

OVERVIEW OF 16 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Overview of 16 Years of Involvement in Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from John Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

PROTECTING SENIORS’ ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT OF 2017; COMMUNITY HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IMPROVE OUR NATION ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 849, the “Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3922, the “Community Health and Medical Professionals Improve Our Nation Act of 2017”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 849. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and 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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill 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 Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3922. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Walden and Representatives Guthrie, Thompson of California, Paulsen, Pallone, Duncan of Tennessee, and González-Colón of Puerto Rico.

THE FUTURE OF LOW DOSE RADIATION RESEARCH

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The

Future of Low Dose Radiation Research”. Testimony was heard from John Neumann, Director, Science and Technology Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF RUSSIAN ADVERTISEMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Russia Investigative Task Force held a hearing entitled “Impact of Russian Advertisements on Social Media”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine 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, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the potential for oil and gas exploration and development in the non-wilderness portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, known as the “1002 Area” or Coastal Plain, to raise sufficient revenue pursuant to the Senate reconciliation instructions included in H. Con Res. 71, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 807, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, 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 Matthew G. T. Martin, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Christina E. Nolan, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The 2017 Hurricane Season: A Review of Emergency Response and Energy Infrastructure Recovery Efforts”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Concerns Over Federal Select Agent Program Oversight of Dangerous Pathogens”, 10:45 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform, Part II”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3249, the “Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 1730, the “Combating Anti-Semitism Act of 2017”; H.R. 3317, the “Stopping Abusive Female Exploitation Act”; and H.R. 4203, the “Combat Online Predators Act”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 221, the “Hydrographic Services Improvement Amendments Act”; H.R. 1176, the “Keep America’s Waterfronts Working 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, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2017; legislation on the Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017; H.R. 1132, the “Political Appointee Burrowing Prevention Act”; H.R. 3076, the “Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services for Constituents Act of 2017”; H.R. 4043, the “Whistleblower Protection Extension Act of 2017”; legislation to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the authority to conduct telework travel expenses test programs, and for other purposes; legislation on the Settlement Agreement Information Database Act; H.R. 3121, the “All-American Flag Act”; legislation on the Preparedness and Risk Management for Extreme Weather Patterns Assuring Resilience and Effectiveness Act of 2017; H.R. 1850, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 907 Fourth Avenue in Lake Odessa, Michigan, as the “Donna Sauers Besko Post Office”; H.R. 2672, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Carter

Street in Fairview, Illinois, as the “Sgt. Douglas J. Riney Post Office”; H.R. 2673, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Broadway Street in Pekin, Illinois, as the “Lance Corporal Jordan S. Basteau Post Office”; H.R. 3821, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 Main Street in Clermont, Georgia, as the “Zachary Addington Post Office”; and H.R. 3893, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Mathe Avenue in Interlachen, Florida, as the “Robert H. Jenkins Post Office”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy, and Environment, hearing entitled “Examining the Regulation of Shark Finning in the United States”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Putting Food on the Table—A Review of the Importance of Agriculture Research”, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations, hearing entitled “Operating or Rulemaking? A Review of SBA’s Opaque Standard Operating Procedures Process”, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Emergency Response and Recovery: Central Takeaways from the Unprecedented 2017 Hurricane Season”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 299, the “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017”; H.R. 1133, the “Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2017”; H.R. 1900, the “National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act”; H.R. 2123, the “VETS Act of 2017”; H.R. 2601, the “VICTOR Act of 2017”; H.R. 3634, the “SERVE Act of 2017”; H.R. 3705, the “Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017”; H.R. 3949, the “VALOR Act”; and H.R. 4173, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Appearance of Carter W. Page”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is an open hearing in a closed space.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through October 31, 2017

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	160	155	..
Time in session	966 hrs., 13'	692 hrs., 57'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,935	8,296	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,473	..
Public bills enacted into law	24	49	73
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	1	1	..
Measures passed, total	345	536	881
Senate bills	84	24	..
House bills	40	349	..
Senate joint resolutions	8	6	..
House joint resolutions	16	19	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	9	7	..
House concurrent resolutions	8	12	..
Simple resolutions	180	119	..
Measures reported, total	* 242	* 373	615
Senate bills	187	1	..
House bills	26	283	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	26	83	..
Special reports	13	5	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	177	98	..
Measures introduced, total	2,433	5,005	7,438
Bills	2,038	4,199	..
Joint resolutions	49	120	..
Concurrent resolutions	28	88	..
Simple resolutions	318	598	..
Quorum calls	3	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	256	258	..
Recorded votes .....	..	332	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Veto overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through October 31, 2017

Civilian nominations, totaling 524, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	190
Unconfirmed	299
Withdrawn	35
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 785, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	760
Unconfirmed	25
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,617, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,594
Unconfirmed	23
Army nominations, totaling 6,570, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,552
Unconfirmed	18
Navy nominations, totaling 4,222, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,218
Unconfirmed	4
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,314, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,314
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	19,032
Total confirmed	18,628
Total unconfirmed	369
Total withdrawn	35
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 180 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 378 reports have been filed in the House.