

of the nomination of Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S1571**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1570**

Murphy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S1571**

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 Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S1571**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1571**

Fleming Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. **Page S1571**

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 Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S1571**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 33), Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S1555-68**

John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2021. **Pages S1568-69**

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
22 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1582-83, S1606-07**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—33) **Page S1568**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1606.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing the Agriculture Improvement Act, after receiving testimony from Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine addressing the opioid epidemic in America, focusing on prevention, treatment, and recovery at the state and local level, after receiving testimony from Mark Stringer, Missouri Department of Mental Health Director, Jefferson City; Beth Tanzman, Department of Vermont Health Access Blueprint for Health Executive Director, Waterbury; Karen Cropsey, University of Alabama, Birmingham; Charissa Fotinos, Health Care Authority, Olympia, Washington; James Berry, West Virginia University, Morgantown; and Daisy Pierce, Navigating Recovery, Laconia, New Hampshire.

NUCLEAR POLICY AND POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear policy and posture, after receiving testimony from Madelyn R. Creedon, former Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Franklin C. Miller, former Special Assistant to the President of the

United States, and former Senior Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control, National Security Council Staff; and General C. Robert Kehler, USAF (Ret.), former Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense.

CAPITAL FORMATION AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals on capital formation and corporate governance, after receiving testimony from Catherine Mott, BlueTree Capital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Thomas Quaadman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness, Staten Island, New York; and Heather Slavkin Corzo, AFL-CIO, Bethesda, Maryland.

GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prospects for global energy markets, focusing on the role of the United States and perspectives from the International Energy Agency, after receiving testimony from Fatih Birol, International Energy Agency, Paris, France.

CHINA'S IMPACT ON U.S. EDUCATION SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine China's impact on the United States education system, including observations on Confucius Institutes in the United States and U.S. universities in China, after receiving testi-

mony from Jason Bair, Acting Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Walter Douglas, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, both of the Department of State; and General Mitchell M. Zais, USA (Ret.), Deputy Secretary of Education.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Neomi J. Rao, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Aditya Bamzai, of Virginia, and Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and Drew H. Wrigley, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota, Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William R. Evanina, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 64 public bills, H.R. 1417–1480; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 23; and H. Res. 157–167, were introduced. **Pages H2311–15**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2317**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Judy Chu (CA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2275**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H2275, H2293**

Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 1112, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a

Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 103.

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Rejected the Lesko motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 232 yeas, Roll No. 102. **Pages H2291–93**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–6 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H2284**

Agreed to:

Levin (MI) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–14) that requires GAO to submit