

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2191–S2226*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2681–2691, and S. Res. 470–472. **Page S2218**

**Measures Passed:**

**Hack the Department of Homeland Security Act:** Senate passed S. 1281, to establish a bug bounty pilot program within the Department of Homeland Security, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S2223–25**

McConnell (for Hassan) Amendment No. 2238, of a perfecting nature. **Page S2224**

**Vietnam Veterans Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 471, designating March 29, 2018, as “Vietnam Veterans Day”. **Page S2225**

**Gold Star Wives Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 472, designating April 5, 2018, as “Gold Star Wives Day”. **Page S2225**

**Measures Considered:**

**Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance With the Equal Credit Opportunity Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 57, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S2200–11, S2211–15**

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

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 75), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S2200**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, with the time until 12 noon, equally divided between the managers, or their designees; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that notwithstanding the provisions

of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the House message to accompany S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund, occur following disposition of S.J. Res. 57. **Page S2225**

**Appointments:**

**Migratory Bird Conservation Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 70–770, the appointment of the following individual to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Senator Boozman. **Page S2223**

**Muniz Nomination—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Carlos G. Muniz, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Education. **Pages S2193–99**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, if applicable, at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Senate continue consideration of the nomination, with one hour of debate remaining, equally divided between Senator Gillibrand, or her designee, and Senator Alexander, or his designee, on the nomination; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination under the previous orders of April 9, 2018 and April 16, 2018. **Page S2199**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025.

Alexander Crenshaw, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

Louis DeJoy, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2020.

Frederick Perpall, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2020.

Susan M. McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years.

Victoria Ann Hughes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2021.

Heather Reynolds, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring September 14, 2021.

Gina Haspel, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Page S2226**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2215**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2215**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S2215**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Pages S2215–18**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2219–22**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S2223**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2223**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—75) **Page S2200**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2225.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from General Joseph L. Lengyel, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Charles D. Luckey, Chief, Army Reserve, Lieutenant General Maryanne Miller, Chief, Air Force Reserve, Vice Admiral Luke M. McCollum, Chief, Navy Re-

serve, and Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian, Commander, Marine Corps Forces Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Admiral Philip S. Davidson, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General Terrence J. O’Shaughnessy, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Vice Admiral William R. Merz, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (OPNAV N9), and Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Commander, Marine Forces Strategic Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thelma Drake, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Seth Daniel Appleton, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Karl L. Schultz, to be Admiral and to be Commandant of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine deferred maintenance and operational needs of the National Park Service, after receiving testimony from Lena McDowall, Deputy Director for Management and Administration, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Marc Berejka, Recreational Equipment, Inc., Kent, Washington; Sarah Leonard, Alaska Travel Industry Association, Anchorage; Shawn Regan, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana; and Richard G.

Ring, Coalition to Protect America's National Parks, Bethesda, Maryland.

**U.S. POLICY IN YEMEN**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Yemen, after receiving testimony from David M. Satterfield, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Robert Karem, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Robert Jenkins, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 5526–5544; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 133 and H. Res. 833 were introduced.

**Pages H3395–96**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bishop (UT) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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

*Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act:* H.R. 4403, amended, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information;

**Pages H3359–64**

*Requiring notice from the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of any closure of a Taxpayer Assistance Center:* H.R. 5440, amended, to require notice from the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of any closure of a Taxpayer Assistance Center;

**Pages H3364–66**

*Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the immediate sale of seized property by the Secretary of the Treasury to perishable goods:* H.R. 5446, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the immediate sale of seized property by the Secretary of the Treasury to perishable goods;

**Pages H3366–67**

*Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow officers and employees of the Department of the Treasury to provide to taxpayers information regarding low-income taxpayer clinics:* H.R. 5438, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow officers and employees of the Department of the Treasury to provide to taxpayers information regarding low-income taxpayer clinics;

**Pages H3367–68**

*Requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program for the issuance of identity protection personal identification numbers:* H.R. 5437, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program for the issuance of identity protection personal identification numbers;

**Pages H3369–70**

*Providing for a single point of contact at the Internal Revenue Service for the taxpayers who are victims of tax-related identity theft:* H.R. 5439, amended, to provide for a single point of contact at the Internal Revenue Service for the taxpayers who are victims of tax-related identity theft;

**Pages H3370–71**

*Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require electronic filing of the annual returns of exempt organizations and provide for making such returns available for public inspection:* H.R. 5443, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require electronic filing of the annual returns of exempt organizations and provide for making such returns available for public inspection;

**Pages H3371–72**

*Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Permanence Act:* H.R. 2901, amended, to amend the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance matching grant program; and  
**Pages H3373–75**

**Social Security Child Protection Act of 2018:** H.R. 1512, amended, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the reissuance of Social Security account numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised.

**Pages H3375–77**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.  
**Pages H3372–73**

**Protecting Children from Identity Theft Act:** The House passed H.R. 5192, to authorize the Commissioner of Social Security to provide confirmation of fraud protection data to certain permitted entities, by a yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 142.

**Pages H3377–81**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–68 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H3377**

H. Res. 830, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5192) was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered without objection.  
**Pages H3353–56**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 833, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3381**

**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 115, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

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**Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Justice for Victims of IRS Scams and Identity Theft Act:** H.R. 2905, amended, to require the At-

torney General to establish procedures for expedited review of the case of any person who unlawfully solicits personal information for purposes of committing identity theft, while purporting to be acting on behalf of the IRS.  
**Pages H3356–59**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3356.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H3380–81. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Office of Public and Indian Housing. Testimony was heard from Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. COAST GUARD

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Commandant Paul F. Zukunft, U.S. Coast Guard.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell, Hill, and Suozzi.

### APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the General Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Emily W. Murphy, Administrator, General Services Administration.

## MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OUTSIDE WITNESSES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing entitled “Members of Congress and Outside Witnesses”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Takano, McGovern, and Hultgren; and public witnesses.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hill, Moore, and Watson Coleman.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walz, Tenney, Rutherford, Takano, Hill, and Kuster of New Hampshire.

## APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

## PROMOTING DOD’S CULTURE OF INNOVATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Promoting DoD’s Culture of Innovation”. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense; and Eric Schmidt, Chairman, Defense Innovation Board, Department of Defense.

## FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET REQUEST FOR MISSILE DEFENSE AND MISSILE DEFEAT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request for Missile Defense and Missile Defeat Programs”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General James H. Dickinson, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense; Lieutenant General Samuel Greaves, Director, Missile Defense Agency; General Lori Robinson, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Com-

mand; and John Rood, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

## FRAUD, MISMANAGEMENT, NON-COMPLIANCE, AND SAFETY: THE HISTORY OF FAILURES OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Committee on Education and The Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fraud, Mismanagement, Non-Compliance, and Safety: The History of Failures of the Corporation for National and Community Service”. Testimony was heard from Barbara Stewart, Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION AND THE FY2019 BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the FY2019 Budget”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials: Neil Chatterjee, Commissioner; Richard Glick, Commissioner; Cheryl A. LaFleur, Commissioner; Kevin J. McIntyre, Chairman; and Robert F. Powelson, Commissioner.

## FROM CORE TO EDGE: PERSPECTIVE ON INTERNET PRIORITIZATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “From Core to Edge: Perspective on Internet Prioritization”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## SEMI-ANNUAL TESTIMONY ON THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Semi-Annual Testimony on the Federal Reserve’s Supervision and Regulation of the Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Randal Quarles, Vice Chairman for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM: AN OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Housing Choice Voucher Program: An Oversight and Review of Legislative Proposals”. Testimony was heard from Lynn Kovich, Deputy Secretary, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5040, the “Export Control Reform Act of 2018”; H.R. 5129, the “Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2018”; H.R. 5480, the “Women’s and Economic Empowerment Act”; and H.R. 5274, the “Global Electoral Exchange Act”. H.R. 5480, H.R. 5274, H.R. 5129, and H.R. 5040 were ordered reported, as amended.

**REINFORCING THE U.S.-TAIWAN RELATIONSHIP**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Reinforcing the U.S.-Taiwan Relationship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM: AN EXAMINATION OF IRAN’S GLOBAL TERRORISM NETWORK**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “State Sponsors of Terrorism: An Examination of Iran’s Global Terrorism Network”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons”. Testimony was heard from Mark Inch, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

**SAFEGUARDING TRADE SECRETS IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding Trade Secrets in the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4528, to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes; H.R. 5248, the “Sustainable Shark Fisheries and Trade Act”; and H.R. 1456, the “Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Alan Risenhoover, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OVER THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “Continued Oversight Over the Internal Revenue Service”. Testimony was heard from J. David Kautter, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; J. Russell George, Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5509, the “Innovations in Mentoring, Training, and Apprenticeships Act”; and H.R. 5503, the “National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2018”. H.R. 5509 and H.R. 5503 were ordered reported, as amended.

**SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT PLANS AND THE IRS’ EMPLOYEE PLANS FEE CHANGE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Small Business Retirement Plans and the IRS’ Employee Plans Fee Change”. Testimony was heard from Sunita Lough, Project Director, Tax Reform Implementation Office, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Ann D. Begeman, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; and Deb Miller, Vice Chairman, Surface Transportation Board.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1506, the “VA Health Care Provider Education Debt Relief Act of 2017”; H.R. 2322, the “Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights”; H.R. 3832, the “Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act”; H.R. 4334, the “Improving Oversight of Women Veterans’ Care Act of 2017”; H.R. 4635, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the number of peer-to-peer counselors providing counseling for women veterans, and for other purposes; legislation on the VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2018; and legislation

to make certain improvements in the Family Caregiver Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives O'Rourke, Walberg, Dunn, Correa, and Coffman; and public witnesses.

## **JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY: FEDERAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE JOBS GAP**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Jobs and Opportunity: Federal Perspectives on the Jobs Gap". Testimony was heard from R. Alexander Acosta, Secretary, Department of Labor.

## *Joint Meetings*

### **FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS**

*Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities to significantly improve the Federal budget process, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.; and Martha B. Coven, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey.

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## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine accelerating new technologies to meet emerging threats, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine abusive robocalls and how to stop them, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine Olympic abuse, focusing on the role of national governing bodies in protecting our athletes, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the appropriate role of states and the Federal government in protecting groundwater, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, done at Marrakesh on June 27, 2013 (Marrakesh Treaty) (Treaty Doc.114-06), 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Williams, of Illinois, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, and Calvin R. Tucker, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the 30th anniversary of tribal self-governance, focusing on successes in self-governance and an outlook for the next 30 years, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Patent and Trademark Office, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine strengthening and reforming America's immigration court system, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Paul R. Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Joseph L. Falvey, Jr., of Michigan, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 12 noon, S-216, Capitol.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine exploitation of older Americans by guardians and others they trust, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

### **House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2, the "Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing entitled "Member Day", 9 a.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing entitled "Member Day", 1 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing entitled "Health and Human Services Biodefense Activities", 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Bureau of the Census, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies,

budget hearing on the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, 1:30 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Judiciary, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Office of Compliance, 2:30 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office, 3:30 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight and Reform of the Department of Defense ‘4th Estate’”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2019 Energy, Installations and Environment Budget Request”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Ground Force Modernization Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019”, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 4606, the “Ensuring Small Scale LNG Certainty and Access Act”; H.R. 5174, the “Energy Emergency Leadership Act”; H.R. 5175, the “Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act”; H.R. 5239, the “Cyber Sense Act”; and H.R. 5240, the “Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward a Turbulent Middle East”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “The Dayton Legacy and the Future of Bosnia and the Western Balkans”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Libya Fractured: The Struggle for Unity”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “From Boston to Austin: Lessons Learned on Homeland Threat Information Sharing”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 788, the “Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act”; H.R. 1026, the “North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act”; H.R. 1037, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 2991, the “Susquehanna National Heritage Area Act”; H.R. 3400, the “Recreation Not Red-Tape Act”; H.R. 4069, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify the treatment of authentic Alaska Native articles of handicraft containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4645, the “East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 3846, the “Power Counties Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

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**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 57, Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, with a vote on passage of the joint resolution at 12 noon, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 140, Amending The White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act, with further amendment. If cloture is not invoked, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

At 2 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Carlos G. Muniz, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 5444—Taxpayer First Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 5445—21st Century IRS Act (Subject to a Rule).

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