

February 27, 2017, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader. **Page S604**

DeVos Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Elisabeth Prince DeVos, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Education. **Pages S554–61**

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 on Friday, February 3, 2017. **Page S554**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 38), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S553–54**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 40), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S554**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), Rex W. Tillerson, of Texas, to be Secretary of State. **Pages S541–53, S607**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 37), Senate agreed to the motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S553**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, to be Associate Attorney General.

Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S607**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—42) **Pages S553–54, S561–62**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:25 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S605.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CBO BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office's budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2017–2027, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

REDUCING REGULATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a growth agenda, focusing on reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens, after receiving testimony from Jack N. Gerard, American Petroleum Institute, Rosario Palmieri, National Association of Manufacturers, Adam J. White, The Hoover Institution, and Lisa Heinzerling, Georgetown University Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Gary Shapiro, Consumer Technology Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee began consideration of an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee, rules of procedure for the 115th Congress, and the nomination of Scott Pruitt, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, but did not complete action thereon, recessed subject to the call, and will meet again on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury, and Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 34) authorizing expenditures by the committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 115th Congress.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Portman (Chair), Lankford, McCain, Paul, Daines, Carper, Tester, Heitkamp, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management: Senators Paul (Chair), Lankford, Enzi, Hoeven, Peters, Hassan, and Harris.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management: Senators Lankford (Chair), McCain, Portman, Enzi, Daines, Heitkamp, Carper, Hassan, and Harris.

Senators Johnson and McCaskill are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Affordable Care Act, focusing on stabilizing the individual health insurance market, after receiving testimony from former Kentucky Governor Steven L. Beshear, Lexington; Julie Mix McPeak, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Nashville; and Marilyn Tavenner, America's Health Insurance Plans, and Janet Stokes Trautwein, National Associa-

tion of Health Underwriters, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Toomey, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 31) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 115th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 781–815; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56–59; H. Con. Res. 16–18; and H. Res. 78–81, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers": The House passed H.J. Res. 41, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Disclosure of Payments by Re-

source Extraction Issuers", by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 72.

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H. Res. 71, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (H.J. Res. 41) and (H.J. Res. 40) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 71, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 70.

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Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule: The House passed H.J. Res. 38, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 73.

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H. Res. 70, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 38) was agreed to yesterday, January 31st.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H838–39, H839, H858–59, and H859. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m.