

Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1050, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II. **Pages H10156–57**

USS Indianapolis Congressional Gold Medal Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 2101, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the crew of the USS *Indianapolis*, in recognition of their perseverance, bravery, and service to the United States. **Page H10157**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, December 13th. **Page H10157**

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 64 was held at the desk. S. 1092 was held at the desk. S. 2961 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10163.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10127, H10127–28, H10128–29, and H10151–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESSING STATUS REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Security Clearance Processing Status Report”. Testimony was heard from Garry Reid, Director for Defense Intelligence, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; Dan Payne, Director, Defense Security Service; and Charles Phalen, Director, National Background Investigations Bureau.

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR FEDERAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Public Private Partnerships for Federal Energy Management”. Testimony was heard from Leslie Nicholls, Strategic Director, Federal Energy Management Program, Department of Energy; Jack Surash, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy and Sustainability, Department of the Army; Kevin Kampschroer, Chief Sustainability Officer and Director, Office of Federal

High-Performance Buildings, General Services Administration; and Ed Bradley, Executive Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF SAFE KITS AT HOSPITALS IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Availability of SAFE Kits at Hospitals in the United States”. Testimony was heard from A. Nicole Clowers, Managing Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Effectiveness of the International Financial Institutions”. Testimony was heard from David Malpass, Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

DEVELOPMENT, DIPLOMACY, AND DEFENSE: PROMOTING U.S. INTERESTS IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Development, Diplomacy, and Defense: Promoting U.S. Interests in Africa”. Testimony was heard from Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Ramsey Day, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

OVERSIGHT HEARING FOR THE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION’S BUREAU OF COMPETITION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE’S ANTITRUST DIVISION)

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing for the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies (Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Competition and the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division)”. Testimony was heard from Makan Delrahim, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Joseph J. Simons, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION REFORM ACT (FITARA) SCORECARD 7.0

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 7.0”. Testimony was heard from Carol C. Harris, Director of IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ed Simcox, Chief Technology Officer and Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; and Sheila Conley, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted, without amendment.

IS VA READY FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF APPEALS REFORM?

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Is VA Ready for Full Implementation of Appeals Reform?”. Testimony was heard from James Byrne, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Elizabeth H. Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1254)

H.R. 390, to provide relief for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes who are members of religious and ethnic minority groups in Iraq and Syria, for accountability for perpetrators of these crimes. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–300)

H.R. 1074, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–301)

H.R. 2422, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking

down barriers to care. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–302)

H.R. 4254, to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–303)

H.R. 5317, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–304)

H.R. 6651, to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–305)

S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–306)

S. 1768, to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–307)

S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–308)

S. 3389, to redesignate a facility of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Signed on December 11, 2018. (Public Law 115–309)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Bonnie Glick, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, both of the United States Agency for International Development, and R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), Christopher Paul Henzel, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Michael S. Klecheski, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mongolia, Sarah-Ann Lynch, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Matthew John Matthews, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to