

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7185–S7223

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2120–2125, and S. Res. 331. **Pages S7213–14**

Measures Passed:

National Adoption Day and Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 331, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S7192–94**

Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act: Senate passed S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1584, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7220**

Portland Thorns FC: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 318, honoring the Portland Thorns FC as the champion of the National Women's Soccer League in 2017, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7221**

McConnell (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1585, to amend the preamble. **Page S7221**

Zatezalo Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. **Page S7206**

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 273), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7206**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. **Page S7221**

Esper and Zatezalo Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:50 a.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army, that there be up to ten minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that following disposition of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, all post-cloture time on the nomination of David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, be considered expired. **Pages S7206–09**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 272), Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Timothy R. Petty, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Jason Klitenic, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Thomas D. Homan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

108 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

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Timothy Kelly, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, which was sent to the Senate on October 3, 2017. **Page S7223**

Messages from the House: **Page S7213**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7217–19**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7219**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—273) **Page S7206**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7221.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to

examine technology in agriculture, focusing on data-driven farming, after receiving testimony from Justin Knopf, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Gypsum; Jason G. Tatge, Farmobile, Leawood, Kansas; Shannon L. Ferrell, Oklahoma State University Department of Agricultural Economics, Stillwater; Todd J. Janzen, Janzen Agricultural Law LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Dorota Haman, University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Gainesville.

HURRICANE RECOVERY OVERSIGHT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, after receiving testimony from Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; Major General Ed Jackson, USA, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; United States Virgin Islands Governor Kenneth E. Mapp, St. Thomas; Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló, Ricardo Ramos, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Natalie Jaresko, Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, and Jose Roman Morales, Puerto Rico Energy Commission, all of San Juan; and Julio A. Rhymer, Sr., Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, St. Croix.

EMISSIONS LEGISLATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Burr; Davis Henry, Henry Brick, Selma, Alabama; Christopher J. Kersting, Specialty Equipment Market Association, Diamond Bar, California; Paul Williams, United States Stove Company, Bridgeport, Alabama; and Emily Hammond, The George Washington University Law School, and John D. Walke, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1928, to establish a review of United States multilateral aid, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of 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.

USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the authority to order the use of nuclear weapons, after receiving testimony from General C. Robert Kehler, USAF (Ret.), former Commander, Strategic Command, Alexandria, Virginia, and Brian P. McKeon, former Acting Under Secretary for Policy, Washington, D.C., both of the Department of Defense; and Peter Feaver, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine American leadership in the Asia-Pacific, focusing on the view from Beijing, after receiving testimony from former Senator Max Baucus; Michael Pillsbury, The Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Graham T. Allison, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

GENE EDITING TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine gene editing technology, focusing on innovation and impact, after receiving testimony from Matthew Porteus, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California; Katrine S. Bosley, Editas Medicine, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jeffrey Kahn, Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics, Baltimore, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4382–4394; and 1 resolution, H. Res 620 was introduced. **Page H9254**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9255**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, and providing for proceedings during the period from November 17, 2017, through November 27, 2017 (H. Rept. 115–410).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jody B. Hice (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9181**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9188**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Anthony K.R. Gibson, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. **Page H9188**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 190 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 628. **Pages H9188, H9199**

Designating the Democratic Cloakroom in the Hall of the House of Representatives as the

“Gabrielle Giffords-Leo J. Ryan Cloakroom”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 615, designating the Democratic Cloakroom in the Hall of the House of Representatives as the “Gabrielle Giffords-Leo J. Ryan Cloakroom”.

Pages H9199–H9200

21st Century Flood Reform Act: The House passed 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, by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 630.

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Rejected the Pascrell motion to recommit to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 629.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–408, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–408, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill.

Pages H9191–H9209

H. Res. 616, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2874) and the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2810) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 627, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 626.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany 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, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a ye-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 631.

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H. Res. 616, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2874) and the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2810) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 627, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 626.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 a.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9191.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9197–98, H9198–99, H9199, H9237, H9237–38, H9238–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:26 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Committee Meetings

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS FROM THE 2017 HURRICANE SEASON

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Response and Recovery to Environmental Concerns from the 2017 Hurricane Season”. Testimony was heard from Sam Coleman, Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6, Environmental Protection Agency; Trent Epperson, Assistant City Manager, Pearland, Texas; Trey Glenn, Regional Administrator, Region 4, Environmental Protection Agency; Peter Lopez, Regional Administrator, Region 2, Environmental Protection Agency; Bryan Shaw, Chairman, Texas Department of Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1153, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2017”; H.R. 1638, the “Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act”; H.R. 3093, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 3221, the “Securing Access to Affordable Mortgages Act”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3978, the “TRID Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4015, the “Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017”; H.R. 4247, the “Restoring Financial Market Freedom Act of 2017”; H.R. 4248, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, and for other purposes; H.R. 4258, the “Family Self-Sufficiency Act”; H.R. 4263, the “Regulation A+ Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4267, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 4270, the “Monetary Policy Transparency and Accountability Act of 2017”; H.R. 4278, the “Independence from Credit Policy Act of 2017”; H.R. 4279, the “Expanding Investment Opportunities Act”; H.R. 4281, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 4289, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to coal and mine

safety; H.R. 4292, the “Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act”; H.R. 4293, to reform the Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review process, the Dodd-Frank Act Stress Test process, and for other purposes; H.R. 4294, the “Prevention of Private Information Dissemination Act of 2017”; H.R. 4296, to place requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency; H.R. 4302, the “Congressional Accountability for Emergency Lending Programs Act of 2017”; and H.R. 4324, the “Strengthening Oversight of Iran’s Access to Finance Act”.

LOOKING NORTH: ASSESSING THE CURRENT THREAT AT THE U.S.-CANADA BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Looking North: Assessing the Current Threat at the U.S.-Canada Border”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Michael Dougherty, Assistant Secretary for Border, Immigration, and Trade Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans; Scott A. Luck, Acting Deputy Chief, Border Patrol; Kevin Kelly, Special Agent in Charge, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and a public witness.

PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Congressional Workplace”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Speier and Byrne; Gloria Lett, Counsel, Office of House Employment Counsel; and Barbara Childs Wallace, Chair, Board of Directors, Office of Compliance.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Jefferson Sessions III, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

THE NEED FOR TRANSPARENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN TERRITORIES’ DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Need for Transparent Financial Accountability in Territories’ Disaster Recovery Efforts”. Testimony was heard from Ricardo Rosselló, Governor, Puerto Rico; and Kenneth Mapp, Governor, United States Virgin Islands.

REGULATORY REFORM TASK FORCES CHECK-IN: PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs; and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules held a joint hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-In: Part II”. Testimony was heard from Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture; Robert Eitel, Senior Counselor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Education; and Charles Keckler, Associate Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1, the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 1. The rule provides four hours of debate equally divided and controlled by 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 115–39 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. The rule provides that clause 5(b) of rule XXI shall not apply to the bill or amendments thereto. In section 2, the rule provides that upon passage of H.R. 1, the amendment to the title of such bill recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from November 17, 2017, through November 27, 2017: 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. Finally, section 4 of 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 3. Testimony was heard from Chairman Brady of Texas and Representatives Neal, Doggett, Barton, Hultgren, King of Iowa, McClintock, Walker, Jackson Lee, and Polis.

BOLSTERING THE GOVERNMENT'S CYBERSECURITY: A SURVEY OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE DHS DIRECTIVE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Bolstering the Government’s Cybersecurity: A Survey of Compliance with the DHS Directive”. Testimony was heard from Jeanette Manfra, Assistant Secretary, Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Renee Wynn, Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Essye Miller, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to prevent and combat opioid over medication, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 71, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, reconciliation legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program in the non-wilderness portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, known as the “1002 Area” or Coastal Plain, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine promoting American leadership in reducing air emissions through innovation, 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 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine encouraging healthy communities, focusing on perspective from the Surgeon General, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, both of the Department of Education, and Kate S. O’Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “2018 Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record”, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, markup on H.R. 1917, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2017”; H.R. 453, the “Relief from New Source Performance Standards Act of 2017”; H.R. 350, the “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1119, the “Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1153, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2017”; H.R. 1638, the “Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act”; H.R. 3093, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 3221, the “Securing Access to Affordable Mortgages Act”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3978, the “TRID Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4015, the “Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017”; H.R. 4247, the “Restoring Financial Market Freedom Act of 2017”; H.R. 4248, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, and for other purposes; H.R. 4258, the “Family Self-Sufficiency Act”; H.R. 4263, the “Regulation A+ Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4267, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 4270, the “Monetary Policy Transparency and Accountability Act of 2017”; H.R. 4278, the “Independence from Credit Policy Act of 2017”; H.R. 4279, the “Expanding Investment Opportunities Act”; H.R. 4281, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 4289, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to coal and mine safety; H.R. 4292, the “Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act”; H.R. 4293, to reform the Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review process, the Dodd-Frank Act Stress Test process, and for other purposes; H.R. 4294, the “Prevention of Private Information Dissemination Act of 2017”; H.R. 4296, to place requirements on

operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency; H.R. 4302, the “Congressional Accountability for Emergency Lending Programs Act of 2017”; and H.R. 4324, the “Strengthening Oversight of Iran’s Access to Finance Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 336, reaffirming a strong commitment to the United States-Mexico Partnership; H. Res. 401, urging China, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, India, and all nations to outlaw the dog and cat meat trade and to enforce existing laws against the trade; H. Res. 407, condemning the persecution of Christians around the world; H.R. 1164, the “Taylor Force Act”; H.R. 1415, the “End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act”; H.R. 2712, the “Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act of 2017”; H.R. 3542, the “ Hamas Human Shields Prevention Act”; H.R. 3776, the “Cyber Diplomacy Act of 2017”; H. Con. Res. 90, condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Development Finance in Asia: U.S. Economic Strategy Amid China’s Belt and Road”, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Maximizing the Value of Cyber Threat Information Sharing”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 170, the “Protect and Grow American Jobs Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 212, the “EFFECT Act”, H.R. 2320, the “Samish Indian Nation Land Conveyance Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3225, the

“Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 801, the “Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act”; H.R. 2888, the “Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Establishment Act”; H.R. 3979, the “Keep America’s Refuges Operational Act”; and H.R. 4266, the “Acadia National Park Boundary Clarification Act”, 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Recommendations and Reforms from the Inspectors General”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 5.0”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Department of Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017; legislation on the Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act of 2017; legislation on the Nuclear Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017; legislation on the STEM Research and Education Effectiveness and Transparency Act; H.R. 4323, the “Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act”; H.R. 4254, the “Women in Aerospace Education Act”; and H.R. 3397, the “Building Blocks of STEM Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Federal Government and Small Businesses: Promoting Greater Information Sharing for Stronger Cybersecurity”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the victims of Turkey’s failing rule of law, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, post-cloture.

At approximately 12 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army.

Following disposition of the nomination of Mark T. Esper, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of David G. Zatezalo.

Following disposition of the nomination of David G. Zatezalo, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 15

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1—Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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