

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7033–S7069*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2083–2093, and S. Res. 322–323. **Page S7062**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 171, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–181)

Report to accompany S. 2010, to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for 8 years. (S. Rept. No. 115–182) **Page S7061**

**Measures Passed:**

**Federal Agency Customer Experience Act:** Senate passed S. 1088, to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7066**

Daines (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 1580, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7067–68**

**National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act:** Senate passed S. 1015, to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7069**

**Robb Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Peter B. Robb, of Vermont, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. **Pages S7054–55**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 265), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7054**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday,

day, November 8, 2017; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 262), John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

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By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 264), Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S7038–54, S7069**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 263), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7038, S7069**

David J. Redl, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. **Pages S7056, S7069**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—265) **Pages S7037–38, S7053–54**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7069.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army, Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Joseph Kernan, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Guy B. Roberts, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Behler, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Dean L. Winslow, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Secretary, Thomas B. Modly, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and James F. Geurts, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1591, to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### INTERNET OF THINGS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine advancing the Internet of Things in rural America, after receiving testimony from Michael P.

Adcock, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson; David Armitage, Cartasite, Denver, Colorado; Timothy Hassinger, Lindsay Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska; Michael Terzich, Zebra Technologies, Lincolnshire, Illinois; and Angela Siefer, National Digital Inclusion Alliance, Columbus, Ohio.

### NORTH KOREA'S CYBER CAPABILITIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on North Korea's cyber capabilities and United States policy response from Robert L. Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy; and an official of the intelligence community.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, Colleen Kiko, of North Dakota, who was introduced by Representative Sensenbrenner, and James Thomas Abbott, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John C. Demers, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### 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.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 31 public bills, H.R. 4263–4293; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 90; and H. Res. 608, 610, 611, were introduced. **Pages H8595–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H8598**

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

H.R. 1133, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–393);

H.R. 2123, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–394);