

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7169–S7183

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2118–2119. **Page S7177**

Measures Passed:

FEMA Accountability, Modernization and Transparency Act: Senate passed H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency. **Page S7178**

Bradbury Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation. **Pages S7175–76, S7178–83**

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

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7175–76**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, November 14, 2017; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S7178**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 90 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 270), Derek Kan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. **Pages S7170–75, S7183**

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—271) **Pages S7175, S7176**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 4:03 p.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7178.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began consideration of an original bill entitled, "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act", but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4372–4381; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92–93; and H. Res. 615, 617, 618 were introduced. **Page H9178**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9179**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2331, to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–406);

H.R. 3739, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents

Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–407);

H. Res. 616, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2874) to achieve reforms to improve the financial stability of the National Flood Insurance Program, to enhance the development of more accurate estimates of flood risk through new technology and better maps, to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risks, and to provide for alternative methods to insure against flood peril, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–408); and

H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–409). **Page H9178**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mitchell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9139**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H9139**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 165 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 625. **Pages H9157–58**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. **Page H9140**

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

Market Data Protection Act of 2017: H.R. 3973, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain entities to develop internal risk control mechanisms to safeguard and govern the storage of market data; **Pages H9149–42**

Federal Acquisition Savings Act of 2017: H.R. 3071, amended, to require executive agencies to consider equipment rental in any cost-effectiveness analysis for equipment acquisition, by a yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 624; and **Pages H9143–45, H9157**

Presidential Allowance Modernization Act of 2017: H.R. 3739, amended, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former

Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H9155**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to United States policy towards Yemen: The House agreed to H. Res. 599, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to United States policy towards Yemen, by a yea-and-nay vote of 366 yeas to 30 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 623.

Pages H9148–55, H9155–56

Oath of Office—Third Congressional District of Utah: Representative-elect John Curtis presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from the Honorable Spencer J. Cox, Lieutenant Governor, State of Utah, indicating that, at the Special Election held on November 7, 2017, the Honorable John Curtis was elected Representative to Congress for the 3rd Congressional District, State of Utah. **Page H9156**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Utah, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H9157**

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

Connected Government Act: H.R. 2331, amended, to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly. **Pages H9142–43**

Senate Referrals: S. 324 was held at the desk. S. 886 was held at the desk. S. 906 was held at the desk. S. 1153 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. 1266 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Pages H9140, H9168**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9156.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9155–56, H9157, H9158. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; 21ST CENTURY FLOOD REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2810, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”; and H.R. 2874, the “21st Century Flood Reform Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–2, a closed rule for H.R. 2874. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, 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 provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for the consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2810. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule provides that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 3, the rule provides that the Clerk shall not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has adopted the conference report to accompany H.R. 2810 until notified by the Speaker or by message from the Senate that the Senate has passed H.R. 4374 without amendment. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thornberry, Chairman Hensarling, and Representatives Smith of Washington, Capuano, Graves of Louisiana, Gene Green of Texas, Meadows, and Jordan.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anthony Kurta, of Montana, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, both of the Department of Defense, and Gregory E. Maggs, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine technology in agriculture, focusing on data-driven farming, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine S. 1857, to establish a compliance deadline of May 15, 2023, for Step 2 emissions standards for new residential wood heaters, new residential hydronic heaters, and forced-air furnaces, S. 203, to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition, S. 839, to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for brick and structural clay products or for clay ceramics manufacturing before requiring compliance with such rule, and S. 1934, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1928, to establish a review of United States multilateral aid, and the nominations of Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be an Under Secretary (Management), Lisa A. Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Sean P. Lawler, of Maryland, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, Irwin Steven Goldstein, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Rebecca Eliza Gonzales, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the authority to order the use of nuclear weapons, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine American leadership in the Asia-Pacific, focusing on the view from Beijing, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine gene editing technology, focusing on innovation and impact, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Response and Recovery to Environmental Concerns from the 2017 Hurricane Season”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.