

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to recede from the Senate amendment to H.R. 1, Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and concur with a further amendment.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8073–S8151*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2246–2254, and S. Con. Res. 31. **Page S8149**

#### Measures Passed:

*Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 31, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Bob Dole. **Page S8151**

#### Measures Considered:

**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1519, 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. **Pages S8073–74**

#### Conference Reports:

**Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:** Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018. **Pages S8088–S8142**

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 321), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S8088**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 322), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to the conference report to ac-

company the bill. Subsequently, the points of order that subsection 11000(a) was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; that subparagraph (B) of section 11032, starting on page 75, line 17 and all through page 76, line 9, was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(D) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and that the phrase “tuition-paying” as it appears on page 309, line 12, and page 309, lines 14 through 15, was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(D) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, were sustained, and the material will be stricken from the conference report.

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By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 323), Senate agreed to the motion to recede from the Senate amendment to H.R. 1 and concur therein with a further amendment. **Pages S8141–42**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 88 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. EX. 320), Jennifer Gillian Newstead, of New York, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. **Pages S8083, S8151**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

Andrea L. Thompson, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Susan A. Thornton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

Frank T. Brogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education. **Page S8151**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S8148–49**

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S8147–48  
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**Privileges of the Floor:** Page S8151  
**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today.  
 (Total—323) Pages S8083, S8088, S8141, S8141–42

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 and adjourned at 12:53 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, until 11 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8151.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be

First Vice President, Mark L. Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, and Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, Judith Delzoppo Pryor, of Ohio, and Claudia Slacik, of New York, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors, all of the Export-Import Bank.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and Joel Danies, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS IN THE SENATE

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. Res. 355, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, after receiving testimony from Senator Lankford.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4680–4689, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H10246–47

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4478, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to improve foreign intelligence collection and the safeguards, accountability, and oversight of acquisitions of foreign intelligence, to extend title VII of such Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–475, Part 1).  
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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.  
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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 180 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 696.  
 Pages H10186–87, H10230–31

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, December 18th.

*Women in Aerospace Education Act:* H.R. 4254, amended, 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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 690; and

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*Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act:* H.R. 4323, amended, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with one voting “nay”, Roll No. 693. Page H10215

**Clerk to Correct Engrossment:** Agreed by unanimous consent that, in the engrossment of H.R. 4375, the Clerk be directed to make the change placed at the desk.  
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