

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7979–S8016

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2223–2228, and S. Res. 359–360. **Page S8006**

Ho Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, post-cloture. **Page S8003**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 316), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8002–03**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 14, 2017; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S8009**

West Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Owen West, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; that there be 30 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. **Page S8003**

Compton Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of J. Paul Compton, Jr., of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; that there be 120 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. **Page S8003**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 315), Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S7981–S8002, S8016**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—316) **Pages S8002, S8003**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine safeguarding American agriculture in a globalized world, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Chair, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Bio-defense; R. D. Meckes, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services State Veterinarian, Raleigh; Richard B. Myers, Kansas State University, Manhattan; and Raymond Hammer-schmidt, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received a closed briefing on Department of Defense global counterterrorism operations from Mark E. Mitchell, Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, Major General Albert M. Elton III, USAF, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism, Joint Staff, and Gary Reid, Director of Intelligence and Security, Office of the Undersecretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY/CONCUSSION IN SERVICEMEMBERS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine an update on research, diagnosis, and treatment for traumatic brain injury/concussion in servicemembers, after receiving testimony from Joel D. Scholten, Associate Chief of Staff for Rehabilitation Services for the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and David X. Cifu, Senior TBI Specialist, Principal Investigator, Chronic Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium, both of the Department of Veteran Affairs; Captain Michael J. Colston, USN, Director, Military Health Policy and Oversight for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; David W. Dodick, Mayo Clinic; Steven D. Devick, King-Devick technologies, inc; and Christopher M. Miles, Wake Forest University.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2202, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2200, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1768, to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of R. D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Kristine L. Svinicki, Chairman, and Jeff Baran, and Stephen Burns, both a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

STRATEGIC, POLITICAL, AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS OF USING FORCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine using force, focusing on strategic, political, and legal considerations, after receiving testimony from Stephen J. Hadley, former National Security Advisor, Christine E. Wormuth, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and John B. Bellinger III, Council on Foreign Relations, all of Washington, D.C.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, signed at Pristina on March 29, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115–2), the extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Serbia, signed at Belgrade on August 15, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115–1), the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries, signed at Majuro on September 6, 2013, and the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia on the Delimitation of a Maritime Boundary, signed at Koror on August 1, 2014 (Treaty Doc. 114–13), and the United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade, done at New York on December 12, 2001, and signed by the United States on December 30, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 114–7), after receiving testimony from Richard Visek, Acting Legal Adviser, Department of State; and Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on responding to mental health needs, after receiving testimony from Elinore F. McCance-Katz, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Mental Health and Substance Use.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Johnny Collett, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, all of the Department of Education, William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Kate S. O'Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Labor.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Elizabeth L. Branch, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and R. Stan Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, who were introduced by Senators Isakson and Perdue, Charles Barnes Goodwin, to be United States District Judge for the Western Dis-

trict of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senator Lankford, Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Matthew Spencer Petersen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Eli Jeremy Richardson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Alexander and Corker, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CONSUMER WELFARE STANDARD IN ANTITRUST

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the consumer welfare standard in antitrust, after receiving testimony from Abbott B. Lipsky, Jr., and Joshua D. Wright, both of the George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; Barry C. Lynn, Open Markets Institute, and Diana Moss, American Antitrust Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Carl Shapiro, University of California Haas School of Business, Berkeley.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4635–4640; 1 private bill, H.R. 4641; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 124; and H. Res. 662–664, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4258, to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–464).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rogers (KY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Committee on Ethics Investigative Subcommittees: The Chair announced that the Speaker or a designee and the Minority Leader or a designee shall

each name a total of fifteen Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner from the respective party of such individual who are not members of the Committee on Ethics to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of that committee during the 115th Congress pursuant to clause 5(a)(4) of rule 10.

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Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 115th Congress: Representatives Wagner, Walorski, Handel, Mimi Walters (CA) and Paulsen.

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Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Members to be available to serve on an Investigative Subcommittee established by the Committee on Ethics during the 115th Congress: Representatives Castro (TX), Jayapal, McEachin, Torres, and Tsongas.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m. **Page H9859**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened at 4:47 p.m. **Page H9878**

Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act and Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 657, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2396) to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to update the exception for certain annual notices provided by financial institutions, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4015) to improve the quality of proxy advisory firms for the protection of investors and the U.S. economy, and in the public interest, by fostering accountability, transparency, responsiveness, and competition in the proxy advisory firm industry, by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 679, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 678. **Pages H9860–68, H9878–79**

Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act: The House passed H.R. 1638, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, by a yea-and-nay vote of 289 yeas to 135 nays, Roll No. 680. **Pages H9868–78, H9879–80**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–47, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Page H9875**

Agreed to:

Schneider amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–463) that amends the reporting requirement on recommendations for how U.S. economic sanctions against Iran may be revised to prevent funds or assets from being used to contribute to the continued development of Iran's ballistic missile program to also include human rights abuses; and **Pages H9876–77**

Meng amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–463) that requires the report created by this bill to include “an assessment of the impact and effectiveness of U.S. economic sanctions programs against Iran”. **Pages H9877–78**

H. Res. 658, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1638) and (H.R. 4324) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 677, after the previous question was ordered by

a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 676. **Pages H9854–60**

Strengthening Oversight of Iran's Access to Finance Act: The House considered H.R. 4324, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make certifications with respect to United States and foreign financial institutions' aircraft-related transactions involving Iran. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, December 14th. **Page H9880**

Considered the Swallow (CA) motion to recommend the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment. **Pages H9890–91**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–48 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Page H9880**

Agreed to:

Gaetz amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–463) that includes, in the report already required in the underlying text, certification that the transaction will not benefit an Iranian person that has knowingly transported items used to establish in Syria a permanent military presence of either Iranian military forces or Iranian backed militia. **Pages H9889–90**

Res. 658, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1638) and (H.R. 4324) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 677, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 676. **Pages H9854–60**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 14th. **Page H9891**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9859–60, H9860, H9878–79, H9879, and H9880. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee completed a markup on H.R. 4508, the “Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform Act”. H.R. 4508 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Drug Supply Chain”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IMPACTS AND FUTURE OF NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY TRADE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Impacts and Future of North American Energy Trade”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee completed a markup on H.R. 435, the “Credit Access and Inclusion Act of 2017”; H.R. 1457, the “Making Online Banking Initiation Legal and Easy Act of 2017”; H.R. 2219, the “End Banking for Human Traffickers Act of 2017”; H.R. 2948, to amend the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 to provide a temporary license for loan originators transitioning between employers, and for other purposes; H.R. 3179, the “Transparency and Accountability for Business Standards Act”; H.R. 3864, the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 4464, the “Common Sense Credit Union Capital Relief Act of 2017”; H.R. 4519, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to resource extraction, and for other purposes; H.R. 4529, the “Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2017”; H.R. 4537, the “International Insurance Standards Act of 2017”; H.R. 4545, the “Financial Institutions Examination Fairness and Reform Act”; H.R. 4546, the “National Securities Exchange Regulatory Parity Act”; and H.R. 4560, the “GSE Jumpstart Reauthorization Act of 2017”. H.R. 3864, H.R. 4546, H.R. 4519, H.R. 4529, H.R. 4545, H.R. 2948, H.R. 3179, H.R. 4464, and H.R. 4560 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 4537, H.R. 2219, H.R. 435, and H.R. 1457 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1486, the “Securing American Non-Profit Organizations Against Terrorism Act of 2017”; H.R. 4433, the “Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms Act of 2017”; H.R. 4553, the “Terrorist Screening and Targeting Review Act of 2017”; H.R. 4555, the “DHS Interagency Counterterrorism Task Force Act of 2017”; H.R. 4559, the “Global Aviation System Security Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 4561, the “Security Assessment Feasibility for Equipment Testing and

Evaluation of Capabilities for our Homeland Act”; H.R. 4564, the “Post-Caliphate Threat Assessment Act of 2017”; H.R. 4567, the “DHS Overseas Personnel Enhancement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4569, the “Counterterrorism Information Sharing Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4577, the “Domestic Explosives Detection Canine Capacity Building Act of 2017”; H.R. 4578, the “Counter Terrorist Network Act”; and H.R. 4581, the “Screening and Vetting Passenger Exchange Act of 2017”. H.R. 4561, H.R. 4559, H.R. 4567, H.R. 1486, H.R. 4577, H.R. 4555, H.R. 4553, and H.R. 4433 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4564, H.R. 4569, H.R. 4578, and H.R. 4581 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4009, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a central parking facility on National Zoological Park property in the District of Columbia; and a committee resolution updating the advertisement regulations found in the Members’ Congressional Handbook. The committee resolution updating the advertisement regulations found in the Members’ Congressional Handbook passed. H.R. 4009 was ordered reported, without amendment.

OVERSIGHT HEARING WITH DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROD ROSENSTEIN

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein”. Testimony was heard from Rod Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee completed a markup on H.R. 200, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; H.R. 1157, to clarify the United States interest in certain submerged lands in the area of the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; H.R. 1349, to amend the Wilderness Act to ensure that the use of bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, and game carts is not prohibited in Wilderness Areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1350, to modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes; H.R. 1675, the “National Landslide Preparedness Act”; H.R. 2888, the “Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Establishment Act”; H.R. 3588, the “RED SNAPPER Act”; H.R. 4033, the “National Geologic Mapping Act Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 4264, the “Hyde Park Land Conveyance

Act”; H.R. 4266, the “Acadia National Park Boundary Clarification Act”; H.R. 4465, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017”; H.R. 4475, the “National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System Act”; H.R. 4568, the “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act”; S. 825, the “Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2017”; and S. 1285, the “Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act”. H.R. 200, H.R. 1349, H.R. 1675, H.R. 4266, H.R. 4475, and H.R. 4568 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1157, H.R. 1350, H.R. 2888, H.R. 3588, H.R. 4033, H.R. 4264, H.R. 4465, S. 825, and S. 1285 were ordered reported, without amendment.

OVERSIGHT OF THE BUREAU OF PRISONS AND INMATE REENTRY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled, “Oversight of the Bureau of Prisons and Inmate Reentry”. Testimony was heard from Mark S. Inch, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons; Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Diana Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

HEAD HEALTH CHALLENGE: PREVENTING HEAD TRAUMA FROM FOOTBALL FIELD TO SHOP FLOOR TO BATTLEFIELD

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Head Health Challenge: Preventing Head Trauma from Football Field to Shop Floor to Battlefield”. Testimony was heard from Michael Fasolka, Acting Director, Material Measurement Lab, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

ADVANCING SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY: RESEARCH TRUMPS DEPLOYMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Advancing Solar Energy Technology: Research Trumps Deployment”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Simmons, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

PRE-DISCHARGE CLAIMS PROGRAMS: ARE VA AND DOD EFFECTIVELY SERVING SEPARATING MILITARY PERSONNEL?

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Pre-Discharge Claims Programs: Are VA and DOD Effectively Serving Separating Mili-

tary Personnel?”. Testimony was heard from Terry A. Adirim, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Services Policy and Oversight, Department of Defense; Willie C. Clark, Sr., Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IRS REFORM: THE TAXPAYER'S EXPERIENCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “IRS Reform: The Taxpayer's Experience”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, but did not complete action thereon.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1304)

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. Signed on December 12, 2017. (Public Law 115–91)

H.R. 4374, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize additional emergency uses for medical products to reduce deaths and severity of injuries caused by agents of war. Signed on December 12, 2017. (Public Law 115–92)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States policy and strategy in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on new counterterrorism guidance, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Margaret Weichert, of Georgia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2152, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography, and the nominations of Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Duane A. Kees, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Stephen R. McAllister, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Ryan K. Patrick, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, and Michael B. Stuart, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, all 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 Financial Services, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Examining the Operations of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS)”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2219, the “End Banking for Human Traffickers Act of 2017”; H.R. 2646, the “United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Extension Act”; H.R. 1997, the “Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3851, the “War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 4558, the “Grand Staircase Escalante Enhancement Act”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine assessing accomplishments and challenges of the Magnitsky Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, post-cloture.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 14

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2396—Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act. Complete consideration of H.R. 4324—Strengthening Oversight of Iran's Access to Finance Act.

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