

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 1876, the “Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2017”; H.R. 2026, the “Pharmaceutical Information Exchange Act”; and legislation on the Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act of 2018. H.R. 1876 and H.R. 2026 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. Legislation on the Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act of 2018 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

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Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1264, the “Community Financial Institution Exemption Act”; H.R. 1426, the “Federal Savings Association Charter Flexibility Act of 2017”; H.R. 2226, the “Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act”; H.R. 2255, the “Housing Opportunities Made Easier Act”; H.R. 2319, the “Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 3746, the “Business of Insurance Regulatory Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 4061, the “Financial Stability Oversight Council Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4550, the “Practice of Law Technical Clarification Act of 2017”; H.R. 4566, the “Alleviating Stress Test Burdens to Help Investors Act”; H.R. 4607, the “Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act”; H.R. 4725, the “Community Bank Reporting Relief Act”; H.R. 4738, the “Mutual Fund Litigation Reform Act”; H.R. 4768, the “National Strategy for Combating the Financing of Transnational Criminal Organizations Act”; H.R. 4771, the “Small Bank Holding Company Relief Act of 2018”; H.R. 4790, the “Volcker Rule Regulatory Harmonization Act”; H.R. 4785, the “American Customer Information Protection Act”; and H.R. 4792, the “Small Business Access to Capital After a Natural Disaster Act”.

MORE THAN A NUCLEAR THREAT: NORTH KOREA’S CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing entitled “More Than a Nuclear Threat: North Korea’s Chemical, Biological, and Conventional Weapons”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CDM, THE FUTURE OF FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “CDM, the Future of Federal Cybersecurity?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4170, the “Disclosing Foreign Influence Act”. H.R. 4170 was ordered reported, as amended.

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Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 146, the “Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act”; H.R. 443, the “James K. Polk Presidential Home Study Act”; H.R. 553, to redesignate Gravelly Point Park, located along the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington County, Virginia, as the Nancy Reagan Memorial Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 805, the “Tulare Youth Recreation and Women’s History Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1417, the “National Law Enforcement Museum Exhibits Act”; H.R. 2987, the “21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act of 2017”; H.R. 3058, “Gateway Arch National Park Designation Act”; H.R. 3225, the “Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act”; and H.R. 3961, the “Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2017”. H.R. 443, H.R. 553, H.R. 805, H.R. 1417, H.R. 3058, and H.R. 3225 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 146, H.R. 2987, and H.R. 3961 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 4506, the “Jobs for Tribes Act”. Testimony was heard from Bryan Rice, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BATTLEFIELD SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES—RECENT EFFORTS TO WIN THE WAR AGAINST ISIS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Battlefield Successes and Challenges—Recent Efforts to Win the War against ISIS”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBERS’ DAY HEARING ON ARTICLE I: EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE POWER OF THE PURSE

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House held a hearing entitled

“Members’ Day Hearing on Article I: Effective Oversight and the Power of the Purse”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster, and Representatives Hoyer, Budd, Cleaver, Culberson, DeFazio, Gohmert, Hastings, Mullin, Richmond, Palmer, Thomas J. Rooney of Florida, Sanford, Turner, Walker, and Young of Alaska.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 195, AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 44, UNITED STATES CODE, TO RESTRICT THE DISTRIBUTION OF FREE PRINTED COPIES OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Senate amendment to H.R. 195, an Act to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes [Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 195. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–55. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. In section 2, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of January 20, 2018. In section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of January 20, 2018, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Representatives Lowey and Polis.

AN UPDATE ON NASA COMMERCIAL CREW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “An Update on NASA Commercial Crew Systems Development”. Testimony was heard from William

Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Patricia Sanders, Chair, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel; and public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING SBA’S 7(A) LOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Strengthening SBA’s 7(a) Loan Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE STATE OF THE U.S. FLAG MARITIME INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “The State of the U.S. Flag Maritime Industry”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral John Nadeau, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Administrator, Maritime Administration; and public witnesses.

THE DENVER REPLACEMENT MEDICAL CENTER: LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Denver Replacement Medical Center: Light at the End of the Tunnel?”. Testimony was heard from Stella Fiotes, Acting Principal Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lloyd Caldwell, Director of Military Programs, Army Corps of Engineers; and Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office.

THE OPIOID CRISIS: THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE AND CMS ACTIONS TO PREVENT OPIOID MISUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Opioid Crisis: The Current Landscape and CMS Actions to Prevent Opioid Misuse”. Testimony was heard from Gary L. Cantrell, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Elizabeth H. Curda, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Kimberly Brandt, Principal Deputy Administrator for Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Griffin, of Alabama, to be Under Secretary for Research and Engineering, Phyllis L. Bayer, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and John Henderson, of South Dakota, and William Roper, of Georgia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States reform, focusing on examining the essential elements, 9:45 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Brendan Carr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Commissioner, and to be Chairman, and Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner, both of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Melissa F. Burnison, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs), and Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary (Environmental Management), both of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Yleem D. S. Poblete, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, 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, Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, and

routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on financial aid simplification and transparency, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the Second Session of the 115th Congress, and the nominations of Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, Kenneth L. Marcus, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, all of the Department of Education, Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary, Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, and William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, all of the Department of Labor, Brett Giroir, of Texas, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Barbara Stewart, of Illinois, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and other pending nominations, 12:30 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Elizabeth L. Branch, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Annemarie Carney Axon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, R. Stan Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Liles Clifton Burke, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Charles Barnes Goodwin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Michael Joseph Juneau, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Emily Coody Marks, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, William M. Ray II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Eli Jeremy Richardson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Holly Lou Teeter, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, Jeffrey Bossert Clark, of Virginia, and Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, John H. Durham, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, Michael T. Baylous, to be United States