

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, February 11, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1070, 1108–1135; 1 private bill, H.R. 1136; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44; H. Con. Res. 15–16; and H. Res. 113–118, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.J. Res. 37, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress (H. Rept. 116–7).

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Veterans' Access to Child Care Act: The House passed H.R. 840, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a recorded vote of 400 ayes to 9 noes, Roll No. 75. Consideration began February 7th.

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Rejected the Barr motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 74.

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Agreed to:

Sherrill amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that require the Secretary to provide public notification on VA.gov to ensure veterans are aware of the expanded, cost-free child care services within this Act, and to perform outreach to inform eligible veterans;

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Moore amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that require annual reports on participation in this program and biannual reports on any other child care related barriers that remain for veterans seeking care at VA medical facilities; **Pages H1470–71**

Kuster (NH) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that require the Secretary to establish criteria for furnishing child care assistance to eligible veterans that accounts for unusual or excessive access burdens, such as excessive driving distance, geographic challenges, and other environmental factors;

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Delgado amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that adds extended day programs to the child care services that can receive stipends;

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Delgado amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that include under definitions in the Health Care Services, Emergency Mental Health Care Services, which provide immediate assistance to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis;

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Golden amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that expands the scope of services under which a veteran would qualify for free child care to include health care services provided as part of readjustment counseling;

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Golden amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress regarding the accessibility and effectiveness of the program for eligible individuals who reside in rural and highly rural areas;

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Sherrill amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that amends the bill to specifically include Military Sexual Trauma counseling and care services under section 1720D of title 38 in the definition of ‘covered health care services’; **Pages H1475–76**

Slotkin amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that provide authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consult with the Secretary of Defense in implementing the bill; and **Page H1476**

Sherrill amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that states that child care providers may not provide child care under the bill if they employ an individual who has been convicted of a sex crime, an offense involving a child victim, a violent crime, a drug felony, or other offense the Secretary deems appropriate (by a recorded vote of 401 ayes to 19 noes, Roll No. 73). **Pages H1474–75, H1478–79**

Rejected:

Bergman amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that was debated on February 7th that sought to prohibit the VA from constructing new structures to be used as childcare centers (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 72). **Pages H1476–77**

H. Res. 105, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 840) and adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 86) was agreed to yesterday, February 7th.

Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill, including the changes placed at the desk. **Page H1482**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 113, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H1482**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, February 11th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1485**

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members to the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Representatives Graves (GA), Woodall, Brooks (IN), Rodney Davis (IL), Newhouse, and Timmons. **Page H1490**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1477, H1478–79, H1480–81, and H1481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Whitaker, Acting Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.J. Res. 37, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.