

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5027–S5072

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2243–2260, and S. Res. 283. **Pages S5062–63**

Measures Reported:

S. 542, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions. (S. Rept. No. 116–65)

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”.

Measures Passed:

Federal Aviation Administration: Senate passed S. 2249, to allow the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on the date of enactment of this Act to continue to serve as such Deputy Administrator. **Page S5038**

International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements: Senate agreed to S. Res. 283, expressing support for the designation of 2019 as the “International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements”. **Page S5071**

Veto Messages:

Resolutions of Disapproval of Proposed Transfers of Certain Defense Articles and Services—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the veto messages with respect to 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, 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, and 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, be considered as having been read, en bloc, that they be printed in the *Record* and spread in full upon the Journal, en bloc. **Page S5048**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the veto messages with respect to S.J. Res. 36, S.J. Res. 37, and S.J. Res. 38, be considered at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, prior to August 2, 2019; that they be debated concurrently for up to two hours, with 15 minutes reserved for the Chairman and Ranking Member respectively; and that Senate vote on passage of the joint resolutions, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding, in the order listed; and that the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, June 19, 2019, for the remaining joint resolutions of disapproval of arms sales remain in effect. **Page S5048**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 36, a Joint Resolution 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; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–23)

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Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 37, a Joint Resolution 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; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–24)

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Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 38, a Joint Resolution 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; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–25)

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Miley Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, July 25, 2019, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of General Mark A. Milley, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate, and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 225), Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

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By 54 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 228), Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

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

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 226), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 51 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 229), Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

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

By 52 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 227), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—229)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5072.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with amendments;

S. 1341, to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, with amendments;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of substitute;

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”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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. 2203, 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, with amendments;

S. 2166, to designate Regional Ocean Partnerships of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

A promotion list in the Coast Guard.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, and Michael Graham, of Kansas, who was introduced by Senator Moran, 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, who was introduced by Senator Young, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REDUCING HUMAN-PREDATOR CONFLICT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize, focusing on innovative solutions to reduce human-predator conflict, including S. 2194, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for reducing human-predator conflict, after receiving testimony from Brad S. Hovinga, Wyoming Game and Fish Department Jackson Regional Wildlife Supervisor, Jackson Hole; Forrest Galante, Animal Planet, New York, New York; and Nick Whitney, New England Aquarium Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life, Boston, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing 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, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, 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, who was introduced by Senator Blackburn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AUTHORITIES FOR THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine authorities for the use of military force, after receiving testimony from David Hale, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and Marik String, Acting Legal Adviser, Office of Legal Adviser, both of the Department of State.

CONFRONTING EBOLA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine confronting Ebola, focusing on addressing a 21st century global health crisis, after receiving testimony from Tibor Nagy, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Marcia S. Bernicat, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, both of the Department of State; Rear Admiral Tim Ziemer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; and Mitch Wolfe, Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1976, to amend the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2065, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish an annual report on the use of deepfake technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with amendments;

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, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment;

S. 764, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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”.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

GPO OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Government Publishing Office, Office of the Inspector General, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Leary, Inspector General, Government Publishing Office.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 3927–3930, 3932–3956; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 54–55; and H. Res. 515–518, 520–521 were introduced. **Pages H7376–77**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7378–79**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2385, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for

the Veterans Legacy Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–179);

H.R. 3931, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–180);

H.R. 3352, to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–181);

H.R. 2336, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “family farmer” (H. Rept. 116–182); and

H. Res. 519, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3877) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, to establish a congressional budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, to temporarily suspend the debt limit, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (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; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 116–183). **Page H7376**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7247**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7255**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Mark Getman, Temple Emanu-El of Canarsie, Brooklyn, New York. **Page H7255**

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

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019: H.R. 3409, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard; **Pages H7263–87**

Disclosing Aid Spent to Ensure Relief Act: H.R. 1984, to amend chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to annually submit to Congress a report on all disaster-related assistance provided by the Federal Government; **Pages H7287–89**

Restore the Harmony Way Bridge Act: H.R. 3245, to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority; **Pages H7290–91**

Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act: H.R. 1307, to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance; **Pages H7291–92**

Stopping Bad Robocalls Act: H.R. 3375, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibitions on making robocalls, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 429 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 502; **Pages H7292–H7303, H7312**

Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act of 2019: H.R. 1058, amended, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism; **Pages H7303–08**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism, and for other purposes”; **Page H7308**

Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2019: H.R. 2035, amended, to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care; **Pages H7308–10**

Promoting Respect for Individuals’ Dignity and Equality Act of 2019: H.R. 3299, amended, to permit legally married same-sex couples to amend their filing status for income tax returns outside the statute of limitations, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that all provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples; **Pages H7313–18**

Making technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act: H.R. 1365, amended, to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; **Pages H7351–53**

Emancipation National Historic Trail Study Act: H.R. 434, amended, to designate the Emancipation National Historic Trail; **Pages H7353–61**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes”; **Page H7361**

Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act: H.R. 759, amended, to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair; **Pages H7361–64**

Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act of 2019: H.R. 776, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program; and **Pages H7364–65**

Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2019: H.R. 2507, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases. **Pages H7365–68**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol on July 24, 1998. **Page H7312**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 516, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H7313**

Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act of 2019: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 264 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 505.

Pages H7318–35, H7345–48

Rejected the Mast motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 504. **Pages H7346–47**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–24 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Education and Labor and Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Pages H7318–23**

Rejected:

Roe amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–178) that sought to set the loan interest rates at 5% per annum for the first 5 years and 9% per annum thereafter (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 503). **Pages H7334–35, H7345**

H. Res. 509, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 397) and (H.R. 3239) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 501, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H7257–63, H7310–12**

Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act: The House passed H.R. 3239, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on detainees, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 507.

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Agreed to the Kinzinger motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 506. Subsequently, Representative Lofgren reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H7348–50**

Pursuant to the Rule, 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 H. Rept. 116–178, shall

be considered as an original bill for purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Pages H7340–42**

Agreed to:

Kuster (NH) amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–178) that directs DHS OIG to pay particular attention to whether CBP meets its own sexual violence prevention standards when inspecting ports of entry, border patrol stations, and detention facilities; and **Pages H7342–43**

Kuster (NH) amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–178) that requires the Secretary of Homeland Security make publicly available data about sexual abuse allegations every 3 months in order to improve transparency about sexual abuse at CBP facilities. **Pages H7342–45**

H. Res. 509, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 397) and (H.R. 3239) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 501, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H7310–12**

Consensus Calendar: The Chair announced the Speaker's designation, pursuant to clause 7(a)(1) of rule 15, of H.R. 693, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, as the measure on the Consensus Calendar to be considered this week. **Page H7368**

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

U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2019: H.R. 693, amended, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act. **Pages H7368–74**

Senate Referral: S. 2249 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7292.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7310–11, H7311–12, H7312, H7345, H7347, H7347–48, H7349–50, and H7350. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PROGRAM: ENSURING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN HHS CARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Unaccompanied Children Program: Ensuring the Safety of Children in HHS Care”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shalala, Wasserman Schultz, Higgins of Louisiana, and Burgess; Jonathan Hayes, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Lynn Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget and oversight hearing on the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from Kelvin Droegemeier, Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION—BORDER PATROL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Border Patrol. Testimony was heard from Carla Provost, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION, EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Indian Education, Education Construction”. Testimony was heard from Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

THE COSTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE: FROM COASTS TO HEARTLAND, HEALTH TO SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Costs of Climate Change: From Coasts to Heartland, Health to Security”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Lower Half Ann C. Phillips, Special Assistant to the Governor for Coast-

al Adaptation and Protection, Office of the Governor, Virginia; and public witnesses.

BUILDING AMERICA’S CLEAN FUTURE: PATHWAYS TO DECARBONIZE THE ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Building America’s Clean Future: Pathways to Decarbonize the Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATION TO MAKE CARS IN AMERICA SAFER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Make Cars in America Safer”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE NEXT MEGABANK? EXAMINING THE PROPOSED MERGER OF SUNTRUST AND BB&T

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Next Megabank? Examining the Proposed Merger of SunTrust and BB&T”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FY20 BUDGET: STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTERTERRORISM AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM BUREAU

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “The FY20 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Sales, Acting Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Ambassador-at-Large, Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT OF THE REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: FORMER SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT S. MUELLER, III

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election: Former Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 934, the “Health Benefits for Miners Act of 2019”;

and H.R. 935, the “Miners Pension Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative McKinley and public witnesses.

THE STATUS OF THE RECLAMATION FUND AND THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION’S FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING NEEDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Status of the Reclamation Fund and the Bureau of Reclamation’s Future Infrastructure Funding Needs”. Testimony was heard from Grayford Payne, Deputy Commissioner, Policy, Administration and Budget, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council, Murray, Utah; Federico Barajas, Executive Director, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Los Baños, California; and a public witness.

EXAMINING JUUL’S ROLE IN THE YOUTH NICOTINE EPIDEMIC: PART I

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Examining JUUL’s Role in the Youth Nicotine Epidemic: Part I”. Testimony was heard from Senator Durbin; and public witnesses.

BEYOND THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION: REPAIRING THE DAMAGE AND PREPARING TO COUNT ‘WE THE PEOPLE’

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Citizenship Question: Repairing the Damage and Preparing to Count ‘We the People’”. Testimony was heard from Steven Dillingham, Director, U.S. Census Bureau; Robert Goldenkoff, Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Nicholas Marinos, Director of Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

THE DEVIL THEY KNEW—PFAS CONTAMINATION AND THE NEED FOR CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “The Devil They Knew—PFAS Contamination and the Need for Corporate Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Catherine R. McCabe, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; Steve Sliver, Executive Director, Michigan PFAS Action Response Team, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT; BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2019; VENEZUELA TPS ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”; H.R. 3877, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019”; and H.R. 549, the “Venezuela TPS Act of 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3877, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019”, and H.R. 549, the “Venezuela TPS Act of 2019”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3877, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, provides that the bill shall be considered as read, and waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 549, the “Venezuela TPS Act of 2019”, under a closed rule. The rule provides thirty minutes 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 and provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–28 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, and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule waives clause 6(a) of Rule XIII, requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee against any resolution reported through the legislative day of July 26, 2019. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Mississippi and Representative Rogers of Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3597, the “Solar Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 3607, the “Fossil Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 3609, the “Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 335, the “South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019”. H.R. 3597, H.R. 3607, H.R. 3609, and H.R. 335 were ordered reported, as amended.

IS THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT A HELP OR HINDRANCE TO MAIN STREET?

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Is the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act a

Help or Hindrance to Main Street?”. Testimony was heard from Jane Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

TRUE TRANSPARENCY? ASSESSING WAIT TIMES FIVE YEARS AFTER PHOENIX

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “True Transparency? Assessing Wait Times Five Years after Phoenix”. Testimony was heard from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office; Teresa S. Boyd, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

FORMER SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT S. MUELLER, III ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Former Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MODERNIZING LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: LESSONS FROM THE STATES

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Modernizing Legislative Information Technologies: Lessons from the States”. Testimony was heard from Diane Boyer-Vine, Legislative Counsel, California; Nelson P. Moe, Chief Information Officer, Virginia; Mike Rohrbach, Chief Information Officer and Director of Information Technology, State Legislature, Washington.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine hemp production and the 2018 farm bill, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

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

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the importance of energy innovation to economic growth and competitiveness, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019”, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 398, to support the peaceful resolution of the civil war in Yemen, to address the resulting humanitarian crisis, and to hold the perpetrators responsible for murdering a Saudi dissident, S. 2066, to review United States Saudi Arabia Policy, S. 1441, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116-01), and the nominations of Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Libya, John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, and other pending nominations, 10:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine state and Federal recommendations for enhancing school safety against targeted violence, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1494, to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States, 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 Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, oversight hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing entitled “Protecting the Right to Organize Act: Modernizing America’s Labor Laws”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled “Examining the Use of Alternative Data in Underwriting and Credit Scoring to Expand Access to Credit”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “Human Rights in Southeast Asia: A Regional Outlook”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled “Russia and Arms Control: Extending New START or Starting Over?”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism; and the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations, joint hearing entitled “Homeland Security Implications of the Opioid Crisis”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Family Separation and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Short-Term Custody under the Trump Administration”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Increasing Renewable Energy on Public Lands”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 335, the “South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019”; H.R. 729, the “Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act”; H.R. 2185, the “District of Columbia Flood Prevention Act of 2019”; H.R. 3115, the “Living Shorelines Act of 2019”; H.R. 3237, the “Platte River Recovery Implementation Program Extension Act”; H.R. 3510, the “Water Resources Research Amendments Act”; H.R. 3541, the “Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act”; H.R. 3596, the “Keep America’s Waterfronts Working Act”; and H.R. 3723, the “Desalination Development Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “When Science Gets Trumped: Scientific Integrity at the Department of the Interior”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, markup on S. 406, the “Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act of 2019”; H.R. 887, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 877 East 1200 South in Orem, Utah, as the “Jerry C. Washburn Post Office Building”; H.R. 1252, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6531 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the “Marilyn Monroe Post Office”; H.R. 1253, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13507 Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima, California, as the “Ritchie Valens Post Office Building”; H.R. 1972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 West Kent Avenue in Missoula, Montana, as the “Jeannette Rankin Post Office Building”; H.R. 2151, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7722 South Main Street in Pine Plains, New York, as the “Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office”; H.R. 3207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Mill Street in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building”; H.R. 3314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 McCulloch

Boulevard North in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, as the “Lake Havasu City Combat Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 3329, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5186 Benito Street in Montclair, California, as the “Paul Eaton Post Office Building”; a Resolution Offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings Authorizing Issuance of Subpoena Related to Non-Official Electronic Messaging Accounts; H.R. 3889, the “ONDCP Technical Corrections Act”; and a Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find Kellyanne Conway, Senior Counselor to the President, in Contempt of Congress for her Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “Examining JUUL’s Role in the Youth Nicotine Epidemic: Part II”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Benign by Design: Innovations in Sustainable Chemistry”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “The Commercial Space Landscape: Innovation, Market, and Policy”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled “Supporting the Next Generation of Agricultural Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Role in Improving School Bus Safety”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “VistA Transition: Assessing the Future of an Electronic Health Records Pioneer”, 10:15 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Social Security 2100 Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Full Committee, business meeting on historical documents protected under Internal Revenue Code section 6103, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on Consideration of the Access Request from Rep. Elissa Slotkin and Rep. Mike Thompson; and Consideration of the Access Request from Rep. Stephanie Murphy, 9 a.m., HVC–304.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Creating a Climate Resilient America: Business Views on the Costs of the Climate Crisis”, 2 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the state of media freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region, 3 p.m., HVC–210.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, July 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1:45 p.m.), Senate begin consideration of the nomination of General Mark A. Milley, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and vote on confirmation thereon.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3877—Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 549—Venezuela TPS Act of 2019 (Subject to a Rule).

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