

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2255–2259, and S. Res. 362–363. **Page S8181**

Measures Reported:

S. 1827, to extend funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–197)

S. 1333, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–198)

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Measures Passed:

Freedom of the Press: Senate agreed to S. Res. 150, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance. **Page S8154**

San Antonio Rose 75th Anniversary: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 326, recognizing the crew of the San Antonio Rose, B–17F, who sacrificed their lives during World War II, and honoring their memory during the week of the 75th anniversary of that tragic event, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8154**

National Ernie Pyle Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 345, designating August 3, 2018, as “National Ernie Pyle Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8154**

USS Jacksonville: Senate agreed to S. Res. 362, recognizing the service of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine the USS Jacksonville and the crew of the USS Jacksonville, who served the United States with valor and bravery. **Page S8154**

Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act: Senate passed S. 117, to designate a mountain peak in the

State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Senate passed S. 501, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. **Page S8185**

Rood 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, on January 3, 2018, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; that there be 30 minutes of debate, 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, and that no further motions be in order; provided further that notwithstanding Rule XXXI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the nomination be held in status quo into the second session of the 115th Congress. **Page S8183**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bruce D. Jette, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Thomas Harker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

John P. Roth, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Page S8185**

Duane A. Kees, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Stephen R. McAllister, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Ryan K. Patrick, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Michael B. Stuart, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years. **Page S8183**

44 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Paradise Baxter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Colm F. Connolly, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Kari A. Dooley, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Gordon P. Giampietro, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Marilyn Jean Horan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Chad F. Kenney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Maryellen Noreika, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8185.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FREIGHT MOVEMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine freight movement, after receiving testimony from David Thomas, Maryland Department of Transportation Port Administration Deputy Executive Director, Baltimore; Tim Parker, Waterways Council, Inc., Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Chris Spear, American Trucking Associations, Arlington, Virginia; and Mark Policinski, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, Cincinnati, on behalf of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4690–4705; and 1 resolution, and H. Res. 669 were introduced. **Pages H10344–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10346**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 668, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018 (H. Rept. 115–476). **Page H10249**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rogers (KY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10249**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H10250**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 194 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 703. **Pages H10250, H10330–31**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 669, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H10261**

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R.