

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6049–6066; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 929–932, were introduced. **Pages H5020–21**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5022**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2851, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify how controlled substance analogues are to be regulated, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–713, Part 1);

H. Res. 898, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Department of Homeland Security policies and activities relating to homeland security information produced and disseminated regarding cybersecurity threats posed by the ZTE Corporation, headquartered in Shenzhen, China; adversely; (H. Rept. 115–714);

H.R. 5685, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide educational resources regarding opioid use and pain management as part of the Medicare & You handbook (H. Rept. 115–715, Part 1);

H.R. 5583, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require States to annually report on certain adult health quality measures, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–716);

H.R. 5800, to require the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission to conduct an exploratory study and report on requirements applicable to and practices of institutions for mental diseases under the Medicaid program (H. Rept. 115–717);

H.R. 5480, to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–718);

H.R. 5735, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to establish a demonstration program to set aside section 8 housing vouchers for supportive and transitional housing for individuals recovering from opioid use disorders or other substance use disorders, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–719);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–720, Part 1);

H.R. 5582, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit a report on barriers to accessing abuse-deterrent opioid formulations for individuals enrolled in a plan under part C or D of the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–721, Part 1); and

H.R. 5788, to provide for the processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection of certain international mail shipments and to require the provision of advance electronic information on international mail shipments of mail, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–722, Part 1).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019: The House passed H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, by a yeay-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 257. Consideration began yesterday, June 7th.

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Rejected the Kuster (NH) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 256.

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Agreed to:

Carbajal amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that provides \$8 million for the Veterans Transportation Program to assist veterans in attending to all their medical appointments in a timely manner;

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Keating amendment (No. 29 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that allocates funding for the VA to create an opioid abuse healthcare kit for community healthcare providers;

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Keating amendment (No. 30 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that allocates funding for administrative costs at the VA to ensure providers at VA health facilities complete a continuing medication course in pain management;

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Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that requires the VA to report on how many delinquent payments by the VA to vendors and contractors there are and the total amount of money;

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Connolly amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that ensures sufficient funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General to provide rigorous oversight of the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center;

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the U.S. Code regarding benefits for homeless veterans in training and outreach programs;

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 34 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that increases the amount of funding for Supportive Services for Veterans Families

by \$2 million offset by a reduction of a \$2.5 million in the funding for the VA's information Technology Systems;

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Walberg amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that prevents funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce a proposed rule by the VA to limit an injured or amputee veteran's ability to choose a prosthetist or orthotist who meets his or her needs whether employed by the VA or on contract with the VA;

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Eshoo amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that states that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Army to convey the 17.1 acres of land and the 126 existing housing units known as Shenandoah Square in Mountain View, California;

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Peters (CA) amendment (No. 37 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that prohibits funds from being transferred from programs supporting veteran homelessness services;

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Ratcliffe amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that prohibits funds from being used to propose, plan, or execute a new round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC);

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Gohmert amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that was debated on June 7th that prohibits the use of funds to prepare, propose, or promulgate any regulation or guidance related to the social cost of carbon (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 253); and

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Meadows amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that was debated on June 7th that reestablishes a semiannual Government Accountability Office financial review of obligated expenditures from the Independent Counsel permanent indefinite appropriation, and requires the report's findings to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Judiciary of the House, and the Committees on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and Judiciary of the Senate (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 254).

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Rejected:

Takano amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that was debated on June 7th that sought to appropriate \$2.5 million to re-institute the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) to help Congress understand emerging technologies and their policy implications; offset by funds from an administrative account within the Architect of the Capitol (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 255).

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H. Res. 923, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5895) and providing for

consideration of the bill (H.R. 3) was agreed to yesterday, June 7th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 12th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H5004**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2018—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–131). **Pages H5012–13**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4996–97, H4997–98, H4998, H4999–H5000, and H5000. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on June 7, 2018, on the FY 2019

Defense Appropriations Bill. The FY 2019 Defense Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE U.S. CENSUS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled “Questions Regarding the U.S. Census”. Testimony was heard from Steve Marshall, Attorney General, Alabama; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.