

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2533–S2556*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2798–2804. **Page S2552**

**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 355, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, with amendments. **Page S2552**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the text of an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for Cooperation in Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–34) **Page S2548**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of 38 rescissions of budget authority; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Environment and Public Works; Energy and Natural Resources; Finance; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Judiciary; Foreign Relations; and Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–35) **Pages S2548–49**

**Engelhardt Nomination—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S2533**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12 noon, on Wednesday, May 9, 2018; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate. **Page S2546**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. **Page S2546**

**Lowry Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, be referred jointly to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page S2546**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2549**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2549**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S2549, S2554**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2549–52**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2552–54**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2547–48**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2554**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2554**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2554.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, after receiving testimony from

Carla D. Hayden, Librarian of Congress; and Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol.

#### NIGER INVESTIGATION AND REPORT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on the Niger investigation and report from Owen O. West, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Robert S. Karem, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and General Thomas D. Waldhauser, USMC, Commander, and Major General Roger L. Cloutier, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff, both of United States Africa Command, all of the Department of Defense.

#### UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine an update on the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the airspace, after receiving testimony from Earl Lawrence, Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Office, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Brian Wynne, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Arlington, Virginia; Matt Zuccaro, Helicopter Association International, Alexandria, Virginia; and Todd Graetz, BNSF Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas.

#### PUERTO RICO'S ELECTRIC GRID

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the cur-

rent status of Puerto Rico's electric grid and proposals for the future operation of the grid, after receiving testimony from Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Charles R. Alexander, Jr., Director, Contingency Operations and Homeland Security, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Christian Sobrino Vega, President, Government Development Bank, and Chairman of the Board, Fiscal Agency and Financial Authority, Government of Puerto Rico; Walter M. Higgins, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, and Jose H. Roman Morales, Comision de Energia de Puerto Rico, both of San Juan; and Rodrigo Masses, Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association, Guaynabo.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

#### INSULIN ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine insulin access and affordability, focusing on the rising cost of treatment, after receiving testimony from William T. Cefalu, American Diabetes Association, Arlington, Virginia; Jeremy A. Greene, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; Paul Grant, New Gloucester, Maine; and Lois Ondik, Blandon, Pennsylvania.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 5697–5713; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 120; and H. Res. 876–878, 880–882 were introduced. **Pages H3833–34**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3834–35**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:  
H. Res. 879, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3053) to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–665). **Pages H3825, H3833**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marshall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3785**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3787**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed or wounded in service to our country and all those who serve and their families. **Page H3787**

**Administration of the Oath of Office to an Officer of the House:** The Speaker administered the Oath of Office to Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon, to exercise temporarily the duties of Chaplain of the House of Representatives, effective Friday, May 25, 2018. **Page H3787**

**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Dent, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Fifteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, effective at 11:59 p.m. on May 12, 2018. **Page H3797**

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

*Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act:* H.R. 3170, to amend the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors;

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*Change Order Transparency for Federal Contractors Act:* H.R. 4754, to amend the Small Business Act to provide prospective construction contractors with information about an agency's policies on the administration of change orders to allow such contractors to make informed business decisions regarding the pricing of bids or proposals;

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*Women's Business Centers Improvements Act:* H.R. 1680, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the women's business center program;

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*Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act:* H.R. 1702, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the small business development centers program;

Pages H3806–08

*Spurring Business in Communities Act:* H.R. 4111, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the number of small business investment companies in underlicensed States;

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*Main Street Employee Ownership Act of 2018:* H.R. 5236, amended, to expand opportunities available to employee-owned business concerns through Small Business Administration loan programs; and

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*Small Business 7(a) Lending Oversight Reform Act of 2018:* H.R. 4743, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the Office of Credit Risk Management within the Small Business Administration.

Pages H3812–15

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": The House passed 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", by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 175 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 171.

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H. Res. 872, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5645) and (H.R. 2152) and the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 57) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 170,

after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 169.

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**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Crowley announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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**Question of Privilege:** Representative Crowley rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a privileged resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the McCarthy motion to table H. Res. 878, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 172.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, as well as his written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement concerning the Agreement—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–116).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted proposed rescissions of budget authority—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–117).

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**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3796, H3796–97, H3822–23, H3824. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2019 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2019 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill. The FY 2019 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill and the FY 2019 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill were ordered reported, as amended.

### THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “The Opioid Epidemic: Implications for the Federal Employees’ Compensation Act”. Testimony was heard from Scott S. Dahl, Inspector General, Department of Labor; Scott D. Szymendera, Acting Section Research Manager, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### COMBATING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: EXAMINING CONCERNS ABOUT DISTRIBUTION AND DIVERSION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Combating the Opioid Epidemic: Examining Concerns About Distribution and Diversion”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SHARING THE ROAD: POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF ELECTRIC AND CONVENTIONAL VEHICLES IN THE YEARS AHEAD

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Sharing the Road: Policy Implications of Electric and Conventional Vehicles in the Years Ahead”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IMPROVING THE COORDINATION AND QUALITY OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Improving the Coordination and Quality of Substance Use Disorder Treatment”. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; and public witnesses.

### CONFRONTING THE IRANIAN CHALLENGE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Confronting the Iranian Challenge”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS IN THE OPIOID ABUSE CRISIS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Solutions in the Opioid Abuse Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Robert Patterson, Acting Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; J. Spencer Morgan III, Commonwealth’s Attorney, Accomack County, Virginia; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 221, the “Hydrographic Services Improvement Amendments Act”; H.R. 1791, the “Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Act”; H.R. 2591, the “Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act of 2017”; H.R. 3535, the “Ruffey Rancheria Restoration Act of 2017”; H.R. 4032, the “Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act”; H.R. 4506, the “Jobs for Tribes Act”; H.R. 4689, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 5317, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands; and H.R. 5655, the “Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument Act”. H.R. 221, H.R. 1791, H.R. 2591, H.R. 3535, H.R. 4032, and H.R. 4506 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4689, H.R. 5317, and H.R. 5655 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 2020 CENSUS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee began a hearing entitled “Progress Report on the 2020 Census”. Testimony was heard from Earl Comstock, Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce; Ron S. Jarmin, Acting Director, Census Bureau; David A. Powner, Director of Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Robert Goldenkoff, Director of Strategic Issues, Census Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

### NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2018

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3053, the “Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2018”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a structured rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3053. The rule provides one hour of general 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 makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–69 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report.

Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, 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 amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shimkus, Tonko, Amodei, Kaptur, Titus, Kihuen, and Rosen.

#### **LEVERAGING BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND COMBAT COUNTERFEIT GOODS**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Leveraging Blockchain Technology to Improve Supply Chain Management and Combat Counterfeit Goods”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Maughan, Cyber Security Division Director, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### **TRAVEL AND TOURISM: A SMALL BUSINESS ANGLE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Travel and Tourism: A Small Business Angle”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **BLUE TECHNOLOGIES: USE OF NEW MARITIME TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND MISSION PERFORMANCE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Blue Technologies: Use of New Maritime Technologies to Improve Efficiency and Mission Performance”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Michael Haycock, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. Coast Guard; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a business meeting on subcommittee assignments; and a markup on H.R. 299, the “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017”; H.R. 5674, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act”; H.R. 1972, the “VA Billing Accountability Act”; H.R. 2147, the “Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act”; H.R. 3642, the “Military

Sexual Assault Victims Empowerment Act”; H.R. 3832, the “Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act”; H.R. 4635, to direct the secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the number of peer-to-peer counselors providing counseling for women veterans; H.R. 5520, the “Veterans Affairs Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2018”; H.R. 4245, the “Veterans’ Electronic Health Record Modernization Oversight Act of 2017”; HR 4334, the “Improving Oversight of Women Veterans’ Care Act of 2017”; H.R. 4451, the “Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 4830, the “Servicemembers Improved Transition through Reforms for Ensuring Progress Act”; H.R. 4958, the “Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018”; H.R. 5044, the “Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act”; H.R. 5215, the “Veterans Affairs Purchase Card Misuse Mitigation Act”; and H.R. 5418, the “Veterans Affairs Medical-Surgical Purchasing Stabilization Act”. The committee resolution on subcommittee assignments was agreed to. H.R. 299, H.R. 1972, H.R. 2147, H.R. 3642, H.R. 3832, H.R. 4635, and H.R. 5520 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5674, H.R. 4245, H.R. 4334, H.R. 4451, H.R. 4830, H.R. 4958, H.R. 5044, H.R. 5215, and H.R. 5418 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **VA LOGISTICS MODERNIZATION: EXAMINING THE RTLS AND CATAMARAN PROJECTS**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “VA Logistics Modernization: Examining the RTLS and Catamaran Projects”. Testimony was heard from Nicholas Dahl, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Tammy Czarnecki, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **THE CURRENT STATUS OF AND QUALITY IN THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Current Status of and Quality in the Medicare Advantage Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **UKRAINE**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission received a briefing on ending the war in Ukraine from Kurt Volker, Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations, Department of State.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D484)

H.R. 4300, to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Signed on May 7, 2018. (Public Law 115–70)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 9, 2018**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine the law enforcement programs at the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, coordination with other Federal, state, and local law enforcement, and the effects on rural communities, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, and David B. Cornstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to Hungary, all of the Department of State, Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Jackie Wolcott, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Eco-

nomics, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold hearings to examine a multilateral and strategic response to international predatory economic practices, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management, to hold an oversight hearing to examine United States spending in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tara Sweeney, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, 4 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, J. Campbell Barker, and Jeremy D. Kernodle, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Susan Brnovich, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Chad F. Kenney, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gina Haspel, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SH–219, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “American Indian/Alaska Native Public Witnesses”, 9 a.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “American Indian/Alaska Native Public Witnesses”, 1 p.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, markup on the FY 2019 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 4 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, markup on the FY 2019 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 5 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Closing the Skills Gap: Private sector solutions for America’s workforce”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, 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”; H.R. 5240, the “Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act”; H.R. 4275, the “Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act”; H.R. 5041, the “Safe Disposal of Unused Medication Act”; H.R. 5202, the “Ensuring Patient Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatments Act of 2018”; H.R. 5483, the “Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act of 2018”; H.R. 449, the “Synthetic Drug Awareness Act of 2017”; H.R. 4284, the “INFO Act of 2017”; H.R. 5002, the “ACE Research Act”; H.R. 5009, the “Jessie’s Law”; H.R. 5102, the “Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2018”; H.R. 5176, the “Preventing Overdoses While in Emergency Rooms Act of 2018”; H.R. 5197, the “Alternatives to Opioids in the Emergency Department Act”; H.R. 5261, the “TEACH to Combat Addiction Act of 2018”; H.R. 5272, the “Reinforcing Evidence-Based Standards Under Law in Treating Substance Abuse Act of 2018”; H.R. 5327, the “Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act 2018”; H.R. 5353, the “Eliminating Opioid-Related Infectious Diseases Act of 2018”; H.R. 3331, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to promote testing of incentive payments for behavioral health providers for adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology; H.R. 5685, the “Medicare Opioid Safety Education Act”; H.R. 5603, the “Access to Telehealth Services for Opioid Use Disorders”; H.R. 3528, the “Every Prescription Conveyed Securely Act”; H.R. 4841, the “Standardizing Electronic Prior Authorization for Safe Prescribing Act of 2018”; H.R. 5675, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plan sponsors under the Medicare program to establish drug management programs for at-risk beneficiaries; H.R. 5686, the “Medicare Clear Health Options in Care for Enrollees (CHOICE) Act”; H.R. 5582, the “Abuse Deterrent Access Act of 2018”; H.R. 5684, the “Protecting Seniors from Opioid Abuse Act”; H.R. 5333, the “Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act of 2018”; H.R. 5473, the “Better Pain Management Through Better Data Act of 2018”; H.R. 5554, the “Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2018”; and H.R. 5687, the “Securing Opioids and Unused Nar-

cotics with Deliberate Disposal and Packaging Act of 2018”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5105, the “BUILD Act of 2018”; H.R. 5141, the “United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2018”; H.R. 5433, the “Hack Your State Department Act”; H.R. 5535, the “Energy Diplomacy Act of 2018”; H.R. 5677, the “International Security Assistance Act of 2018”; and H.R. 5681, the “Global Engagement Center Authorities Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Protecting Civil Society, Faith-Based Actors, and Political Speech in Sub-Saharan Africa”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5682, the “FIRST STEP Act”; and H.R. 5698, the “Protect and Serve Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Program Integrity for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the Department of Energy for Fiscal Year 2019”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ready, Willing, and Able to Work: How Small Businesses Empower People with Developmental Disabilities”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Jobs and Opportunity: Legislative Options to Address the Jobs Gap”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to receive a briefing on the state of elections and fundamental freedoms in Azerbaijan, 10:30 a.m., SVC-215.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing on the murder of investigative journalists, 3:30 p.m., SVC-215.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 9

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the Engelhardt nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael B. Brennan, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 9

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Begin consideration of H.R. 3053—Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2018 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 5645—Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2018 and H.R. 2152—Citizens' Right to Know Act.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

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