

Committee Meetings

STATE AND NON-STATE ACTOR INFLUENCE OPERATIONS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State and Non-State Actor Influence Operations: Recommendations for U.S. National Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS: PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Combating the Opioid Crisis: Prevention and Public Health Solutions”. Testimony was heard from Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Anne Schuchat, Acting Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Christopher M. Jones, Director of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a 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 rulemaking 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”. H.R. 2683, H.R. 5076, and H.R. 4790 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4861, H.R. 5082, H.R. 4659, H.R. 5051, and H.R. 5323 were ordered reported, without amendment.

THE FY 2019 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The FY 2019 Foreign Assistance Budget”. Testimony was heard from Mark Green, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

U.S. RESPONSES TO CHINA’S FOREIGN INFLUENCE OPERATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Responses to China’s Foreign Influence Operations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLICATIONS OF A U.S.-SAUDI ARABIA NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Implications of a U.S.-Saudi Arabia Nuclear Cooperation Agreement for the Middle East”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE TARGET ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Senate amendment to H.R. 1625, the “TARGET Act [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule that provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1625. 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 115–66. 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 provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 23, 2018, through April 9, 2018: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Finally, in section 6, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record not later than March 22, 2018, such material as he may deem explanatory of

the Senate amendment and the motion specified in section 1. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Representatives Lowey, Newhouse, Polis, Massie, Garrett, Biggs, Jordan, Mooney of West Virginia, Webster of Florida, and Perry.

U.S. TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Trade Policy Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative.

IMPLEMENTATION OF MACRA’S PHYSICIAN PAYMENT POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Implementation of MACRA’s Physician Payment Policies”. Testimony was heard from Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, Principal Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: 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.

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–232A.

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

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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 Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s 2018 trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: 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.

Select Committee on Intelligence: 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

Committee on Appropriations, 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, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request for Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on Four Communications Bills”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5345, the “American Leadership in Space Technology and Advanced Rocketry Act”; H.R. 5346, the “Commercial Space Support Vehicle Act”; and H.R. 5086, the “Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2018”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing with Commerce Secretary Ross”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on Adoption of the Committee’s