

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4957–S4971*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3213–3217. **Page S4965**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1573, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the “American Discovery Trail”, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–301)

S. 1645, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland. (S. Rept. No. 115–302)

Report to accompany S. 2857, to designate the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington, as the “National Nordic Museum”. (S. Rept. No. 115–303)

S. 3217, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. **Page S4965**

**Measures Passed:**

**Democratic Republic of the Congo Elections:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 386, urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to fulfill its agreement to hold credible elections, comply with constitutional limits on presidential terms, and fulfill its constitutional mandate for a democratic transition of power by taking concrete and measurable steps towards holding elections not later than December 2018 as outlined in the existing election calendar, and allowing for freedom of expression and association, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4967–68**

**Blew Nomination—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education. **Pages S4963, S4971**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at

approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 17, 2018; that at 11:45 a.m., all time be yielded back and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that following disposition of the nomination, and notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Thursday, July 12, 2018 ripen. **Page S4968**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 85 yeas (Vote No. EX. 155), Scott Stump, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education. **Pages S4957–63**

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

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S4964**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S4964**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S4964–65**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S4965–67**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S4964**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S4967**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—155) **Page S4963**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4968.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 6377–6392 and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 993–998 were introduced. **Pages H6262–63**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6264**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 323 East Chapel Hill Street in Durham, North Carolina, as the “John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse”, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–818);

H.R. 5772, to designate the J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Courthouse in Amarillo, Texas, as the “J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Mary Lou Robinson United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 115–819);

H.R. 5846, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study regarding the buyout practices of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–820);

H.R. 66, to establish the Route 66 Centennial Commission, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prepare a plan on the preservation needs of Route 66, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–821);

H.R. 4446, to amend the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission Act to extend the expiration date of the Commission, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–822);

H.R. 5415, to require agencies to submit reports on outstanding recommendations in the annual budget justification submitted to Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–823);

H.R. 1376, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–824);

H.R. 2648, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–825, Part 1);

H.R. 3076, to amend section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Privacy Act) to require agencies to accept electronic

release forms, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–826);

H.R. 5333, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–827);

H.R. 3906, to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–828, Part 1);

H.R. 6385, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–829); and

H. Res. 996, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6147) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–830).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6197**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6198**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m. **Page H6199**

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

**Electronic Message Preservation Act:** H.R. 1376, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records; **Pages H6199–H6200**

**Good Accounting Obligation in Government Act:** H.R. 5415, amended, to require agencies to submit reports on outstanding recommendations in the annual budget justification submitted to Congress; **Pages H6200–01**

**Amending the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission Act to extend the expiration date of the Commission:** H.R. 4446, amended, to amend the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission Act to extend the expiration date of the Commission; **Pages H6201–02**

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9801 Apollo Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, as the “Wayne K.**

*Curry Post Office Building*": H.R. 4890, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9801 Apollo Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, as the "Wayne K. Curry Post Office Building"; **Pages H6202–03**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office"*: H.R. 5238, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office"; **Pages H6203–04**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4558 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Stanley Michels Post Office Building"*: S. 2692, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4558 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Stanley Michels Post Office Building"; **Page H6205**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the "Corporal Jeffery Allen Williams Post Office Building"*: H.R. 4407, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the "Corporal Jeffery Allen Williams Post Office Building"; **Pages H6205–06**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4910 Brighton Boulevard in Denver, Colorado, as the "George Sakato Post Office"*: S. 931, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4910 Brighton Boulevard in Denver, Colorado, as the "George Sakato Post Office"; **Pages H6206–07**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 390 West 5th Street in San Bernardino, California, as the "Jack H. Brown Post Office Building"*: H.R. 2979, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 390 West 5th Street in San Bernardino, California, as the "Jack H. Brown Post Office Building"; **Pages H6207–08**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the "Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office"*: H.R. 4946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the "Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 368 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 329; **Pages H6208, H6242–43**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4801 West Van Giesen*

*Street in West Richland, Washington, as the "Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building"*: H.R. 5504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4801 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the "Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building"; **Page H6209**

*Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services (CASES) for Constituents Act*: H.R. 3076, amended, to amend section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Privacy Act) to require agencies to accept electronic release forms; **Pages H6209–11**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, and for other purposes." **Page H6211**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building"*: H.R. 4960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 368 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 330; **Pages H6211–12, H6243–44**

*Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the "Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building"*: H.R. 3230, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the "Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building"; **Pages H6212–13**

*Amending title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration*: S. 899, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration; **Pages H6213–15**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration." **Page H6215**

**Route 66 Centennial Commission Act:** H.R. 66, amended, to establish the Route 66 Centennial Commission, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prepare a plan on the preservation needs of Route 66; **Pages H6215–19**

**Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act:** H.R. 3906, amended, to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure;

**Pages H6219–21**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a stormwater infrastructure funding task force, and for other purposes.”

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**Designating the J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Courthouse in Amarillo, Texas, as the “J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Mary Lou Robinson United States Courthouse”:** H.R. 5772, to designate the J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Courthouse in Amarillo, Texas, as the “J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Mary Lou Robinson United States Courthouse”;

**Pages H6221–22**

**Designating the United States courthouse located at 323 East Chapel Hill Street in Durham, North Carolina, as the “John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse”:** H.R. 3460, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located at 323 East Chapel Hill Street in Durham, North Carolina, as the “John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse”;

**Pages H6222–23**

**Designating the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”:** S. 2734, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”;

**Pages H6223–24**

**Promoting Flood Risk Mitigation Act:** H.R. 5846, amended, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study regarding the buyout practices of the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

**Pages H6224–26**

**Reinstating and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam:** S. 490, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam;

**Pages H6226–27**

**Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act of 2018:** H.R. 5333, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to cer-

tain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application; and

**Pages H6227–31**

**Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2018:** H.R. 5554, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs. **Pages H6237–42**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:27 p.m. and reconvened at 9:57 p.m. **Page H6258**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6242–43, H6243–44. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6147, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019” [Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–2, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 6147 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. 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 115–81 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI, except beginning with the colon on page 251, line 5, through “2012” on page 251, line 8. The rule provides that where points of order are waived against part of a paragraph, a point of order may only be raised against the exposed provision and not the entire paragraph. 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, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, 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. In section 2, the rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Calvert, Graves of Georgia, McCollum, Quigley, Wasserman Schultz, Price of North Carolina, Polis, Torres, Grothman, Gianforte, Rothfus, Perry, Gaetz, Sanford, Graves of Louisiana, Francis Rooney of Florida, Griffith, Cicilline, Garamendi, Heck of Washington, Norton, and Welch.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Interior's final list of critical minerals for 2018 and opportunities to strengthen the United States' mineral security, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018", 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on eliminating excess health care spending and improving quality and value for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 12 noon, S-128, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Examining the Summer Food Service Program", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Realizing the Benefits of Rural Broadband: Challenges and Solutions", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining State Efforts to Improve Trans-

parency of Health Care Costs for Consumers", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, markup on H.R. 3128, to amend section 111 of the Clean Air Act to clarify when a physical change in, or change in the method of operation of, a stationary source constitutes a modification, and for other purposes, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Examining Capital Regimes for Financial Institutions", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Facebook, Google and Twitter: Examining the Content Filtering Practices of Social Media Giants", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 5171, the "Ski Fee Retention Act"; H.R. 5262, to redesignate the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area as the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 5347, the "Lyon County Economic Development and Environmental Remediation Act"; H.R. 5532, the "Reconstruction Era National Historical Park Act"; H.R. 5923, the "Walnut Grove Land Exchange Act"; H.R. 5979, the "Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act"; H.R. 6013, the "Migratory Bird Framework and Hunting Opportunities for Veterans Act"; and H.R. 6146, to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in Yavapai County, Arizona, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "A New Horizon in U.S.-Israel Relations: From an American Embassy in Jerusalem to Potential Recognition of Israeli Sovereignty over the Golan Heights", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy, and Environment, hearing entitled "Tribal Energy Resources: Reducing Barriers to Opportunity", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 559, the "MERIT Act of 2017"; legislation on the Merit Systems Protection Board Reauthorization Act of 2018; H.R. 5300, the "Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2018"; H.R. 4913, the "Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building"; H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Main Street in Dansville, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Alexandria Gleason-Morrow Post Office Building"; H.R. 5868, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 Claremont Avenue in Ashland, Ohio, as the "Bill Harris Post Office"; H.R. 6020, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 325 South Michigan Avenue in Howell, Michigan, as the "Sergeant Donald Burgett Post Office Building"; H.R. 6059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 51 Willow Street in Lynn, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas P. Costin, Jr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 6116, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the "Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office"; and H.R. 6167, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 5707 South Cass Avenue in Westmont, Illinois, as the “James William Robinson Jr. Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 5935, to designate the facility at the United States Postal Service located at 1355 North Meridian Drive in Harristown, Illinois, as the “Logan S. Palmer Post Office”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H. Con. Res. 119, expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Environment, joint hearing entitled “The Future of Fossil: Energy Technologies Leading the Way”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Achieving Government-Wide Verification of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act: One Year Later”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Combating Fraud in Medicare: A Strategy for Success”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Modernizing Stark Law to Ensure the Successful Transition from Volume to Value in the Medicare Program”, 3:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine Russia’s occupation of Georgia and the erosion of the international order, 11 a.m., SD-124.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 17 through July 20, 2018

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:45 a.m.

Following disposition of the Blew nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Following disposition of the Quarles nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Following disposition of the Oldham nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on

the nomination of Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: July 17, to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: July 18, to hold hearings to examine sharks, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: July 17, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Interior’s final list of critical minerals for 2018 and opportunities to strengthen the United States’ mineral security, 10 a.m., SD-366.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Administration reorganization and modernization proposals related to the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: July 17, to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018”, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Bridget Neumayr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: July 18, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine trade and commerce at United States ports of entry, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

July 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: July 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary (Management), and Denise Natali, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: July 17, to hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on eliminating excess health care spending and improving quality and value for patients, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: July 18, to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s government reorganization proposal, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, and Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Carmen Guerricagoitia McLean, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* July 18, to hold hearings to examine S. 2154, to approve the Kickapoo Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement, S. 3060, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands, and S. 3168, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* July 18, to hold hearings to examine promoting justice for victims of crime, focusing on the Federal investment in DNA analysis, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., of South Carolina, and Julius Ness Richardson, of South Carolina, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Roy Kalman Altman, and Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* July 17, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 12 noon, S-128, Capitol.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 19, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* July 18, to hold hearings to examine supporting economic stability and self-sufficiency as Americans with disabilities and their families age, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* July 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cryptocurrencies: Oversight of New Assets in the Digital Age”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* July 19, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup on FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* July 18, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Powering America: The Role of Energy Storage in the Nation’s Electricity System”, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission”, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6351, the “Advancing U.S. Civil Nuclear Competitiveness and Jobs

Act”; and H.R. 6378, the “Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2018”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “21st Century Cures Implementation: Examining Mental Health Initiatives”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* July 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “The Future of Money: Digital Currency”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* July 18, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Current Developments in Central Asia”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* July 18, Transportation and Protective Security Subcommittee, hearing entitled “Leadership, Recruitment, And Retention: Examining Efforts by the United States Secret Service to Meet Mission Challenges”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* July 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5171, the “Ski Area Fee Retention Act”; H.R. 5347, the “Lyon County Economic Development and Environmental Remediation Act”; H.R. 5532, the “Reconstruction Era National Historical Park Act”; H.R. 5556, the “Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2018”; H.R. 5923, the “Walnut Grove Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 5979, the “Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act”; H.R. 6038, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota; H.R. 6039, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes; H.R. 6040, the “Contra Costa Canal Transfer Act”; and H.R. 6146, the “Cottonwood Land Exchange Act of 2018”, 10:45 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* July 18, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Information Technology, joint hearing entitled “2020 Census: Information Technology Preparations”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, hearing entitled “Regulatory Divergence: Failure of the Administrative State”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* July 18, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Department of Energy Veterans’ Health Initiative Act; and legislation on Chemical Assessment Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* July 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6348, the “Small Business Access to Capital and Efficiency Act”; H.R. 6347, the “7(a) Real Estate Harmonization Act”; H.R. 6330, the “Small Business Runway Extension Act of 2018”; H.R. 6369, the “Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses Act of 2018”; H.R. 6367, “Incentivizing Fairness in Subcontracting Act of 2018”; legislation on the Clarity on Small Business Participation in Category Management Act of 2018; H.R. 6316, the “Small Business Advocacy

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, July 18, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Are We Ready? Recovering from 2017 Disasters and Preparing for the 2018 Hurricane Season”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, July 18, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “An Update on the Implementation of the Forever GI Bill: Is VA Ready for August 1st?”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, July 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3309, the “Social Security Online Tools Innovation Act”; and H.R. 6377, the “Save Community Newspaper Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

July 18, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “The Effects of Tariffs on U.S. Agriculture and Rural Communities”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, July 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “China’s Threat to American Government and Private Sector Research and Innovation Leadership”, 8:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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July 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of transatlantic relations, 10 a.m., SH-216.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:45 a.m.

Following disposition of the Blew nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

*(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Randal Quarles until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 17

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Begin consideration of H.R. 6147—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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