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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Wednesday, August 1, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 15, 2018; and that Senate recess following the resumption of the nomination until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meeting. **Page S5590**

Richardson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julius Ness Richardson, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S5559**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S5559**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Emily Coody Marks, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Holly Lou Teeter, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Colm F. Connolly, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Maryellen Noreika, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Jill Aiko Otake, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

Jason Klitenic, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. **Page S5590**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kelvin Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service. **Page S5590**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—181) **Pages S5534–36, S5538, S5543**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5590.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3277, to reduce regulatory burdens and streamline processes related to commercial space activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2242, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect to post-storm assessments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2861, to prosecute, as a Federal crime, the assault or intimidation of a passenger train crew member to the same extent as such actions against aircraft crew members are prosecuted, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3119, to allow for the taking of sea lions on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other nonlisted fish species, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3143, to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3265, to require the Secretary of Commerce to undertake certain activities to support waterfront community revitalization and resiliency;

S. 3273, to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination Martin J. Oberman, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board.

THE SEARCH FOR LIFE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the search for life, focusing on utilizing science to explore our solar system and make new discoveries, after receiving testimony from Ellen R. Stofan, John and Adrienne Mars Director, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum; Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Administrator for the Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Sara Seager, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and David Spergel, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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”;

S. 3021, to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse”;

6 General Services Resolutions; and

The nominations of William Charles McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AGENDA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Environ-

mental Protection Agency’s agenda, focusing on protecting the environment and allowing America’s economy to grow, after receiving testimony from Andrew Wheeler, Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, both of the Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), and John Cotton Richmond, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard J. Sullivan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Diane Gujarati, Eric Ross Komitee, and Rachel P. Kovner, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Lewis J. Liman, and Mary Kay Vyskocil, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Gillibrand, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3184, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements for applications for construction of State home facilities to increase the maximum percentage of nonveterans allowed to be treated at such facilities, S. 1596, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase certain funeral benefits for veterans, S. 2881, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the city of Vallejo, California, for the transfer of Mare Island Naval Cemetery in Vallejo, California, S. 1952, to improve oversight and accountability of the financial processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1990, to amend

title 38, United States Code, to increase the amounts payable by the Department of Veterans Affairs for dependency and indemnity compensation, to modify the requirements for dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at the time of death, S. 2485, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide payment of Medal of Honor special pension under such title to the surviving spouse of a deceased Medal of Honor recipient, S. 2748, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require members of the Armed Forces to receive additional training under the Transition Assistance Program, S. 514, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide access to magnetic EEG/EKG-guided resonance therapy to veterans, H.R. 299, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, H.R. 5418, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors, an original bill entitled, “Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act of 2018”, an original bill entitled, “VA Hiring Enhancement Act”, an original bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to award grants

to persons to provide and coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for veterans transitioning from service in the Armed Forces who are at risk of suicide and for their families, and an original bill entitled, “Modernization of Medical Records Access for Veterans Act”, after receiving testimony from Paul R. Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; Chanin Nuntavong, The American Legion, Pacifica, California; Gerald T. Manar, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Warrenton, Virginia; Thomas J. Snee, Fleet Reserve Association, Burke, Virginia; and Rick Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE OPERATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign influence operations and their use of social media platforms, after receiving testimony from Todd C. Helmus, Rand Corporation, and Laura Rosenberger, Alliance for Securing Democracy, both of Washington, D.C.; Renee DiResta, New Knowledge, San Francisco, California; John W. Kelly, Graphika, New York, New York; and Philip N. Howard, Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford, United Kingdom.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D894)

H.R. 2353, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Signed on July 31, 2018. (Public Law 115–224)

S. 1182, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program. Signed on July 31, 2018. (Public Law 115–225)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.