HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3401, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4525–S4585

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1974–1998, and S. Res. 265–266. Pages S4565–66

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 115th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 116–51)


Measures Passed:

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act: By 84 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 185), Senate passed H.R. 3401, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not passed.) Page S4541

Congratulating the St. Louis Blues: Senate agreed to S. Res. 266, congratulating the St. Louis Blues for winning the 2019 Stanley Cup Final. Page S4584

Fairness For Breastfeeding Mothers Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 528, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a lactation room in public buildings, and the bill was then passed. Pages S4584–85

Fairness For Breastfeeding Mothers Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 866, to provide a lactation room in public buildings, and the bill was then passed. Page S4585

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: Pages S4531–43

Adopted:

By 84 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 184), Shelby Amendment No. 901, in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.) Pages S4541, S4542

Rejected:

Paul Amendment No. 902 (to Amendment No. 901), to rescind $4,586,000,000 from foreign assistance and exchange programs. (By 77 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 183), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S4541–42

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:
McConnell Amendment No. 862 (to Amendment No. 861), to change the enactment date. Page S4525

McConnell Amendment No. 863 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 764), to change the enactment date. Page S4525

McConnell Amendment No. 864 (to Amendment No. 863), of a perfecting nature. Page S4525

McConnell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 865, to change the enactment date. Page S4525

McConnell Amendment No. 866 (to the instructions Amendment No. 865), of a perfecting nature. Page S4525

McConnell Amendment No. 867 (to Amendment No. 866), of a perfecting nature. Page S4525

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764 (listed above) and on the bill occur at 12:00 noon, on Thursday, June 27, 2019. Page S4543

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764, occur at 12 noon, on Thursday, June 27, 2019; that if cloture is invoked, McConnell Amendment No. 862 (to Amendment No. 861) (listed above), McConnell Amendment No. 863 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 764) (listed above), and McConnell Amendment No. 864 (to Amendment No. 863) (listed above), be withdrawn, and the post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on McConnell (for Romney) Amendment No. 861 (to Amendment No. 764) (listed above); with no further amendments in order; that the time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided; that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764, as amended, if amended, the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the bill then be withdrawn, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with no further intervening action or debate; and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Friday, June 28, 2019, Senate vote on Udall Amendment No. 883, notwithstanding the passage of the bill, and that it require 60 affirmative votes for adoption. Page S4557

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 27, 2019. Page S4585

Dana S. Deasy, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense.

E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years. Page S4585

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Michael S. Bogren, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, which was sent to the Senate on March 11, 2019. Page S4585

Messages from the House:

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages S4566–69

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted:

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Privileges of the Floor:

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—185) Pages S4541–43

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4585.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUDGET AND SPENDING PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, focusing on securing the nation’s fiscal future, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

AMTRAK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Amtrak, focusing on next steps for passenger rail, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Homendy, Member, National Transportation Safety Board; Richard Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak; Ian Jefferies, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C.; and James M. Souby, Colorado Rail Passenger Association, Denver.
WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Kiel Weaver, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

MIGRATION AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on the exploitation of migrants through smuggling, trafficking, and involuntary servitude, after receiving testimony from Brian S. Hastings, Chief, Law Enforcement Operations, Border Patrol, and Randy Howe, Executive Director for Operations, Office of Field Operations, both of Customs and Border Protection, and Gregory C. Nevano, Assistant Director, Investigative Programs, Homeland Security Investigations, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:
S. 1199, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the poison center network program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
S. 1173, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program; and
S. 1895, to lower health care costs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS
Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing 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, who were both introduced by Senator Portman, Robert Anthony Molloy, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, who was introduced by Representative Plaskett, and Kea Whetzel Riggs, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SBA SBIC PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration’s Small Business Investment Company program, after receiving testimony from Joseph Shepard, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration; Brett Palmer, Small Business Investor Alliance, and Mark Muro, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Banu Ozkazanc-Pan, Brown University Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship and University of Massachusetts, Boston.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 3493–3523; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69–71; and H. Res. 464 and 465 were introduced.
Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5199–H5201

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 2722, to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–129, Part 1). Page H5199
Recess: The House recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representative King (NY).


Agreed to the Graves (GA) 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 226 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 423. Subsequently, Representative Quigley reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

Agreed to:

Quigley en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116—126: Graves (LA) (No. 11) that increases and decreases funding to the SBA Disaster Loan Program by $1 million in order to urge the SBA Administrator to consider a SBA Disaster Loan recipient’s duplication of benefits relief eligibility, under Section 312 of the Stafford Act, before pursuing enforcement actions; Clay (No. 12) that transfers $250,000 from the General Services Administration rental of space account to increase funding from $1.25 million to $1.5 million for the Model Acts Program at the Office of National Drug Control Policy, which provides guidance for State plans to address the various substance use disorders that harm families and communities; Castor (FL) (No. 14) that reduces and increases funding of the FTC account by $3 million to encourage the FTC to take enforcement action against companies that fail to protect children’s privacy; Kustoff (TN) (No. 15) that increases and decreases funding to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program by $1 million; Dunn (No. 17) that increases and decreases by $1,000,000 the Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Services account to prioritize tax counseling services for victims of recent natural disasters; Foster (No. 20) that adds and removes a dollar from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Salaries and Expenses Account to encourage the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and its partners to take proactive efforts to identify and bring into compliance unregistered money transmitters, particularly virtual currency exchangers, administrators, and crypto-mixers that seek to conceal the source of the transaction of virtual currency to combat the threat of money laundering and other forms of illicit financing; Cheney (No. 21) that increases and decreases funding by $1,000,000 to prioritize funding for the FCC to combat unwanted robocalls intended to scam seniors; Beatty (No. 22) that increases and decreases $20 from the Department of Treasury to instruct the printing of $20 Federal Notes which prominently feature the abolitionist, Harriet Tubman, and a public release of its draft; Guest (No. 23) that increases the Bank Enterprise Award Program by $1,000,000 which is offset by decreasing the General Services Administration’s rent account by the same amount; Steil (No. 25) that increases and decreases funds for the Department of the Treasury by $500,000 to convey the sense of Congress that Treasury should continue to support the Financial Literacy and Education Commission’s (FLEC) work to serve historically disadvantaged individuals; Petri (No. 26) that increases/decreases appropriations for the Internal Revenue Service Office Taxpayer Services account by $1,000,000 to support marketing activities promoting free federal tax filing programs and free federal tax services for military servicemembers; Trahan (No. 31) that decreases and increases funding by $1 for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to highlight the importance of completing its investigation into the sale of geolocation data by wireless carriers to third party location aggregators; Neguse (No. 37) that increases and decreases funding for the Postal Service Fund by $1 million to express the importance of improving delivery services and shortening post office wait times in rural areas; McBath (No. 38) that increases by $1.5 million funding for Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau; and McBath (No. 39) that increases by $2 million funding for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Financial and Technical Assistance;

Connolly amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116—126) that prohibits the Office of Personnel Management from carrying out any furloughs or reductions in force of its employees;

Quigley en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116—126: Cohen (No. 16) that prohibits the use of funds to enter into any new contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with any Trump related business listed in President Trump’s Annual Financial Disclosure Report submitted to the Office of Government Ethics as well as certain Trump related properties listed on the Trump Organization’s
website (the specific properties are listed in the amendment); Plaskett (No. 24) that provides for inclusion of the island territories of the United States within the meaning of the terms “high-poverty area” and “persistent poverty counties”; Jayapal (No. 28) that increases and decreases funding for the Federal Election Commission by $1,000,000 to support enforcement of prohibitions against the solicitation, acceptance, or receipt of anything of value from a foreign national in connection with a U.S. election pursuant to 52 USC 30121); Omar (No. 30) that increase funding by $1,000,000 for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative within the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Program Account, offset by decreasing $1,000,000 from the General Services Administration; Porter (No. 36) that prohibits the Federal Communications Committee from finalizing a draft declaratory ruling that would overturn local ordinances that promote broadband competition; Ocasio-Cortez (No. 41) that transfers $3 million from the White House Office of Administration account to the Office of the Inspector General account; Waters (No. 43) that prohibits the Securities and Exchange Commission from proposing, implementing, administering, or enforcing any rule that would revise the reliance of certain advisors on the proxy solicitation exemption under 240.14a–2(b) of Title 17, Code of Federal Regulations; Waters (No. 44) that prohibits the Securities and Exchange Commission from using funds to propose, implement, administer, or enforce any rule that would revise the threshold for shareholder proposals or re-submissions under 240.14a–8 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations; Waters (No. 45) that prohibits the Securities and Exchange Commission from implementing, administering, enforcing, or publicizing the final rules and interpretations of the Securities and Exchange Commission rule entitled “Regulation Best Interest: The Broker-Dealer Standard of Conduct”; and Waters (No. 46) that increases funding for the Small Business Administration’s Office of Entrepreneurial Development by $5,000,000 in order to further support the training and counseling needs of small businesses through the national network of development centers and women’s business centers; reduces GSA Real Property Activities Account by $5,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 415); and

Malinowski amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases by $1,000,000 the minimum amount to be directed toward IRS’ Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program (by a recorded vote of 362 ayes to 65 noes, Roll No. 422). Pages H5188, H5193–94

Rejected:

Grothman amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that sought to reduce each amount appropriated or made available in this Act by 3.1 percent (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 415); and Pages H5179–80, H5189

Banks amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that sought to reduce spending for each amount made available by this act, except amounts made available to the Department of Defense, by 14 percent (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 417). Pages H5185–86, H5190–91

H. Res. 460, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2722) and (H.R. 3351) was agreed to yesterday, June 25th.

Recess: The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 5:59 p.m. Page H5198

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 27th. Page H5198
Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5198.

Quorum Calls Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5189, H5190–91, H5191, H5191–92, H5192–93, H5193, H5193–94, H5195–96, and H5196. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

BREXIT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U.S. DERIVATIVES MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing entitled “Brexit and Other International Developments Affecting U.S. Derivatives Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING A MORE DYNAMIC ECONOMY: THE BENEFITS OF IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building A More Dynamic Economy: The Benefits of Immigration”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma, Arizona; and public witnesses.

STANDING WITH PUBLIC SERVANTS: PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Standing with Public Servants: Protecting the Right to Organize”. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Onder, M.D., Senator, Missouri General Assembly; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 3432, the “Safer Pipelines Act of 2019”. H.R. 3432 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

PERSPECTIVES ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: WHERE WE ARE AND THE NEXT FRONTIER IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Artificial Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence: Where We Are and the Next Frontier in Financial Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1690, the “Safe Housing for Families Act of 2019”. H.R. 1690 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3352, the “Department of State Authorization Act of 2019”; H. Res. 220, recognizing the interdependence of diplomacy, development, and defense as critical to effective national security; H. Res. 221, reaffirming the importance of upholding democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in United States foreign policy; H. Res. 222, emphasizing the importance of alliances and partnerships; H. Res. 358, calling on the Government of Cameroon and armed groups to respect the human rights of all Cameroonian citizens, to end all violence, and to pursue a broad-based dialogue without preconditions to resolve the conflict in the Northwest and Southwest regions; H.R. 2037, the “Saudi Arabia Human Rights and Accountability Act of 2019”; H.R. 3206, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines; and H.R. 3460, the “End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act”. H.R. 3352, H.R. 2037, and H.R. 3206 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 220, H. Res. 221, H. Res. 222, H. Res. 358, and H.R. 3460 were ordered reported, without amendment.

TRANSATLANTIC POLICY IMPACTS OF THE U.S.–EU TRADE CONFLICT


EXAMINING SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES’ EFFORTS TO COUNTER ONLINE TERROR CONTENT AND MISINFORMATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Social Media Companies’ Efforts to Counter Online Terror Content and Misinformation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office”. Testimony was heard from Karyn A. Temple, Register of Copyrights and Director, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.
MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE


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Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 823, the “Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act”; and H.R. 1225, the “Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act”. H.R. 823 and H.R. 1225 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 644, the “Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act”; H.R. 2459, the “Hualapai Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act”; and H.R. 3292, the “Aamodt Litigation Settlement Completion Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Alan Mikkelsen, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Water and Western Resource Issues, Department of the Interior; Thomas Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources; Norman Johnson, Natural Resources Division Chief, Utah Office of the Attorney General; and public witnesses.

VIOLATIONS OF THE HATCH ACT UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Violations of the Hatch Act Under the Trump Administration”. Testimony was heard from Henry J. Kerner, Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a business meeting on A Resolution offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Ms. Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President, for testimony in connection with her failure to comply with the Hatch Act and ethics laws. The Resolution offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Ms. Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President, for testimony in connection with her failure to comply with the Hatch Act and ethics laws passed, as amended.

FITARA 8.0

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “FITARA 8.0”. Testimony was heard from Suzette Kent, Federal Chief Information Officer, Office of Management and Budget; Carol Harris, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Gary Washington, Chief Information Officer, Department of Agriculture; Jason Gray, Chief Information Officer, Department of Education; and Eric Olson, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury.

U.S. BIODEFENSE, PREPAREDNESS, AND IMPLICATIONS OF ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY


ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: SOCIETAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence: Societal and Ethical Implications”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NASA’S AERONAUTICS MISSION: ENABLING THE TRANSFORMATION OF AVIATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “NASA’s Aeronautics Mission: Enabling the Transformation of Aviation”. Testimony was heard from Jaiwon Shin, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

CRUSHED BY CONFESSIONS OF JUDGEMENT: THE SMALL BUSINESS STORY

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Crushed by Confessions of Judgement: The Small Business Story”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2548, the “Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act”; H.R. 2726, the “Banning Smoking on Amtrak Act of 2019”; H.R. 3362, the “Small Airport Mothers’ Rooms Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3409, the “Coast Guard Authorization of 2019”. H.R. 2548 and H.R. 3409 were
ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2726 and H.R. 3362 were ordered reported, without amendment.

BEYOND THE MILLION VETERANS PROGRAM: BARRIERS TO PRECISION MEDICINE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Million Veterans Program: Barriers to Precision Medicine”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary for Discovery, Education, and Affiliated Networks, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3417, the “Beneficiary Education Tools, Telehealth, and Extenders Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 3429, the “HEARTS and Rural Relief Act”; H.R. 3436, the “Improving Chronic Care Management Act”; H.R. 3414, the “Opioid Workforce Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3439, the “PATIENT Act of 2019”. H.R. 3417, H.R. 3429, H.R. 3436, H.R. 3414, and H.R. 3439 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine options for the interim and long-term storage of nuclear waste, including S. 1234, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1227, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, S. 440, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that a patent owner may not assert sovereign immunity as a defense in certain actions before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, S. 1224, to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, S. 1416, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit anticompetitive behaviors by drug product manufacturers, and the nominations of Peter Joseph Phipps, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Charles R. Eskridge III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, William Shaw Stickman IV, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Wilmer Ocasio, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Oversight Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Document Production Status Update: OPM, FBI, and GSA”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on legislation on The Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020; and to authorize all Members of the House of Representatives to review, at a time to be determined by the Committee, the Classified Annex to The Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This meeting is closed.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 27

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1790, National Defense Authorization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764, and on or in relation to McConnell (for Romney) Amendment No. 861 (to Amendment No. 764) at 12 noon.

At 1:45 p.m., if cloture having been invoked, Senate will vote on or in relation to McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764, followed by a vote on passage of the bill.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 27


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