

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3657–S3695*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1387–1404, and S. Res. 196–198. **Page S3686**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 97, to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science. (S. Rept. No. 115–115) **Page S3685**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to North Korea; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–10) **Page S3682**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–11) **Page S3683**

**Billingslea Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing. **Pages S3677–78**

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

By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 151), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3678**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 22, 2017; and that all time during morning business, recess, adjournment and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S3690**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 150), Sigal Mandelker, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes. **Pages S3660–78, S3695**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S3683**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S3683**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S3683**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S3688–90**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3681–82**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S3668–69**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—151) **Page S3678**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3690.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior.

## APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, and General David L. Goldfein, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense.

## APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

## APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from David J. Shulkin, Secretary, Poonam L. Alaigh, Acting Under Secretary for Health, and Mark W. Yow, Chief Financial Officer, both of the Veterans Health Administration, Thomas J. Murphy, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Ronald E. Walters, Interim Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## APPROPRIATIONS: GAO AND CBO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2018 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Allison F. Stiller, performing the duties of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, De-

velopment, and Acquisition, Vice Admiral William K. Lescher, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8), and Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Commander, United States Marine Forces Strategic Command, all of the Department of Defense.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine collaborative initiatives, focusing on restoring watersheds and large landscapes across boundaries through state and Federal partnerships, after receiving testimony from Kristin Bail, Assistant Director for Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Virgil Moore, Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director, Boise, on behalf of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and Tyler Thompson, Utah Department of Natural Resources Watershed Restoration Initiative Director, Salt Lake City.

## TRADE POLICY AGENDA BUDGET

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2018 and the trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

## 2017 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on preparing for the 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report from Susan Coppedge, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director, and Neomi Rao, of the District of

Columbia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, both of the Office of Management and Budget.

### CYBERSECURITY REGULATION HARMONIZATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine cybersecurity regulation harmonization, after receiving testimony from James Reese, Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services Information Services Chief Information Officer, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers; Christopher F. Feeney, The Financial Services Roundtable—BITS, and Dean C. Garfield, Information Technology Industry Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Daniel Nutkis, HITRUST Alliance, Frisco, Texas.

### MS-13 AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the MS-13 problem, focusing on investigating gang membership, its nexus to illegal immigration, and Federal efforts to end the threat, after receiving testimony from Carla Provost, Acting Chief, Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Matthew Albence, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, and Derek N. Benner, Acting Executive Associate Direc-

tor, Homeland Security Investigations, both of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Scott Lloyd, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and Kenneth A. Blanco, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

### RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 U.S. ELECTIONS

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russian interference in the 2016 United States elections, after receiving testimony from Jeanette Manfra, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and Samuel Liles, Acting Director, Cyber Division, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Bill Priestap, Assistant Director, Counterintelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Michael Haas, Wisconsin Elections Commission Administrator; Connie Lawson, Indiana Secretary of State, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; Steve Sandvoss, Illinois State Board of Elections Executive Director; and J. Alex Halderman, University of Michigan.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 2972–2994; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 397–399 were introduced. **Pages H5047–48**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5049–50**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:  
H. Res. 396, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2842) to provide for the conduct of demonstration projects to test the effectiveness of subsidized employment for TANF recipients, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 115–187). **Pages H5046–47**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4997**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5001**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Hershel Lutch, MEOR Foundation, Baltimore, MD. **Pages H5001–02**

**Question of Privilege:** Pursuant to the foregoing notification and the previous order of the House of June 15, 2017, Representative Doggett rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not present a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Doggett appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative Newhouse moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 188 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 311. **Pages H5013–16**

**Oath of Office—At Large Congressional District of Montana:** Representative-elect Greg Gianforte presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of