

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1773–S1797

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2567–2571, and S. Res. 437–439. **Page S1790**

Measures Reported:

S. 526, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses.

S. 1538, to amend the Small Business Act to establish awareness of, and technical assistance for, the creation of employee stock ownership plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1961, to amend the Small Business Act to temporarily reauthorize certain pilot programs under the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1995, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the number of small business investment companies in underlicensed States, with an amendment.

S. 2283, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the Office of Credit Risk Management within the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2419, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the technical and business assistance services under the SBIR and STTR programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2527, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount of leverage made available to small business investment companies. **Page S1790**

Measures Passed:

Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3731, to provide overtime pay for employees of the United States Secret

Service, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2214, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1796**

Measures Considered:

Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking. **Pages S1773–80, S1780–84**

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

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 57), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1780**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be vitiated, and that a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, Senate begin consideration of the bill; that the only amendments in order be Wyden Amendment No. 2212 and Amendment No. 2213; and that there be up to four hours of debate concurrently on the amendments, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed, with a 60 vote affirmative threshold required for adoption of each amendment, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with no further action or debate. **Page S1784**

Appointments:

United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, and Public Law 106–292, appointed the

following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senator Cardin. **Page S1796**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senator Manchin, from the Committee on Appropriations. **Page S1796**

Yemen Joint Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following the resumption of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking, on Tuesday, March 20, 2017, Senator Sanders, or his designee, be recognized to offer a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 54, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress; provided further that there be up to 4 hours of debate, equally divided between the opponents and proponents of the resolution, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge. **Page S1784**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to Venezuela that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 on March 8, 2015; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-30) **Page S1787**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a social security totalization agreement with Uruguay, titled “Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay,” and an accompanying legally binding administrative arrangement titled “Administrative Arrangement between the Competent Authorities of the United States of America and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security”; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-31) **Page S1787**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 56), Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S1780**

Nazakhtar Nikakhtar, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. **Page S1784**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Aimee Kathryn Jorjani, of Wisconsin, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2021.

Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joseph N. Mondello, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mark Schultz, of Nebraska, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2019.

Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2023.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—57) **Page S1780**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1796.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5323–5335; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 788–790; were introduced. **Pages H1697–98**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1698–99**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5131, to improve the effectiveness of Federal efforts to identify and address homeland security risks to surface transportation, secure against vehicle-based attacks, and conduct a feasibility assessment of introducing new security technologies and measures, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–602);

H.R. 5099, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a fusion center technical assistance program (H. Rept. 115–603);

H.R. 5089, to improve threat information sharing, integrated operations, and law enforcement training for transportation security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–604);

H.R. 4176, to strengthen air cargo security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–605);

H.R. 5079, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–606);

H.R. 5074, to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–607);

H.R. 4467, to require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–608);

H.R. 4227, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–609);

H.R. 5094, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to improve suspicious activity reporting to prevent acts of terrorism, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–610);

H.R. 5081, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Transportation Security Administration the Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–611);

H.R. 4851, to establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, and for

other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–612); and

H. Res. 787, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4566) to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to provide relief to nonbanks from certain stress test requirements under such Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5247) to authorize the use of eligible investigational drugs by eligible patients who have been diagnosed with a stage of a disease or condition in which there is reasonable likelihood that death will occur within a matter of months, or with another eligible illness, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–613).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meadows to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentlewoman from New York, Ms. Slaughter, the whole number of the House is 430.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act: S. 2030, to deem the compliance date for amended energy conservation standards for ceiling fan light kits to be January 21, 2020;

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DHS Cyber Incident Response Teams Act of 2018: H.R. 5074, amended, to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes;

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Air Cargo Security Improvement Act: H.R. 4176, amended, to strengthen air cargo security, and for other purposes;

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Enhancing DHS Fusion Center Technical Assistance Program Act: H.R. 5099, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a fusion center technical assistance program;

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DHS Field Engagement Accountability Act: H.R. 5079, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers;

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Kennedy-King Establishment Act of 2018: H.R. 4851, amended, to establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 0 nays, Roll No. 116, and **Pages H1675–77, H1679**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish the Kennedy-King National Commemorative Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes.”.

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Modifying the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument: H.R. 835, to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 115. **Pages H1677–79**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1678**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the late Honorable Louise McIntosh Slaughter. **Page H1679**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act: H.R. 4227, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes; **Pages H1666–67**

Surface Transportation Security Improvement Act of 2018: H.R. 5131, amended, to improve the effectiveness of Federal efforts to identify and address homeland security risks to surface transportation, secure against vehicle-based attacks, and conduct a feasibility assessment of introducing new security technologies and measures; **Pages H1669–71**

Strengthening Aviation Security Act: H.R. 4467, amended, to require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies; and **Pages H1671–73**

Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018: H.R. 5089, amended, to improve threat information sharing, integrated operations, and law enforcement training for transportation security. **Pages H1673–75**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 788, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Louise McIntosh Slaughter. **Page H1680**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the Agreement On Social Security Between The United States And Uruguay; Referred to the Committee on Ways

and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–102). **Page H1678**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Venezuela. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Financial Services and order to be printed (H. Doc. 115–103). **Pages H1683–84**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1678–79 and H1679. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at noon and at 9:44 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 788, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Louise McIntosh Slaughter.

Committee Meetings

ALLEVIATING STRESS TEST BURDENS TO HELP INVESTORS ACT; TRICKETT WENDLER, FRANK MONGIELLO, JORDAN MCLINN, AND MATTHEW BELLINA RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4566, the “Alleviating Stress Test Burdens to Help Investors Act”; and H.R. 5247, the “Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2018”. The Committee granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 4566. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–65, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 5247 under a closed rule. The rule

provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. In section 3, 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 March 23, 2018. In section 4, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of March 22, 2018, or March 23, 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. Finally, in section 5, the rule extends the Holman Rule standing order provided in H. Res. 5 through the end of the 115th Congress. Testimony was heard from Representatives Poliquin, Maxine Waters of California, Griffith, and Pallone.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D253)

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”. Signed on March 16, 2018. (Public Law 115–133)

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”. Signed on March 16, 2018. (Public Law 115–134)

H.R. 535, to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels. Signed on March 16, 2018. (Public Law 115–135)

H.R. 3656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable. Signed on March 16, 2018. (Public Law 115–136)

S. 831, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Pike Street in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Police Officer

Scott Bashium Post Office Building”. Signed on March 16, 2018. (Public Law 115–137)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic 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 SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine an update on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and automaker efforts to repair defective Takata air bag inflators, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

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

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10:10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Res. 85, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill repeated promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation’s history, S. Res. 224, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the death of Oswaldo Paya Sardinias, and commemorating his legacy and commitment to democratic values and principles, S. Res. 376, urging the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh to ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military, S. Res. 426, supporting the goals of International Women’s Day, S. Res. 429, commemorating the 59th anniversary of Tibet’s 1959 uprising as “Tibetan Rights Day”, and expressing support for the human rights and religious freedom of the Tibetan people and the Tibetan Buddhist faith community, S. Res. 432, congratulating the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 100th anniversary of their declarations of independence, H.R. 1660, to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to

Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency, extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (the “Treaty”), signed at Pristina on March 29, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115–02), the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries, signed at Majuro on September 6, 2013, and the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia on the Delimitation of a Maritime Boundary, signed at Koror on August 1, 2014 (Treaty Doc. 114–13), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Serbia (the “Treaty”), signed at Belgrade on August 15, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115–01), the United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade, done at New York on December 12, 2001, and signed by the United States on December 30, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 114–07), and the nominations of Erik Bethel, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Kevin Edward Moley, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organization Affairs), Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Andrea L. Thompson, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Marie Royce, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary (Educational and Cultural Affairs), and Edward Charles Prado, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, all of the Department of State, Josephine Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, and Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10:30 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the need to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request and Acquisition Reform Progress”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Submarine Industrial Base: Options for Construction”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Navy Readiness Posture”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Expanding Affordable Health Care Options: Examining the Department of Labor’s Proposed Rule on Association Health Plans”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2019 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Drug Enforcement Administration’s Role in Combating the Opioid Epidemic”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled “Exploring the Financial Nexus of Terrorism, Drug Trafficking, and Organized Crime”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection; and the Subcommittee on Information Technology of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, joint hearing entitled “CDM: Government Perspectives on Security and Modernization”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Preventable Violence in America: An Examination of Law Enforcement Information Sharing and Misguided Public Policy”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Assessing the Effectiveness of the Transitional Program for Covered Business Method Patents”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Policy Priorities for the Administration’s FY 2019 Budget for Indian Affairs and Insular Areas”, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 5210, to establish the National Park Restoration Fund, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2584, the “National Park Service Legacy Act of 2017”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Workforce Development: Advancing Apprenticeships for Small Business”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Impacts

of the 2017 Wildfires in the United States”, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 888, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain totally disabled veterans; H.R. 4335, the “Service-member Family Burial Act”; H.R. 4910, the “Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act”; and H.R. 4958, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 1206, the “Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act of 2017”; H.R. 3023, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay reporting fees to educational institutions; H.R. 3940, the “Veterans Education Disaster Assistance Act”; H.R. 4451, the “Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 4830, the “SIT-REP Act”; H.R. 4835, the “Job TOOLS for Veterans Act”; H.R. 5044, the “Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act”; legislation on the VA Home Loan Improvement Act of 2018; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 20 through March 23, 2018

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act.

Following resumption of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, Senator Sanders, or his designee, will make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 54, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress, with up to 4 hours of debate, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate will vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1865, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, and vote on or in relation to Wyden Amendment No. 2212 and Amendment No. 2213, and on passage of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: March 20, to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 20, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 21, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 21, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the challenges in the Department of Energy’s atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 22, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 21, to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 20, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine an update on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and automaker efforts to repair defective Takata air bag inflators, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 22, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine enhancing the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 20, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Theodore J. Garrish, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Affairs), and James Edward Campos, of Nevada, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, both of the Department of Energy, and James Reilly, of Colorado, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 2539, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations

Act, 2015, to reauthorize certain projects to increase Colorado River System water, S. 2560, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and S. 2563, to improve the water supply and drought resilience of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 20, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 10 a.m., SD-406.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10:10 a.m., SD-215.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's 2018 trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 20, business meeting to consider S. Res. 85, calling on the Government of Iran to fulfill repeated promises of assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history, S. Res. 224, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the death of Oswaldo Paya Sardinias, and commemorating his legacy and commitment to democratic values and principles, S. Res. 376, urging the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh to ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military, S. Res. 426, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, S. Res. 429, commemorating the 59th anniversary of Tibet's 1959 uprising as "Tibetan Rights Day", and expressing support for the human rights and religious freedom of the Tibetan people and the Tibetan Buddhist faith community, S. Res. 432, congratulating the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 100th anniversary of their declarations of independence, H.R. 1660, to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency, extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (the "Treaty"), signed at Pristina on March 29, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115-02), the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries, signed at Majuro on September 6, 2013, and the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia on the Delimitation of a Maritime Boundary, signed at Koror on August 1, 2014 (Treaty Doc. 114-13), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic

of Serbia (the "Treaty"), signed at Belgrade on August 15, 2016 (Treaty Doc. 115-01), the United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade, done at New York on December 12, 2001, and signed by the United States on December 30, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 114-07), and the nominations of Erik Bethel, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Kevin Edward Moley, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organization Affairs), Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Andrea L. Thompson, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Marie Royce, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary (Educational and Cultural Affairs), and Edward Charles Prado, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, all of the Department of State, Josephine Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, and Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kirsten Dawn Madison, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), and Thomas J. Hushek, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 21, Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine stability and security challenges in Lebanon, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 21, business meeting to consider S. 1250, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to improve the recruitment and retention of employees in the Indian Health Service, restore accountability in the Indian Health Service, improve health services, and S. 2515, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for Indian Programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the need to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Y. Scudder, of Illinois, and Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Charles J. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of John B. Nalbandian, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Kari A. Dooley, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, 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, and Thomas T. Cullen, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, Robert K. Hur, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, and David C. Joseph, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 21, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for veterans' programs and fiscal year 2020 advance appropriations requests, 2 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 20, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine election security, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 22, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., H-310 Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, 1:30 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Open World Leadership Trust Fund, 2:30 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing entitled "FY 19 Budget Hearing, Applied Energy", 9 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled "State and Non-State Actor Influence Operations: Recommendations for U.S. National Security", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Ground Force Modernization Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Military Personnel Posture: FY 2019", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request for Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Reviewing Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) for Fiscal Year 2019", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 21, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Combating the

Opioid Crisis: Prevention and Public Health Solutions", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Combating the Opioid Crisis: Prevention and Public Health Solutions", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing on Four Communications Bills", 10:15 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 21, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2683, the "Protecting Veterans Credit Act of 2017"; H.R. 4659, to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to recognize the exposure-reducing nature of client margin for cleared derivatives.; H.R. 4790, to amend the Volcker rule to give the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System sole rule-making authority, to exclude community banks from the requirements of the Volcker rule, and for other purposes; H.R. 4861, the "Ensuring Quality Unbiased Access to Loans Act of 2018"; H.R. 5051, the "Public Company Registration Threshold Act"; H.R. 5076, the "Small Bank Exam Cycle Improvement Act of 2018"; H.R. 5082, the "Practice of Law Technical Clarification Act of 2018"; and H.R. 5323, the "Derivatives Fairness Act", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The FY 2019 Foreign Assistance Budget", 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 21, the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled U.S. "Responses to China's Foreign Influence Operations", 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Implications of a U.S.-Saudi Arabia Nuclear Cooperation Agreement for the Middle East", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, March 21, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 305, the "FDLP Modernization Act of 2018", 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Shared Employees", 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 21, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3997, the "Free Veterans from Fees Act"; H.R. 4257, the "Advancing Conservation and Education Act"; H.R. 5005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 5269, the "State and Territorial Approval for Restriction of Fishing Act", 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 21, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Spending, Priorities and Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Four Power Marketing Administrations", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 21, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled "Improper Payments in State-Administered Programs: Medicaid", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on National Security hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Challenges to Hurricane Recovery in Puerto Rico”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 21, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the “American Leadership in Space Technology and Advanced Rocketry Act”; legislation on the “Commercial Space Support Vehicle Act”; and H.R. 5086, the “Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Empowering U.S. Veterans Through Technology”, 1:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Infrastructure and the Small Business Perspective”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 21, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5294, the “Treating Barriers to Prosperity Act of 2018”; H.R. 3288, the “Northern Border Regional Commission Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H. Con. Res. 115, the “Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition”; H. Con. Res. 113, the “Authorizing the use of Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby”; H.R. 4177, the “PREPARE Act of 2017”; H.R. 5319, to transfer Coast Guard property in the Town of Jupiter Island, Florida, for inclusion

in Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge; legislation on the Maritime Technical Corrections Act of 2018; H.R. 4673, the “Promoting Women in the Aviation Workforce Act”; and legislation on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Trade Policy Agenda”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 21, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Implementation of MACRA’s Physician Payment Policies”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 22, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing with Commerce Secretary Ross”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 22, Full Committee, business meeting on Adoption of the Committee’s Investigative Report into Russian Active Measures During the 2016 Presidential Election, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: March 22, to hold hearings to examine the Good Friday Agreement at 20, focusing on achievements and unfinished business, 9:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act.

Following resumption of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1865, Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, Senator Sanders, or his designee, will make a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 54, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress, with up to 4 hours of debate, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate will vote on or in relation to the motion to discharge.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

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