

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D977)

H.R. 831, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for and make determinations regarding roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program. Signed on September 22, 2019. (Public Law 116–57)

H.R. 1200, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2019, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on September 26, 2019. (Public Law 116–58)

H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020. Signed on September 27, 2019. (Public Law 116–59)

H.R. 1058, to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism. Signed on September 30, 2019. (Public Law 116–60)

H.R. 4285, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on September 30, 2019. (Public Law 116–61)

S. 163, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices. Signed on October 4, 2019. (Public Law 116–62)

S. 1689, to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances. Signed on October 4, 2019. (Public Law 116–63)

H.R. 1590, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel. Signed on October 9, 2019. (Public Law 116–64)

S. 239, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of Christa McAuliffe. Signed on October 9, 2019. (Public Law 116–65)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2019**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine feeding America, focusing on making sustainable offshore aquaculture a reality, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of diseases on wildlife conservation and management, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States-Iran policy, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Morse H. Tan, of Illinois, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, and Kelley Eckels Currie, of Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy hearing to examine the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act in action, focusing on implementation and the Indo-Pacific strategy, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine lending opportunities, focusing on homeownership in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Barbara Lagoa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Robert J. Luck, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Sylvia Carreno-Coll, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, John M. Gallagher, to be United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine fall prevention, focusing on national, state, and local solutions to better support seniors, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "NASA's Proposal to Advance the Next Moon Landing by Four Years", 9:45 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Food and Nutrition Service: Policy and Program Overview", 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "E-cigarettes: An Emerging Threat to Public Health", 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled "Resiliency of Military Installations to Emerging Threats", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Strengthening Our Fiscal Toolkit: Policy Options to Improve Economic Resiliency", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled "Examining the USDA's Proposed Cuts to Free School Meals", 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on

Consumer Protection and Commerce, joint hearing entitled “Fostering a Healthier Internet to Protect Consumers”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Legislation to Reverse the Youth Tobacco Epidemic”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Who is Standing Up for Consumers? A Semi-Annual Review of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance; and Subcommittee on National Security, International Development and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Protecting America: The Reauthorization of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “Syria Study Group: Recommendations for U.S. Policy”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Public-Private Initiatives to Secure the Supply Chain”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4617, the “Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act”, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3942, the “Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act”; H.R. 886, the “Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019”; H.R. 835, the “Rodchenkov Anti-Doping Act of 2019”; H.R. 4258, the “Reauthorizing Security for Supreme Court Justices Act of 2019”; H.R. 3713, to amend title 28, United States Code, provide an additional place for holding court for the Western District of Washington, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1123, the “Divisional Realignment for the Eastern District of Arkansas Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 3160, the “Blackwater Trading Post Land Transfer Act”; and S. 46, the “Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: SBA IG Report on the Most Serious Management and Performance Challenges Facing the SBA”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Examining the Future of Transportation Network Companies: Challenges and Opportunities”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4625, the “Protect the GI Bill Act”; H.R. 3749, the “Legal Services for Homeless Veterans Act”; H.R. 4613, the “VA Reporting Transparency Act”; H.R. 4477, the “Reducing High Risk to Veterans and Veterans Services Act”; H.R. 4162, the “GI Bill Planning Act of 2019”; and H.R. 561, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Broken Promises: Assessing VA’s Systems for Protecting Veterans from Clinical Harm”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The House Calendar and Schedule: Evaluating Practices and Challenges”, 10 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine measuring economic inequality in the United States, 2:15 p.m., 2020, Rayburn Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 16 through October 18, 2019

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense, post-cloture.

At 11 a.m., Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Frank William Volk, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, Charles R. Eskridge III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, David John Novak, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Rachel P. Kovner, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

At 4:15 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Barbara McConnell Barrett, and, if cloture is invoked, on confirmation of the nominations of Frank William Volk, Charles R. Eskridge III, David John Novak, and Rachel P. Kovner.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 17, to hold hearings to examine implementing the 2018 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: October 17, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on the spectrum auctions program, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: October 17, to hold closed hearings to examine the situation in Syria and the wider region, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 17, to hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s semi-annual report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.