; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 507–508, 510–514 were introduced.

**Pages H7239–42**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H7243–45**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2942, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–166, Part 1);

H.R. 1307, to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–167, Part 1);

H.R. 549, to designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–168);

H.R. 2938, to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense (H. Rept. 116–169);

H.R. 3304, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days (H. Rept. 116–170);

H.R. 3311, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–171);

H.R. 3409, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–172);

H.R. 3375, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibitions on making robocalls, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–173);

H.R. 2507, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–174);

H.R. 2035, to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–175);

H.R. 776, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program (H. Rept. 116–176);

H.R. 1058, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–177); and

H. Res. 509, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 397) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3239) to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on detainees, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from July 29, 2019, through September 6, 2019; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–178).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

**Pages H7166, H7224**

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

**Building Blocks of STEM Act:** H.R. 1665, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood;

**Pages H7166–68**

**American Manufacturing Leadership Act:** H.R. 2397, amended, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to make changes to the implementation of the network for manufacturing innovation;

**Pages H7168–72**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to make changes to the implementation of the Manufacturing USA Network, and for other purposes”;

**Page H7172**

**Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and Treatment Act:** H.R. 3153, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on opioid addiction;

**Pages H7172–73**

**Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2019:** H.R. 36, amended, to provide for research to better understand the causes and consequences of sexual harassment affecting individuals in the scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematics workforce and to examine policies to reduce the prevalence and negative impact of such harassment;

**Pages H7173–76**

**Vera Rubin Survey Telescope Designation Act:** H.R. 3196, amended, to designate the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope as the “Vera Rubin Survey Telescope”;

**Pages H7176–77**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope as the ‘Vera C. Rubin Observatory’”;

**Page H7177**

**Energy and Water Research Integration Act of 2019:** H.R. 34, amended, to ensure consideration of water intensity in the Department of Energy’s energy research, development, and demonstration programs to help guarantee efficient, reliable, and sustainable delivery of energy and clean water resources;

**Pages H7177–79**

**Department of Energy Veterans’ Health Initiative Act:** H.R. 617, amended, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States;

**Pages H7179–81**

**Opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel:** H. Res. 246, amended, opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  year-

and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 17 nays with five answering “present”, Roll No. 497;

**Pages H7181–88, H7222**

**United States-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Regional Security Act:** H.R. 1837, amended, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize assistance for Israel;

**Pages H7188–98**

**Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act of 2019:** H.R. 1850, amended, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for Palestinian terrorism;

**Pages H7198–H7202**

**Calling on the Government of Cameroon and armed groups to respect the human rights of all Cameroonian citizens, to end all violence, and to pursue a broad-based dialogue without preconditions to resolve the conflict in the Northwest and Southwest regions:** H. Res. 358, calling on the Government of Cameroon and armed groups to respect the human rights of all Cameroonian citizens, to end all violence, and to pursue a broad-based dialogue without preconditions to resolve the conflict in the Northwest and Southwest regions;

**Pages H7203–04**

**Providing Benefits Information in Spanish and Tagalog for Veterans and Families Act:** H.R. 2943, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs in English and Spanish;

**Pages H7204–06**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs in English, Spanish, and Tagalog”;

**Page H7206**

**Directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women’s Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020:** H.R. 2942, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women’s Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020;

**Pages H7206–07**

**Ryan Kules Specially Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2019:** H.R. 3504, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for improvements to the specially adapted housing program of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

**Pages H7207–11**

**Honoring American Veterans in Extreme Need Act of 2019:** H.R. 2938, amended, to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense;

**Pages H7215–16**

**National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act of 2019:** H.R. 3304, amended, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 499;

Pages H7216–17, H7223–24

**Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019:** H.R. 3311, amended, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses; and

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**Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act:** S. 504, to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize The American Legion to determine the requirements for membership in The American Legion.

Pages H7220–22

**Suspensions:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Venezuela TPS Act of 2019:** H.R. 549, amended, to designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 498.

Pages H7211–15, H7222–23

**Announcement by the Chair:** The Chair informed the House that, pursuant to H. Res. 497, the Speaker has certified to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia the refusal of William P. Barr and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., to produce documents to the Committee on Oversight and Reform. Page H7227

**Senate Referral:** S. 1199 was held at the desk.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7181 and H7202–03.

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7222, H7222–23 and H7223–24. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### RESTORING THE PARTNERSHIP: THE FUTURE OF FEDERALISM IN AMERICA

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Re-

storing the Partnership: The Future of Federalism in America”. Testimony was heard from Representative Bishop of Utah; and public witnesses.

### REHABILITATION FOR MULTIEMPLOYER PENSIONS ACT OF 2019; HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION CUSTODY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 397, the “Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3239, the “Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 397, the “Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act”, and H.R. 3239, the “Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 397, the “Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–24 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order the further amendment printed in Part A of the report, if offered by the member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also provides for consideration of H.R. 3239, the “Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–26 modified by the amendment printed in Part B of the report, and provides that it

shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that House Resolution 507 is hereby adopted. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of July 25, 2019, or July 26, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Section 5 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from July 29, 2019, through September 6, 2019: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 5 of the resolution. Finally, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 5 of the resolution: shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution; shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII; and shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. Testimony was heard from Chairman Neal, Chairman Scott of Virginia, Chairman Lofgren, and Representatives Brady of Texas, Foxx of North Carolina, Grothman, Estes, and Collins of Georgia.

#### LEARNING FROM WHISTLEBLOWERS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded a hearing entitled "Learning from Whistleblowers at the Department of Veterans Affairs". Testimony was heard from Tamar Bonzanto, Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Henry Kerner, Spe-

cial Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; Tristan Leavitt, General Counsel/Acting Chief Executive and Administrative Officer, Merit Systems Protection Board; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ENERGY AND POWER IN EUROPE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission received a briefing on pipeline politics, focusing on energy and power in Europe from Colin Cleary, Director for Energy Diplomacy for Europe, Western Hemisphere and Africa, Department of State; Ed Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and David Koranyi, Atlantic Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Efgan Nifti, Caspian Policy Center, Arlington, Virginia.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the expected nomination of David L. Norquist to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 496, to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen, S. 893, to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, S. 1148, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to give preferential consideration to individuals who have successfully completed air traffic controller training and veterans when hiring air traffic control specialists, S. 1341, to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, S. 1349, to expand enrollment in TSA PreCheck to expedite commercial travel screening and improve airport security, S. 1625, to promote the deployment of commercial fifth-generation mobile networks and the sharing of information with communications providers in the United States regarding security risks to the networks of those providers, S. 1822, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, S. 1858, to ensure the Chief Information Office of the Consumer Product Safety Commission has a significant role in decisions related to information technology, proposed legislation entitled, "Regional Ocean Partnership

Act”, S. 2035, to require the Transportation Security Administration to develop a strategic plan to expand eligibility for the PreCheck Program to individuals with Transportation Worker Identification Credentials or Hazardous Materials Endorsements, S. 2134, to extend the transfer of Electronic Travel Authorization System fees from the Travel Promotion Fund to the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Brand USA) through fiscal year 2027, and a promotion list in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, and Michael Graham, of Kansas, both to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Michael J.K. Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize, focusing on innovative solutions to reduce human-predator conflict, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary, Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine authorities for the use of military force, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine confronting Ebola, focusing on addressing a 21st century global health crisis, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 2162, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to annually hire at least 600 new Border Patrol agents, to report quarterly to Congress on the status of the Border Patrol workforce, and to conduct a comprehensive staffing analysis, S. 1976, to amend the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, S. 2065, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish an annual report on the use of deepfake technology, S. 2183, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze certain legislation in order prevent duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, S. 2177, to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory, S. 2169, to amend section 3116 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the appointment limitations for students appointed under the expedited hiring authority for post-secondary

students, S. 2107, to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support staff in the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, S. 2193, to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, S. 764, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, S. 439, to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan, S. 2119, to amend title 5, United States Code, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to Federal employees, H.R. 2590, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, 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”, and the nominations of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and William Bryan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 2159, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation”; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Government Publishing Office, Office of the Inspector General, 11 a.m., SR–301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Small Business Administration Reauthorization Act”, 2:30 p.m., S–115, Capitol.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Unaccompanied Children Program: Ensuring the Safety of Children in HHS Care”, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget and oversight hearing on the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10:15 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Border Patrol, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Bureau of Indian Education, Education Construction”, 3 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Costs of Climate Change: From Coasts to Heartland, Health to Security”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Building America’s Clean Future: Pathways to Decarbonize the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Legislation to Make Cars in America Safer”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Next Megabank? Examining the Proposed Merger of SunTrust and BB&T”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “The FY20 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism Bureau”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election: Former Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III”, 8:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. If cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 3 p.m.

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