

to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S2715–16**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S2715–16**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 210 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S2716**

McConnell Amendment No. 211 (to Amendment No. 210), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2716**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 212, to change the enactment date. **Page S2716**

McConnell Amendment No. 213 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 212), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2716**

McConnell Amendment No. 214 (to Amendment No. 213), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2716**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, May 5, 2017. **Pages S2715–16**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017. **Page S2728**

Wilson Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks, on Monday, May 8, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force; that there be 4 hours of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S2716**

Messages from the House: **Page S2720**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S2727**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2728**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—120) **Pages S2692, S2715**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2728.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine defense innovation and research funding, after receiving testimony from Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary, William B. Roper, Jr., Director, Strategic Capabilities Office, and Steven H. Walker, Acting Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

DOD LABORATORIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense laboratories and their contributions to military operations and readiness, after receiving testimony from Melissa L. Flagg, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Jeffery P. Holland, former Director, Engineer Research and Development Center, United States Army Corps of Engineers; John A. Montgomery, former Director of Research, Naval Research Laboratory, United States Navy; and Ricky L. Peters, former Executive Director, Air Force Research Laboratory, United States Air Force.

FLEXIBLE PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine building a flexible personnel system (F.A.S.T. Force) for a modern military, after receiving testimony from former Senator James M. Talent, Kathy Roth-Douquet, and Major General Arnold L. Punaro, USMC (Ret.), all of the Bipartisan Policy Center Task Force on Defense Personnel.

ECONOMIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR GROWTH

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economy and private sector growth, after receiving testimony from Michael R.

Strain, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; William C. Dunkelberg, National Federation of Independent Business, Wynnwood, Pennsylvania; and Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University, New York, New York.

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing in America's broadband infrastructure, focusing on exploring ways to reduce barriers to deployment, after receiving testimony from Arizona Representative Jeff Weninger, Chandler; Mayor Gary Resnick, Wilton Manors, Florida; and Patricia Cooper, Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX), Larry Downes, Georgetown Center for Business and Public Policy, and Brian M. Hendricks, Nokia Corporation, all of Washington, D.C.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT STREAMLINING AND EFFICIENCY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine infrastructure project streamlining and efficiency, focusing on achieving faster, better, and cheaper results, after receiving testimony from William T. Panos, Wyoming Department of Transportation Director, Cheyenne; Leah F. Pilconis, The Associated General Contractors of America, Arlington, Virginia; and John D. Porcari, U.S. Advisory Services, Washington, D.C.

PHILANTHROPY, REMITTANCES, AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy concluded a hearing to examine global philanthropy and remittances and international development, after receiving testimony from Una Osili, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indianapolis; and Daniel F. Runde, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Sam Worthington, InterAction, and Semhar Araia, UNICEF USA, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 534, to require the Secretary of State to take such actions as may be necessary for the United States to rejoin the Bureau of International Expositions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including S. 139, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, after receiving testimony from James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 2303–2349; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 53; and H. Res. 307, 309–313 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 308, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2192) to amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate the non-application of certain State waiver provisions to Members of Congress and congressional staff, and providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1628) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent reso-

lution on the budget for fiscal year 2017 (H. Rept. 115–109).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lance to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Richard Boruch, Rabinowitz Aish International, New York, NY.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 251.

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