

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4475–S4523

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1950–1973, and S. Res. 263–264. **Pages S4504–05**

Measures Reported:

S. 1333, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay Initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals. (S. Rept. No. 116–49)

H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms. (S. Rept. No. 116–50)

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4477**

McConnell (for Romney) Amendment No. 861 (to Amendment No. 764), to provide that funds authorized by the Act are available for the defense of the Armed Forces and United States citizens against attack by foreign hostile forces. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 862 (to Amendment No. 861), to change the enactment date. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 863 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 764), to change the enactment date. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 864 (to Amendment No. 863), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4477**

McConnell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions,

McConnell Amendment No. 865, to change the enactment date. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 866 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 865), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4477**

McConnell Amendment No. 867 (to Amendment No. 866), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4477**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 2019; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Monday, June 24, 2019, ripen at 12 noon, on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. **Page S4477**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4520.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STATE OF THE DERIVATIVES MARKET AND CFTC REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the derivatives market and perspectives for Commodity Futures Trading Commission reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. Sexton,

National Futures Association, Chicago, Illinois; Walter L. Lukken, Futures Industry Association, and Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Joe Barker, CHS Hedging, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine whether Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be designated as systematically important financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Alex J. Pollock, R Street Institute, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.; and Susan M. Wachter, The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

PERSUASIVE TECHNOLOGY ON INTERNET PLATFORMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the use of persuasive technology on internet platforms, focusing on optimizing for engagement, after receiving testimony from Tristan Harris, Center for Humane Technology, San Francisco, California; Maggie Stanphill, Google, Mountain View, California; Stephen Wolfram, Wolfram Research, Inc., Champaign, Illinois; and Rashida Richardson, New York University AI Now Institute, New York, New York.

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IN TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine technological innovations in transportation, after receiving testimony from Ann Schlenker, Director, Center for Transportation Research, Argonne National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Steve Ingracia, Nebraska Department of Transportation Deputy Director, Lincoln; Shailen P. Bhatt, Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Washington, D.C.; Patrick Duffy, Blockchain in Transport Alliance, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Brent Hutto, Truckstop.com, Plymouth, Idaho.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, after receiving testimony from Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget; Chris French, Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Lauren S. Imgrund, National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers,

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Collin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia; and Brian Yablonski, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 727, to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, with an amendment;

S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1309, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1945, to amend section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776) to preserve congressional review and oversight of foreign arms sales;

S. Res. 34, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military and to immediately release unjustly imprisoned journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, with an amendment;

S. Res. 198, condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding, with an amendment;

S. Res. 206, marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on contemporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 10, recognizing that Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and its allies, with an amendment;

The Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113-4);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112–1);

The Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the “proposed Protocol”), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114–1);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the “proposed Protocol”) and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–8); and

The nomination of Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 3456–3492; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 461 and 463 were introduced. **Pages H5165–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5168–69**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1199, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study regarding the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities (H. Rept. 116–127); and

H. Res. 462, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3401) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–128). **Pages H5164–65**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5079**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5088**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. James Merritt, Cross Pointe Church, Duluth, Georgia. **Page H5088**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H5089, H5163**

Japan-United States Friendship Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s

appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Representative Hill (AR). **Page H5090**

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Representative Smith (MO). **Page H5090**

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representatives Fortenberry, Conaway, Smith (NE), Womack, Flores, Walorski, Rice (SC), and Mullin. **Page H5090**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H5099**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020: The House passed H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 408. Consideration began on Wednesday, June 19th. **Pages H5100–04**

Rejected the Hurd (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 407. **Pages H5102–04**

Agreed to:

Jayapal amendment (No. 268 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that was debated on June 24th that reallocates \$1,000,000 to fund transitional housing and homelessness services (by a recorded vote of 294 ayes to 127 noes, Roll No. 406). **Pages H5101–02**

Rejected:

Banks amendment (No. 251 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that was debated on June 24th that sought to reduce amounts made available in Division E, other than amounts made available to the Department of Defense, by 14 percent (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 405). **Pages H5100–01**

Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5104**

H. Res. 445, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3055) and relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 2740) was agreed to Wednesday, June 19th.

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020: The House began consideration of H.R. 3351, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 26th. **Pages H5104–38, H5159–61**

Agreed to:

Pocan amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that prohibits the Federal Communications Commission from finalizing the proposed rule “Universal Service Contribution Methodology,” which would impose a cap on the Universal Service Fund and allow the sub-caps of USF programs to be combined; **Pages H5130–31**

Velázquez amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases funding for Small Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$1 million, with the increase intended to specifically support Growth Accelerators; **Page H5134**

Hill (AR) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases and decreases funding in the Small Business Administration’s Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$5,000,000 to support funding for the Small Business Administration’s Regional Innovation Cluster Program; **Pages H5134–35**

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases funding by \$1 million to the Taxpayer Advocate Service for the purpose of assisting the parents of a deceased child, when that child’s information has been stolen and used on personal income taxes filed with the IRS, when the parent or guardian of record must report the identity theft of their deceased child’s information; **Page H5135**

Courtney amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that prohibits funds by the GSA to market or sell the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility at Plum Island, New York; **Pages H5135–36**

Pascrell amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases and decreases funding by \$1,000,000 for the United States Postal Service (USPS) to support USPS expanding its non-bank financial services; and **Pages H5136–38**

Norton amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that prohibits funds made available by this Act from being used to relocate the National Institute of Food and Agriculture or the Economic Research Service outside of the National Capital Region (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 412). **Pages H5132–33, H5160–61**

Rejected:

Huizenga amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce a SEC rule pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act relating to conflict minerals; and **Pages H5133–34**

King (IA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that sought to strike the section 126 of the underlying bill which prohibits the use of funds from the Department of the Treasury’s Forfeiture Fund to plan, design, construct or carry out a project to construct a southern Border Wall or barrier along the southern border of the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 411). **Pages H5131–32, H5159–60**

H. Res. 460, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2722) and (H.R. 3351) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 404, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 403. **Pages H5091–99, H5099–H5100**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. **Page H5138**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019: The House passed H.R. 3401, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 230 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 414. **Pages H5147–59, H5161–63**

Rejected the Rutherford motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 205 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 413. **Pages H5161–62**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 116–128 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 462, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3401) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 410, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 409.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5090.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nays votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5099–H5100, H5100, H5101, H5101–02, H5103–04, H5104, H5146, H5146–47, H5159–60, H5160–61, H5161–62, and H5162–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MANAGING FOR SOIL HEALTH: SECURING THE CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF HEALTHY SOILS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Managing for Soil Health: Securing the Conservation and Economic Benefits of Healthy Soils”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DO NO HARM: EXAMINING THE MISAPPLICATION OF THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Do No Harm: Examining the Misapplication of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Louisiana and Kennedy; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING VITAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Reauthorizing Vital Health Programs for American Families”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 3375, the “Stopping Bad Robocalls Act”. H.R. 3375 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

DIVERSE ASSET MANAGERS: CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity held a hearing entitled “Diverse Asset Managers: Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities for Inclusion”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSEEING THE FINTECH REVOLUTION: DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON FINTECH REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Financial Technology held a hearing entitled “Overseeing the Fintech Revolution: Domestic and International Perspectives on Fintech Regulation”. Testimony was heard from Beth Knickerbocker, Chief Innovation Officer, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Valerie Szczepanik, Associate Director of the Division of Corporation Finance, and Senior Advisor for Digital Assets and Innovation, Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Response to the Political Crisis in Sudan”. Testimony was heard from Makila James, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Africa and the Sudans, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Ramsey Day, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERTERRORISM: POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Counterterrorism: Possibilities and Limitations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY CHALLENGES FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: ASSESSING HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN HELP

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity Challenges for State and Local Governments: Assessing How the Federal Government Can Help”. Testimony was heard from Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor, City of Atlanta; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF BANKRUPTCY LAW AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Bankruptcy Law and Legislative Proposals”. Testimony was heard from Senator Durbin, Chairman Velázquez, and Representatives Cline and Delgado; and public witnesses.

CONTINUING CHALLENGES TO THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT SINCE SHELBY COUNTY V. HOLDER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Continuing Challenges to the Voting Rights Act Since Shelby County v. Holder”. Testimony was heard from Kyle Hawkins, Solicitor General of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, Texas; and public witnesses.

URANIUM MINING: CONTAMINATION AND CRITICALITY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Uranium Mining: Contamination and Criticality”. Testimony was heard from Steve Fortier, Director, National Minerals Information Center, U.S. Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE: THE THREATS TO WILDLIFE, PUBLIC LANDS, HUNTING, AND HEALTH

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Chronic Wasting Disease: The Threats to Wildlife, Public Lands, Hunting, and Health”. Testimony was heard from Jason Sumners, Resource Science Division Chief, Missouri Department of Conservation; Carter Smith, Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and public witnesses.

IDENTIFYING, RESOLVING, AND PREVENTING VULNERABILITIES IN TSA’S SECURITY OPERATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Identifying, Resolving, and Preventing Vulnerabilities in TSA’s Security Operations”. Testimony was heard from David P. Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Charles M. Johnson, Jr., Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Donald Bumgardner, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

RECOVERY, RESILIENCY AND READINESS—CONTENDING WITH NATURAL DISASTERS IN THE WAKE OF CLIMATE CHANGE (CLIMATE CHANGE, PART III)

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Recovery, Resiliency and Readiness—Contending with Natural Disasters in the Wake of Climate Change (Climate Change, Part III)”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Costello, Chief Recovery Officer, Houston, Texas; Christopher Currie, Director, Emergency Management, Disaster Recovery and DHS Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mark Ghilarducci, Director, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, California; Omar Marrero, Executive Director, Central Office of Recovery and Reconstruction of Puerto Rico; Adrienne Williams-Octablien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery, U.S. Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND SECURITY AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 3401, the “Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3401, the “Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019”. The rule provides one hour of 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 the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered

as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that clause 2(e) of Rule XXI shall not apply during consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENTERPRISE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Department of Energy's Research and Development Enterprise". Testimony was heard from Rick Perry, Secretary, Department of Energy.

ELECTION SECURITY: VOTING TECHNOLOGY VULNERABILITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled "Election Security: Voting Technology Vulnerabilities". Testimony was heard from Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters, Orange County, California; Paul Ziriaux, Secretary, Oklahoma State Election Board; and public witnesses.

BROADBAND MAPPING: SMALL CARRIER PERSPECTIVES ON A PATH FORWARD

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled "Broadband Mapping: Small Carrier Perspectives on a Path Forward". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING AND RESTORING AMERICA'S ICONIC WATERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled "Protecting and Restoring America's Iconic Waters". Testimony was heard from Preston D. Cole, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Dave Pine, Supervisor, District 1, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, California; and public witnesses.

LEARNING FROM WHISTLEBLOWERS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations began a hearing entitled "Learning from Whistleblowers at the Department of Veterans Affairs". Testimony was heard from Katherine Mitchell, Department of Veterans Affairs;

Jeff Dettbarn, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

HOW RECENT LIMITATIONS TO THE SALT DEDUCTION HARM COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND HOUSING VALUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled "How Recent Limitations to the SALT Deduction Harm Communities, Schools, First Responders, and Housing Values". Testimony was heard from Bob De Natale, Mayor, Bayville, New York; Christian Yancik Leinbach, Commissioner, Berks County, Pennsylvania; Paul Imhoff, Superintendent, Upper Arlington School District, Columbus, Ohio; David Tarter, Mayor, Falls Church, Virginia; and public witnesses.

MEXICO'S LABOR REFORM: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR AN IMPROVED NAFTA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Mexico's Labor Reform: Opportunities and Challenges for an Improved NAFTA". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBERS' DAY HEARING FOCUSED ON THE RECENT CHANGES MADE TO THE FEDERAL TAX TREATMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled "Members' Day Hearing Focused on the Recent Changes Made to the Federal Tax Treatment of State and Local Taxes". Testimony was heard from Chairman Waters, and Representatives Malinowski, Phillips, Kim, Casten of Illinois, Underwood, Gottheimer, Porter, Himes, Speier, Payne, Morelle, Zeldin, Eshoo, Norcross, Sherrill, and Rose of New York.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, focusing on securing the nation's fiscal future, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine Amtrak, focusing on next steps for passenger rail, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor, and Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of the Interior, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 325, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Garrison Diversion Unit Project Oakes Test Area in Dickey County, North Dakota, to the Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District, S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1305, to establish a Federal cost share percentage for the Milk River Project in the State of Montana, S. 1758, to extend a repayment contract relating to the Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District and to authorize the District to develop an excess capacity contract to offset repayment costs, and S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1199, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the poison center network program, S. 1173, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, S. 1895, to lower health care costs, and pending nominations, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on the exploitation of migrants through smuggling, trafficking, and involuntary servitude, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Douglas Russell Cole, and Matthew Walden McFarland, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Robert Anthony Molloy, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and Kea Whetzal Riggs, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's Small Business Investment Company program, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled "Brexit and Other International Developments Affecting U.S. Derivatives Markets", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Building A More Dynamic Economy: The Benefits of Immigration", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Standing with Public Servants: Protecting the Right to Organize", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 3432, the "Safer Pipelines Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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