

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2532–2538, and S. Res. 430–432. **Pages S1629–30**

Measures Reported:

S. 292, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1091, to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2278, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas, with an amendment. **Page S1629**

Measures Considered:

Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 2151, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1619**

Crapo Amendment No. 2152 (to Amendment No. 2151), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1619**

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

By 66 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 50), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 2151 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 13, 2018; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on McConnell (for Crapo) Modified Amendment No. 2151. **Page S1642**

Tilden Veterans Post Office—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate request the return of the papers with respect to 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”. **Page S1642**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kimberly Breier, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2020.

Kimberly Breier, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Dallas L. Carlson, of North Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Sonya K. Chavez, of New Mexico, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Gregory Allyn Forest, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Brendan O. Heffner, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Bradley A. Maxwell, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Theodor G. Short, of Maine, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2023.

Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2025.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
42 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Pages S1642–44**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—50)	Page S1624

Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1642.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D202)

H.R. 1725, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit certain reports relating to medical evidence submitted in support of claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary. Signed on March 9, 2018. (Public Law 115–130)

H.R. 3122, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a warning regarding dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices targeting individuals who are eligible for increased pension on the basis of need for regular aid and attendance. Signed on March 9, 2018. (Public Law 115–131)

H.R. 4533, to designate the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lexington, Kentucky, as the “Lexington VA Health Care System” and to make certain other designations. Signed on March 9, 2018. (Public Law 115–132)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Central Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine the cyber posture of the Services in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217, following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine rebuilding infrastructure in America, focusing on investing in next generation broadband, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine rebuilding infrastructure in America, focusing on state and local transportation needs, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine state fragility, growth, and development, focusing on designing policy approaches that work, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on the Administration's progress on reforms and looking ahead, 10:15 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.