

Daily Digest

Senate

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Senate continued in the session that began on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. See next volume of the Congressional Record.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine protecting our midshipmen, focusing on preventing sexual assault and sexual harassment at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, after receiving testimony from Joel Szabat, Executive Director, Maritime Administration, and Calvin Scovel, III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; and Rear Admiral James Helis, Superintendent, United States Merchant Marine Academy.

INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS AND THREAT ASSESSMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine intelligence programs and threat assessment, after receiving testimony from Mike Pompeo, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Admiral Michael S. Rogers, Director, National Security Agency.

RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the current state of retirement security in the United States, after receiving testimony from former Senator Kent Conrad, Bipartisan Policy Center's Commission on Retirement Security and Personal Savings, Bismarck, North Dakota; and Walter Russell Mead, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 763, to improve surface and maritime transportation security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 61, to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384 and for other purposes;

S. 701, to improve the competitiveness of United States manufacturing by designating and supporting manufacturing communities; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 756, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris;

S. 770, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate resources to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 518, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 692, to provide for integrated plan permits, to establish an Office of the Municipal Ombudsman, to promote green infrastructure, and to require the revision of financial capability guidance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 675, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship; and

An original bill entitled, “Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver (WILD) Act”.

CONFLICT MINERALS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to

examine a progress report on conflict minerals, after receiving testimony from Rick Goss, Information Technology Industry Council, Mvemba Phezo Dizolele, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and Arvind Ganesan, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.

BORDER SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving border security and public safety, after re-

ceiving testimony from John F. Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 63 public bills, H.R. 1902–1964; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94; H. Con. Res. 47; and H. Res. 249–251, were introduced. **Pages H2750–53**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2755–56**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
H.R. 1667, to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy (H. Rept. 115–80). **Page H2750**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2699**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2705**

Supporting America's Innovators Act of 2017—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 242, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1219) to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company, by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 218, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 217. **Pages H2708–15, H2720–22**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2017: H.R. 1667, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy; and **Pages H2715–20**

Amending Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program: S. 544, to amend Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program. **Pages H2722–26**

Question of Privilege: Representative Jeffries rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not present a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Jeffries appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative Foxx moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 185 nays with 2 answering “present”, Roll No. 219. **Pages H2729–31**

Self-Insurance Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 1304, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the definition of health insurance coverage certain medical stop-loss insurance obtained by certain plan sponsors of group health plans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 220. **Pages H2726–29, H2731–32**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2726**

H. Res. 241, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1304) was agreed to yesterday, April 4th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 6. **Page H2732**

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority