

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6975–S7004*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2059–2074, S. Res. 321, and S. Con. Res. 29. **Page S7001**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 807, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers. **Page S7002**

**Engel Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. **Page S6995**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 2, 2017, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017. **Page S6995**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action: **Page S6995**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6995**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination. **Page S6995**

**Robb Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Peter B. Robb, of Vermont, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S6995**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. **Page S6995**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6995**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6995**

**Wehrum Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S6995**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Peter B. Robb, of Vermont, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S6995**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6995**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6996**

**Kan Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. **Page S6996**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S6996**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6996**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6996**

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the pending cloture motions ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017; and that at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, Senate proceed to the consideration of the nomination of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy

Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, as under the previous order of Thursday, October 26, 2017. **Page S6996**

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

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 259), Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Pages S6976–82, S7004**

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 261), Stephanos Bibas, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S6982–89, S7004**

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

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 260), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6982**

Kyle Fortson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2019.

Gerald W. Fauth, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Peter Henry Barlerin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon.

Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

Michael James Dodman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Richard Glick, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2022.

Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2018.

Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2023.

Jamie McCourt, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco.

Richard Duke Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra.

Steven E. Winberg, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Thomas L. Carter, of South Carolina, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Michael T. Evanoff, of Arkansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Nina Maria Fite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Daniel L. Foote, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

Kenneth Ian Juster, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

W. Robert Kohorst, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

Edward T. McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

David Dale Reimer, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

Eric P. Whitaker, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

Carla Sands, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark.

Manisha Singh, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2018. **Pages S6994–95, S7004**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Robin S. Bernstein, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Christopher Ashley Ford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

John C. Anderson, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Joseph D. Brown, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

John H. Durham, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Brandon J. Fremin, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Robert K. Hur, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

Ryan K. Patrick, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

McGregor W. Scott, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years. **Page S7004**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S6999**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S7003–04**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—261) **Pages S6982, S6989**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:35 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7004.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

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

### ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Sullivan; Representative Don Young; Alaska Governor Bill Walker, and Alaska Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott, both of Juneau; Greg Sheehan, Principal Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Pat Pourchot, former Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Sam Alexander, Gwich'in Nation, and Aaron Schutt, Doyon, Limited, both of Fairbanks, Alaska; Matthew Rexford, Native Village of Kaktovik, Kaktovik, Alaska; Lois N. Epstein, The Wilderness Society, and Richard K. Glenn, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, both of Anchorage, Alaska; and Matthew Cronin, Bozeman, Montana.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 807, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers; and

The nominations of 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.

### INTELLIGENCE

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

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 1, 4219–4235; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 603, 604 were introduced. **Pages H8443–44**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H8444–45**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.