

Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017: H.R. 4173, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 618; and **Page H8614**

Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017: H.R. 3705, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the use of certified mail and plain language in certain debt collection activities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 621. **Page H8643**

Senate Referrals: S. 1088 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. S. 1015 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. **Page H8660**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8609.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8612–13, H8613–14, H8614, H8641–42, H8642, and H8643. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CLOSE TO HOME: HOW OPIOIDS ARE IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a joint hearing entitled “Close to Home: How Opioids are Impacting Communities”. Testimony was heard from Leana Wen, Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department; David Cox, Superintendent, Allegany County, Maryland; and public witnesses.

MACRA AND ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODELS: DEVELOPING OPTIONS FOR VALUE-BASED CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MACRA and Alternative Payment Models: Developing Options for Value-based Care”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Baillet, Chairperson, Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Administration Priorities for the International Financial Institutions”. Testimony was heard from David Malpass, Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT: TREASURY’S ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING THE AMERICAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance held a hearing entitled “Financial Intelligence and Enforcement: Treasury’s Role in Safeguarding the American Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Sigal Mandelker, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

THE PRESIDENT’S PLAN FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN: OBJECTIVES AND RESOURCES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing entitled “The President’s Plan for Afghanistan and Pakistan: Objectives and Resources”. Testimony was heard from Alice G. Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Acting Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Gregory Huger, Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE KINGPIN DESIGNATION ACT IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Examining the Effectiveness of the Kingpin Designation Act in the Western Hemisphere”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREVENTING THE NEXT ATTACK: TSA’S ROLE IN KEEPING OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS SECURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preventing the Next Attack: TSA’s Role in Keeping Our Transportation Systems Secure”. Testimony was heard from David P. Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3989, the “USA Liberty Act of 2017”. H.R. 3989 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 995, the “21st Century Respect Act”; H.R. 1532, the “Poarch Band of Creek Indians Land Reaffirmation Act”; H.R. 180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs; H.R. 2504, to ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms; H.R. 2907, the “Planning for American Energy Act of 2017”; H.R. 3469, to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”; H.R. 3905, the “Minnesota’s Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act”; H.R. 4239, the “SECURE American Energy Act”; and S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund. H.R. 995, H.R. 1800, and H.R. 4239 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1532, H.R. 2504, H.R. 2907, H.R. 3469, H.R. 3905, and S. 140 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MOVING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL TO JERUSALEM: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Moving the American Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem: Challenges and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GEOENGINEERING: INNOVATION, RESEARCH, AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Geoengineering: Innovation, Research, and Technology”. Testimony was heard from Phil Rasch, Chief Scientist for Climate Science, Laboratory Fellow, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

HIRING MORE HEROES: A REVIEW OF SBA’S OFFICE OF VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hiring More Heroes: A Review of SBA’s Office of Veterans Business Development”.

Testimony was heard from Barbara Carson, Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, Small Business Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4243, the “VA Asset and Infrastructure Review Act of 2017”. H.R. 4243 was ordered reported, as amended.

A REVIEW OF THE INTERAGENCY TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE NEED FOR ENHANCED OUTCOME MEASUREMENTS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Interagency Transition Assistance Program and the Need for Enhanced Outcome Measurements”. Testimony was heard from Cindy Brown Barnes, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Margarita Devlin, Executive Director, Benefits Assistance Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ivan E. Denton, Director, Office of National Programs, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Judd H. Lyons, Director, Defense Personnel and Family Support Center, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Brigadier General Robert Bennett, Adjutant General, U.S. Army; Rear Admiral Karl O. Thomas, Director, 21st Century Sailor Office, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; Brigadier General Kathleen A. Cook, Director, Air Force Services, Manpower, Personnel and Services; and Brigadier General Kurt W. Stein, Director, Marine and Family Programs, U.S. Marine Corps.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 1, the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”.

Joint Meetings**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider S. 2099, to provide for the management by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain Federal land; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Glen R. Smith, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, and Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert H. McMahon, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary, R. D. James, of Missouri, and Bruce D. Jette, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, Colleen Kiko, of North Dakota, and James Thomas Abbott, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Jonathan H. Pittman, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2070, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote

initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nominations of Gregory G. Katsas, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Emily Coody Marks, and Brett Joseph Talley, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Holly Lou Teeter, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Bobby L. Christine, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, and David J. Freed, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Aviation Readiness: What's the Flight Plan?", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Perspectives on Mixed Martial Arts", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, hearing on legislation on the Farm Regulatory Certainty Act, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Resolving the Political Crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled "An Update on NASA Exploration Systems Development", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.