

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**

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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