

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary. Testimony was heard from Sonny Perdue, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; Robert Johansson, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on the National Guard and Reserve. Testimony was heard from General Joseph L. Lengyel, U.S. National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Charles D. Luckey, Chief, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral Luke M. McCollum, Chief, Navy Reserve; Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillam, Commander, Marine Corps Forces Reserve; and Lieutenant General Maryanne Miller, Chief, Air Force Reserve.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the General Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Timothy O. Horne, Administrator, General Services Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CIVIL WORKS) AND THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) and the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Doug Lamont, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Lieutenant General Todd Semonite, Commanding General, Chief of Engineers, Army Corp of Engineers; Scott J. Cameron, Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and Alan Mikkelsen, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department

of Education. Testimony was heard from Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service officials: Chris Buchanan, Acting Director; Ann Church, Acting Director, Office of Finance and Accounting; and Michael Toedt, M.D., Acting Chief Medical Officer.

HIGH RISK AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PROGRAMS (EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, ENERGY)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing entitled “High Risk American Indian and Alaska Native Programs (Education, Healthcare, Energy)”. Testimony was heard from Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Team, Government Accountability Office; Kathleen King, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office; and Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from John F. Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FY 2018 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Department of the Navy FY 2018 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral William K. Lescher, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources, U.S. Navy; Allison F. Stiller, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition, U.S. Navy; and Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, U.S. Marine Corps.

GROUND FORCE MODERNIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled

“Ground Force Modernization Budget Request”. Lieutenant General John M. Murray, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8; Lieutenant General Paul A. Ostrowski, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); Brigadier General Joe Shrader, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Lieutenant General Gary L. Thomas, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources.

THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Mick Mulvaney, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Empowering Students and Families to Make Informed Decisions on Higher Education”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a markup on H. Res. 201, expressing support to the Government of Argentina for its investigation into the terrorist bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992; H. Res. 259, expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela; H. Res. 336, reaffirming a strong commitment to the United States—Mexico Partnership; and H.R. 1918, the “Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act of 2017”. H. Res. 201, H. Res. 259, H.R. 1918, and H. Res. 336 were forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

NUCLEAR DEAL FALLOUT: THE GLOBAL THREAT OF IRAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Deal Fallout: The Global Threat of Iran”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL’S OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Architect of the Capitol’s Office of Inspector General”. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of

the Capitol; Christopher P. Failla, Inspector General, Architect of the Capitol; and Beryl H. Davis, Director of Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 2431, the “Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act”; H.R. 2407, the “U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Authorization Act”; and H.R. 2406, the “U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Authorization Act”. Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2605, the “Secret Service Reauthorization Act of 2017”. H.R. 2431, H.R. 2407, H.R. 2406, and H.R. 2605 were ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING IMPACTS OF FEDERAL NATURAL RESOURCES LAWS GONE ASTRAY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray”. Testimony was heard from Diane Dillon, County Supervisor, Napa County, California; Celeste Maloy, Deputy Attorney, Washington County, Utah; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the “Community Reclamation Partnerships Act”. Testimony was heard from John Stefanko, Deputy Secretary for the Office of Active and Abandoned Mine Operations, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING ‘SUE AND SETTLE’ AGREEMENTS: PART I

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and the Environment; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Examining ‘Sue and Settle’ Agreements: Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE OVERHEAD COST OF RESEARCH

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Overhead Cost of Research”. Testimony was heard from Dale Bell, Division Director, Institution and Award Support, National Science

Foundation; John Neumann, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2518, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 2548, the “FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 2547, to support the Nation’s veterans by expanding to all Veterans Administration medical professionals the ability to provide physical examinations on eligible veterans and issue the medical certificates required for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle if certain requirements are met; H.R. 1684, the “Disaster Support for Communities and Homeowners Act”; H.R. 2258, the “Active Duty Voluntary Acquisition of Necessary Credentials for Employment Act”; and H.R. 2593, the “Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 2017”. H.R. 2518, H.R. 2548, H.R. 2547, H.R. 1684, H.R. 2258, and H.R. 2593 were ordered reported, as amended.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2018”. Testimony was heard from David J. Shulkin M.D., Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

VETERANS AFFAIRS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “VA Financial Management”. Testimony was heard from Laurie Park, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Finance, Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Nick Dahl, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2372, “Veterans Equal Treatment Ensures Relief and Access Now Act”; H.R. 2579, “Broader Options for Americans Act”; and H.R. 2581, the “Verify First Act”. H.R. 2372, H.R. 2579, and H.R. 2581 were ordered reported, as amended.

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposals with U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin”. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the Farm Economy, focusing on perspectives on rural America, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2018 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President’s fiscal year 2018 budget proposal, 9:45 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Neil Chatterjee, of Kentucky, and Robert F. Powelson, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, all of the Department of Energy, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Treasury, and tax reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 722, to impose sanctions with respect to Iran in relation to Iran’s ballistic missile program, support for acts of international terrorism, and violations of human rights, S. 905, to require a report on, and to authorize technical assistance for, accountability for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in Syria, S. 1141, to ensure that the United States promotes the meaningful participation of women in mediation and negotiation processes seeking to prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict, H.R. 601, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of assistance provided under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote quality basic education in developing countries, to better enable such countries to achieve universal access to quality basic education and improved learning outcomes, to eliminate duplication and waste, S. Res. 114, expressing the sense of the Senate on humanitarian crises in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen, S. Res. 18, reaffirming the United States-Argentina partnership and recognizing Argentina’s economic reforms, S. Res. 176, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, an original bill entitled, “Countering Russian Influence in Europe and Eurasia Act of 2017”, the nomination of Scott P. Brown, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.