

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 8:30 a.m., on Friday, October 13, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4006–4027; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 567–568 were introduced. **Pages H7973–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7975–76**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Newhouse to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7921**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7926**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Molly Fraser, Gig Harbor United Methodist Church, Gig Harbor, Washington. **Page H7926**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Al Green (TX) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H7928–30**

Privileged Resolution: Pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, the Speaker designated this as the time for Representative Al Green (TX) to offer the resolution previously noticed. Subsequently, the resolution was not offered. **Page H7935**

Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 562, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 585) to provide greater whistleblower protections for Federal employees, increased awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and increased accountability and required discipline for Federal supervisors who retaliate against whistle-

blowers, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 561, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 560. **Pages H7930–35, H7935–36**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Institute of Standards and Technology Small Business Cybersecurity Act of 2017: H.R. 2105, amended, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate guidance to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks; **Pages H7936–39**

Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Improvements Act of 2017: H.R. 2763, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research program and Small Business Technology Transfer program; **Pages H7939–45**

Power And Security Systems (PASS) Act: S. 190, to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of non-application of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems; **Pages H7945–46**

National Clinical Care Commission Act: S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care Commission; **Pages H7946–48**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 259 Nassau Street, Suite 2 in Princeton, New Jersey, as the “Dr. John F. Nash, Jr. Post Office”: H.R. 2302, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

259 Nassau Street, Suite 2 in Princeton, New Jersey, as the “Dr. John F. Nash, Jr. Post Office”;

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Bonuses for Cost-Cutters Act of 2017: H.R. 378, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to enhance the authority under which Federal agencies may pay cash awards to employees for making cost saving disclosures;

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Amending title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients: H.R. 2196, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients;

Pages H7950–51

All Circuit Review Act: H.R. 2229, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide permanent authority for judicial review of certain Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers;

Pages H7951–52

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission Act: H.R. 2989, amended, to establish the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission;

Pages H7952–54

Thrift Savings Plan Modernization Act of 2017: H.R. 3031, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from a Thrift Savings Plan account; and

Pages H7954–55

FITARA Enhancement Act of 2017: H.R. 3243, to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the sunset of certain provisions relating to information technology, and to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to extend the sunset relating to the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 563.

Pages H7955–57, H7958–59

Recess: The House recessed at 4:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:29 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, October 10th.

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the “Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office”: H.R. 452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the “Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 562.

Pages H7957–58

Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United

States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Republic of Yemen: Agreed by unanimous consent that the provisions of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution shall apply to House Concurrent Resolution 81, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Republic of Yemen, not earlier than November 2, 2017, but on the same terms that would have adhered on October 13, 2017.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7935–36, H7936, H7957–58, and H7958. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE 2017 AGENDA FOR THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the 2017 Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission”. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Giancarlo, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

EXAMINING HOW COVERED ENTITIES UTILIZE THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining How Covered Entities Utilize the 340B Drug Pricing Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY: TESTIMONY AND PROPOSALS ON THE OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Member Day: Testimony and Proposals on the Opioid Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Walden, Chairman Goodlatte, Chairman Brooks of Indiana and Representatives Pelosi, Pallone, Upton, Latta, Lance, Butterfield, Matsui, Bilirakis, Welch, Bucshon, Mullin, Tonko, Johnson of Ohio, Hudson, Kennedy, Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, Costello, Walberg, Rogers of Kentucky, Turner, Marshall, Stivers, Bustos, Esty, Jeffries, Wenstrup, O’Halloran, Pascrell, Jenkins of West Virginia, Love, MacArthur, Poliquin, Rouzer, Young of Iowa, Schneider, Crist, Handel, Faso, Katko, Blumenauer, Rochester, Fitzpatrick, Paulsen, Keating, Chu, Donovan,

Walorski, Rothfus, Hartzler, Carter of Georgia, and Clark of Massachusetts.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to reauthorize appropriations for the Federal Communications Commission, to provide for certain procedural changes to the rules of the Commission to maximize opportunities for public participation and efficient decision making, and for other purposes. The bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to reauthorize appropriations for the Federal Communications Commission, to provide for certain procedural changes to the rules of the Commission to maximize opportunities for public participation and efficient decision making, and for other purposes, was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 1116, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act of 2017”; H.R. 1585, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws; H.R. 1645, the “Fostering Innovation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1699, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017”; H.R. 2121, the “Pension, Endowment, and Mutual Fund Access to Banking Act”; H.R. 2148, the “Clarifying Commercial Real Estate Loans”; H.R. 2201, the “Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act”; H.R. 2396, the “Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act”; H.R. 2706, the “Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 2954, the “Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3072, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Examination and Reporting Threshold Act of 2017”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3312, the “Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 3758, the “Senior Safe Act of 2017”; H.R. 3857, the “Protecting Advice for Small Savers Act of 2017”; H.R. 3898, the “Impeding North Korea’s Access to Finance Act of 2017”; H.R. 3903, the “Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2017”; H.R. 3911, the “Risk-Based Credit Examination Act”; H.R. 3948, the “Protection of Source Code Act”; H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”; H.R. 3972, the “Family Office Technical Correction Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3973, the “Market Data Protection Act of 2017”.

CONFRONTING THE FULL RANGE OF IRANIAN THREATS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Confronting the Full Range of Iranian Threats”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD LEBANON

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Toward Lebanon”. Testimony was heard from Michael Ratney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Jeanne Pryor, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND USAID FY 2018 AFRICA BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The State Department and USAID FY 2018 Africa Budget”. Testimony was heard from Donald Yamamoto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Cheryl Anderson, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

TRANSFORMING GPO FOR THE 21ST CENTURY AND BEYOND: PART 4

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Transforming GPO for the 21st Century and Beyond: Part 4”. Testimony was heard from Karen Haas, Clerk, House of Representatives; Eric Peterson, Specialist in American National Government, Congressional Research Service; Robin Dale, Deputy Director for Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 219, the “Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project Boundary Correction Act”; H.R. 2630, the “La Paz County Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 3373, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to extend for an additional 50 years the lease under which the government of the District of Columbia uses the ground under and the parking facilities associated with Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium; and H.R. 3607, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar and Young of Alaska; D.L. Wilson, Supervisor and

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, La Paz County, Arizona; Bob Vogel, Acting Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on legislation to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Stephen Goldfinch, Senator, District 34, South Carolina; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3990, the “National Monument Creation and Protection Act”; H. Res. 555, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit, respectively, certain documents and other information to the House of Representatives relating to the executive order on the review of designations under the Antiquities Act. H.R. 3990 and H. Res. 555 were ordered reported, as amended.

REVIEW OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT’S ROLE IN PROTECTING INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Review of the U.S. Government’s Role in Protecting International Religious Freedom”. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Kozak, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; Kristina Arriaga, Vice Chair, Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

SECURITY CLEARANCE INVESTIGATION CHALLENGES AND REFORMS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Security Clearance Investigation Challenges and Reforms”. Testimony was heard from William Evanina, Director, National Counterintelligence and Security Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Charles Phalen, Director, National Background Investigations Bureau, Office of Personnel Management; Garry Reid, Director of Defense Intelligence, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

NIST’S PHYSICAL SECURITY VULNERABILITIES: A GAO UNDERCOVER REVIEW

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “NIST’s Physical Security Vulnerabilities: A GAO Undercover Review”. Testimony was heard from Lisa Casias, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce; Kent Rochford, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Audit Services, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office.

EVALUATING THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PART II: ARE BURDENS BEING REDUCED?

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Paperwork Reduction Act Part II: Are Burdens Being Reduced?”. Testimony was heard from Steven Fine, Acting Assistant Administrator, Acting Chief Information Officer, Environmental Protection Agency; Stephen D. Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, Fish and Wildlife Service; Gundeep Ahluwalia, Chief Information Officer, Department of Labor; and Todd Simpson, Chief Information Officer, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSIT STAKEHOLDERS’ PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Highways and Transit Stakeholders’ Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3018, the “Veterans’ Entry to Apprenticeship Act”; H.R. 3634, the “SERVE Act of 2017”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the applicability of certain provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act to housing and business loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight

training programs; legislation to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to eligible organization for the provision of transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces recently separated from active duty service; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rutherford, Himes, McSally, and Khanna; Major General Robert M. Worley II, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND U.S. TRADE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Opportunities to Expand U.S. Trade Relationships in the Asia-Pacific Region”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Energy Missions and Management Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “21st Century Trade Barriers: Protectionist Cross Border Data Flow Policies Impact on U.S. Jobs”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 1116, the “Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act of 2017”; H.R. 1585, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws; H.R. 1645, the “Fostering Innovation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1699, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017”; H.R. 2121, the “Pension, Endowment, and Mu-

tual Fund Access to Banking Act”; H.R. 2148, the “Clarifying Commercial Real Estate Loans”; H.R. 2201, the “Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act”; H.R. 2396, the “Privacy Notification Technical Clarification Act”; H.R. 2706, the “Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 2954, the “Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3072, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Examination and Reporting Threshold Act of 2017”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3312, the “Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 3758, the “Senior Safe Act of 2017”; H.R. 3857, the “Protecting Advice for Small Savers Act of 2017”; H.R. 3898, the “Impeding North Korea’s Access to Finance Act of 2017”; H.R. 3903, the “Encouraging Public Offerings Act of 2017”; H.R. 3911, the “Risk-Based Credit Examination Act”; H.R. 3948, the “Protection of Source Code Act”; H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”; H.R. 3972, the “Family Office Technical Correction Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3973, the “Market Data Protection Act of 2017”, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 535, the “Taiwan Travel Act”; and H.R. 1698, the “Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Assessing First Responder Communications”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Empty Threat or Serious Danger: Assessing North Korea’s Risk to the Homeland”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Congressional Subpoena Compliance and Enforcement Act of 2017; H.R. 2228, the “Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017”; and legislation on the Protecting Access to the Courts for Taxpayers Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3144, to provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3916, the “FISH Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing on the 2020 Census”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “Fostering Women’s Entrepreneurial Success”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations; and Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, joint hearing entitled “Oversight Improvements Needed: SBA OIG’s Review of the Microloan Program”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1066, the “VA Management Alignment Act of 2017”; H.R. 3122, the “Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 3561, to amend title 38, United

States Code, to permit appraisers approved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make appraisals for purposes of chapter 37 of such title based on inspections performed by third parties; H.R. 3562, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation programs under chapter 31 of such title, and for other purposes; H.R. 3656, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for eligible spouses

and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable; and H.R. 3657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide headstones and markers for the graves of spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Full Committee, hearing on legislation on the Asset and Infrastructure Review Act of 2017; and H.R. 2773, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to sell Pershing Hall, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:30 a.m., Friday, October 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, October 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of S. 585—Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017.

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