

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7825–S7857*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2192–2194. **Page S7848**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 115–190)

S. 447, to require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2193, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans. **Page S7846**

**Balash Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; that there be one hour of debate on the nomination equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S7840**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 305), Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S7829–34, S7834–39**

Emily Webster Murphy, of Missouri, to be Administrator of General Services. **Page S7839, S7857**

Glen R. Smith, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2022.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S7844–45**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—305) **Page S7839**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7857.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### OPIOID CRISIS IN AMERICA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies addressing the opioid crisis in America, focusing on prevention, treatment, and recovery, after receiving testimony from former Representative Patrick J. Kennedy, President's Commission on Combatting Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis; and Elinore McCance-Katz, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health, and Debra Houry, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Timothy R. Petty, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, who was introduced by Senator Risch, and Linda Capuano, of Texas, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### ENERGY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine S. 1336, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 1455, to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish new goals for the Department of Energy relating to energy storage and to carry out certain demonstration projects relating to energy storage, S. 1563, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, S. 1851, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, demonstration and deployment program, and technical

assistance and grant program, S. 1876, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to advance energy storage deployment by reducing the cost of energy storage through research, development, and demonstration, S. 1981, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, and S. 2030, to deem the compliance date for amended energy conservation standards for ceiling light kits to be January 21, 2020, after receiving testimony from Senator Tillis; and Mark Menezes, Under Secretary of Energy.

### AUTHORITY OVER INTERNATIONAL ACCORDS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President, Congress, and shared authority over the international accords, after receiving testimony from Curtis A. Bradley, Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina; and Avril Haines, Columbia University, New York, New York.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth L. Marcus, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, and Johnny Collett, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, and Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, and William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, both of the Department of Labor, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Alexander, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 4546–4557 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2897, to authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the