

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1405–S1527*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2506–2518, and S. Res. 425. **Page S1452**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2193, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans. (S. Rept. No. 115–212)

S. 2434, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1451–52**

#### Measures Passed:

**Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act:** Senate passed S. 97, to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Crapo Amendment No. 2104, to modify provisions relating to the advanced nuclear energy licensing cost-share grant program. **Page S1419**

**National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 425, supporting the designation of March 2018 as “National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S1525**

**George Sakato Post Office:** Senate passed S. 931, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4910 Brighton Boulevard in Denver, Colorado, as the “George Sakato Post Office”. **Page S1526**

**Amelia Earhart Post Office Building:** Senate passed S. 2040, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 621 Kansas Avenue in Atchison, Kansas, as the “Amelia Earhart Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

**Endy Nddiobong Ekpanya Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 294, to designate the facility of

the United States Postal Service located at 2700 Cullen Boulevard in Pearland, Texas, as the “Endy Nddiobong Ekpanya Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

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**Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the “Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office”. **Page S1526**

**Converse Veterans Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 1208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9155 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas, as the “Converse Veterans Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

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**Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 1858, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4514 Williamson Trail in Liberty, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office”. **Page S1526**

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**Merle Haggard Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 1988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1730 18th Street in Bakersfield, California, as the “Merle Haggard Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

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**Janet Capello Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 2254, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2635 Napa Street in Vallejo, California, as the “Janet Capello Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

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**Dr. John F. Nash, Jr. Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2302, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 259 Nassau Street, Suite 2 in Princeton, New Jersey, as the “Dr. John F. Nash, Jr. Post Office”. **Page S1526**

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**John Fitzgerald Kennedy Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2464, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 New Chardon Street Lobby in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “John Fitzgerald Kennedy Post Office”. **Page S1526**

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**Sgt. Douglas J. Riney Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2672, to designate the facility of the United

States Postal Service located at 520 Carter Street in Fairview, Illinois, as the “Sgt. Douglas J. Riney Post Office”. **Page S1526**

**Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2815, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30 East Somerset Street in Raritan, New Jersey, as the “Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone Post Office”. **Page S1526**

**Staff Sergeant Peter Taub Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 2873, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 207 Glenside Avenue in Wyncote, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Peter Taub Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

**Sr. Chief Ryan Owens Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3109, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 North 2nd Street in Chillicothe, Illinois, as the “Sr. Chief Ryan Owens Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

**Howard B. Pate, Jr. Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 3369, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 225 North Main Street in Spring Lake, North Carolina, as the “Howard B. Pate, Jr. Post Office”. **Page S1526**

**Rutledge Pearson Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3638, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Kings Road in Jacksonville, Florida, as the “Rutledge Pearson Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

**Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3655, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Main Street in Belmar, New Jersey, as the “Dr. Walter S. McAfee Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

**Zack T. Addington Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 3821, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 Main Street in Clermont, Georgia, as the “Zack T. Addington Post Office”. **Page S1526**

**Robert H. Jenkins, Jr. Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 3893, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Mathe Avenue in Interlachen, Florida, as the “Robert H. Jenkins, Jr. Post Office”. **Page S1526**

**Borinqueneers Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 4042, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1415 West Oak Street, in Kissimmee, Florida, as the “Borinqueneers Post Office Building”. **Page S1526**

**James C. ‘Billy’ Johnson Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 4285, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123

Bridgeton Pike in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, as the “James C. ‘Billy’ Johnson Post Office Building”. **Page S1526–27**

**Tilden Veterans Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 1207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 River Street in Tilden, Texas, as the “Tilden Veterans Post Office”, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S1527**

#### Measures Considered:

**Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, withdrawing the committee reported amendments, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1405–19, S1423–32, S1432–46**

#### Pending:

McConnell (for Crapo) Amendment No. 2151, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1446**

Crapo Amendment No. 2152 (to Amendment No. 2151), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1446**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 8, 2018. **Page S1527**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael Rigas, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Jeff Tien Han Pon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years. **Pages S1446, S1527**

McGregor W. Scott, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

Gary G. Schofield, of Nevada, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Billy J. Williams, of Oregon, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon for the term of four years.

Mark S. James, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Daniel C. Mosteller, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Jesse Seroyer, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years. **Pages S1446, S1527**

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Adjournment:	Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1527.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUDIT

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense audit and business operations reform at the Pentagon, after receiving testimony from David Norquist, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, and John H. Gibson, II, Chief Management Officer, both of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Marie Royce, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary (Educational and Cultural Affairs), who was introduced by Senator Udall, Robin S. Bernstein, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, who was introduced by Senator Nelson, and Edward Charles Prado, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 2825, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John B.

Nalbandian, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators McConnell and Paul, Kari A. Dooley, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, Dominic W. Lanza, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Jill Aiko Otake, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, who was introduced by Senator Schatz, and Joseph H. Hunt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### SMALL BUSINESS BANKRUPTCY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine small business bankruptcy, focusing on assessing the system, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Keach, American Bankruptcy Institute Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, Portland, Maine; Edward J. Janger, Brooklyn Law School, New York, New York; and Craig Goldblatt, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP, Washington, D.C.

### SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine security clearance reform, after receiving testimony from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Charles S. Phalen, Jr., Director, National Background Investigations Bureau, Office of Personnel Management; Brian Dunbar, Assistant Director, Special Security Directorate, National Counterintelligence and Security Center; Garry P. Reid, Director for Defense Intelligence (Intelligence and Security), and Daniel E. Payne, Director, Defense Security Service, both of the Department of Defense; Kevin Phillips, ManTech Inc., Fairfax, Virginia; and Jane Chappell, Raytheon Company, and David J. Berteau, Professional Services Council, both of Arlington, Virginia.

### STOPPING SENIOR SCAMS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine stopping senior scams, after receiving testimony from Doug Shadel, AARP Washington, SeaTac; Mary Bach, AARP Pennsylvania Consumer Issues Task Force, Murrysville; Adrienne Omansky, Stop Senior Scams Acting Program, Los Angeles, California; and Rita and Stephen Shiman, both of Saco, Maine.