Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2732–2743, S.J. Res. 60, and S. Res. 481–482.

Measures Passed:

North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2061, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Rubio) Amendment No. 2240, in the nature of a substitute.

Congratulating the Villanova University Wildcats: Senate agreed to S. Res. 482, congratulating the Villanova University Wildcats for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament.

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate, to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives, to escort His Excellency Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, into the House Chamber for the Joint Meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Pompeo Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Secretary of State.

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 upon disposition of the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Secretary of State.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 82), Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Grenell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Department of State.

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 upon disposition of the nomination of Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Department of State.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dan Michael Berkovitz, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2023.

James E. Hubbard, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.
System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2008.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

James W. Carroll, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

29 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy.

Executive Communications:

Executive Reports of Committees:

Additional Co-sponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted:

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—82)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2396.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of rural America, after receiving testimony from Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade: Senators Boozman (Chair), Hoeven, Grassley, Thune, Daines, Perdue, Hyde-Smith, Heitkamp, Brown, Bennet, Gillibrand, Donnelly, and Smith.

Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy: Senators Ernst (Chair), Boozman, Hoeven, Thune, Daines, Fischer, Hyde-Smith, Smith, Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Donnelly, and Heitkamp.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, and Natural Resources: Senators Daines (Chair), McConnell, Boozman, Grassley, Perdue, Hyde-Smith, Bennet, Leahy, Klobuchar, Donnelly, and Casey.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, Agricultural Research, and Specialty Crops: Senators Perdue (Chair), McConnell, Boozman, Hoeven, Ernst, Fischer, Casey, Leahy, Brown, Gillibrand, and Smith.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Marketing, and Agriculture Security: Senators Fischer (Chair), McConnell, Ernst, Grassley, Thune, Daines, Gillibrand, Leahy, Klobuchar, Heitkamp, and Casey.

Senators Roberts and Stabenow are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: USAID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Mark Green, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 256 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of

MARITIME TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine maritime transportation, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Khouri, Acting Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; Mark H. Buzby, USN (Ret.), Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Rear Admiral James Helis, USMS, Superintendent, Merchant Marine Academy; and Craig H. Middlebrook, Deputy Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Victoria Christiansen, Interim Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

NEW TAX LAW


CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mitigating America’s cybersecurity risk, including the need for the Department of Homeland Security to improve and promote the security of Federal and private-sector networks, after receiving testimony from Jeanette Manfra, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Eric Rosenbach, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2680, to address the opioid crisis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2315, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2597, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children’s hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 382, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters; and

The nomination of Jon Parrish Peede, of Mississippi, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the plight of international parental child abduction and its effect on American families, after receiving testimony from Carl C. Risch, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs; Donald E. Conroy, Director, Passenger Division, National Targeting Center, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Noelle Hunter, iStand Parent Network Inc., Morehead, Kentucky; John F. Clark, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; and Christopher S. Brann, Houston, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.
House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5589–5608, and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 838 and 840–843, were introduced. Additional Cosponsors: Pages H3505–06

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 115–644);

H.R. 5236, to expand opportunities available to employee-owned business concerns through Small Business Administration loan programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–645);

H.R. 4267, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to change certain requirements relating to the capital structure of business development companies, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise certain rules relating to business development companies, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–646);

H.R. 4464, to repeal the rule issued by the National Credit Union Administration titled “Risk-Based Capital” (H. Rept. 115–647);

H.R. 4560, to suspend contributions by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to the Housing Trust Fund during any period that the full required dividend payments under the Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements for such enterprises are not made, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–648);

H.R. 2809, to amend title 51, United States Code, to provide for the authorization and supervision of nongovernmental space activities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–649); and

H. Res. 839, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (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 providing for proceedings during the period from April 30, 2018, through May 4, 2018 (H. Rept. 115–650).
Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 25th.

Honoring the life of First Lady Barbara Bush: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 838, honoring the life of First Lady Barbara Bush.

Recess: The House recessed at 8:49 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.


Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018; 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

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4, the “FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018”; and 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. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a structured rule that provides for the consideration of H.R. 4. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in subsection (e) of the rule. Provides that the amendments printed in part A of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report or against amendments en bloc as described in subsection (e) of the rule. The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part A of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 3144 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from April 30, 2018, through May 4, 2018: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Finally, in section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah, Chairman Shuster, and Representatives Graves of Louisiana, Massie, DeSaulnier, Titus, Hastings, Polis, Torres, Russell, Panetta, Culberson, Schiff, Estes, Castor of Florida, Rohrabacher, Suozzi, Grothman, Welch, Hill, Jackson Lee, King of Iowa, Keating, Banks of Indiana, and Moore.
Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D397)

H.R. 3445, to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of programs under the African Growth and Opportunity Act and the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Signed on April 23, 2018. (Public Law 115–167)

H.R. 3979, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Signed on April 23, 2018. (Public Law 115–168)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2 p.m., SD–430.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office, 3:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 2717, to reauthorize provisions relating to the Maritime Administration, S. 2369, to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the International Whaling Commission, S. 2511, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, S. 2343, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for meeting the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States, and the nominations of Vice Admiral Karl L. Schultz, to be Admiral and to be Commandant, and Vice Admiral Charles W. Ray, to be Vice Commandant, both of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, Patrick Fuchs, of Wisconsin, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rubeydey Calvert, of Wyoming, and Laura Gore Ross, of New York, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Alan E. Cobb, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 9:45 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine enhancing the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher Krebs, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, Department of Homeland Security, 3 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 597, to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and H.R. 1491, to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S. Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Michael J. Truncale, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office, 3:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on the Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2251, to authorize the Coast Guard to make certain acquisitions, 3:30 p.m., SD–194.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research Program, 3:30 p.m., SR–226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office, 1 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on National Security, budget hearing on the Department of Defense, 1 p.m., H–140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing entitled “Member Day”, 1:30 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing entitled “FY 2019 Pipeline to the Workforce”, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Library of Congress, 2 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Office of Housing and the Federal Housing Administration, 2 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the U.S. House of Representatives, 3 p.m., HT–2 Capitol.


Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 4275, the “Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act”; H.R. 5041, the “Safe Disposal of Unused Medication Act”; H.R. 5202, the “Ensuring Patient Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatments Act of 2018”; H.R. 5483, the “Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act of 2018”; legislation on the Improving Access to Remote Behavioral Health Treatment Act of 2018; H.R. 449, the “Synthetic Drug Awareness Act of 2017”; H.R. 5545, the “Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act”; H.R. 3692, the “Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4284, the “Indexing Narcotics, Fentanyl, and Opioids Act of 2017”; H.R. 4684, the “Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act of 2017”; H.R. 5002, the “ACE Research Act”; H.R. 5009, the “Jessie’s Law”; H.R. 5102, the “Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2018”; H.R. 5176, the “Preventing Overdoses While in Emergency Rooms Act of 2018”; H.R. 5197, the “Alternatives to Opioids (ALTO) in the Emergency Department Act”; H.R. 5261, the “TEACH to Combat Addiction Act of 2018”; H.R. 5272, the “Reinforcing Evidence-Based Standards Under Law in Treating Substance Abuse Act of 2018”; H.R. 5327, the “Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act 2018”; H.R. 5329, the “Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2018”; H.R. 5353, the “Eliminating Opioid-Related Infectious Diseases Act of 2018”; legislation to enhance and improve state-run prescription drug monitoring programs; legislation to improve fentanyl testing and surveillance; legislation to support the peer support specialist workforce; H.R. 3331, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to promote testing of incentive payments for behavioral health providers for adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology; legislation on the CMS Action Plan; legislation on the Welcome to Medicare; legislation on the Adding Resources on Non-Opioid Alternatives to the Medicare Handbook; legislation on the Post-Surgical Injections as an Opioid Alternative; legislation on the Alternative Payment Model for Treating Substance Use Disorder; legislation on the Use of Telehealth to Treat Opioid Use Disorder; legislation on the Incentivizing Non-Opioid Drugs; H.R. 5328, the “Every Prescription Conveyed Securely Act”; H.R. 4841, the “Standardizing Electronic Prior Authorization for Safe Prescribing Act of 2018”; legislation on the Mandatory Lock-In; legislation on the Beneficiary Education; legislation on the Evaluating Abuse Deterrent Formulations; legislation on the Prescriber Notification; legislation on the Prescriber Education; legislation on the Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Expansion; legislation on the CMS/Plan Sharing; H.R. 1925, the “At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 3192, the “CHIP Mental Health Parity Act”; H.R. 4005, the “Medicaid Reentry Act”; H.R. 4998, the “Health Insurance for Former Foster Youth Act”; H.R. 5477, the “Rural Development of Opioid Capacity Services Act”; H.R. 5562, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a strategy implementing certain recommendations relating to the Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015, and for other purposes; legislation on the Limited repeal of the IMD Exclusion for adult Medicaid beneficiaries with substance use disorder; legislation on the Medicaid Pharmaceutical Home Act; legislation on the Medicaid DRUG Improvement Act; legislation on the Medicaid PARTNERSHIP Act; legislation on the Incentives to Create Medicaid Health Homes to Treat Substance Use Disorder; legislation on the Medicaid IMD ADDITIONAL INFO Act; legislation on the Medicaid Graduate Medical Education Transparency Act; legislation on the HUMAN CAPITAL in Medicaid Act; legislation on the Require Medicaid Programs to Report on All Core Behavioral Health Measures; legislation to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicaid coverage protections for pregnant and postpartum women while receiving inpatient treatment for a substance use disorder; H.R. 5228, the “Stop Counterfeit Drugs by Regulating and Enhancing Enforcement Now Act”; H.R. 5554, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs; legislation on the FDA and International Mail; legislation on the 21st Century Tools for Pain and Addiction Treatments; legislation on the FDA Opioid Sparing; legislation on the FDA Packaging and Disposal; legislation on the FDA Long-term Efficacy; and legislation on the FDA Misuse/Abuse, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “HUD’s Role in Rental Assistance: An Oversight and Review of Legislative Proposals on Rent Reform”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.


Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on Committee Resolution 115–10; Committee Resolution 115–11; Committee Resolution 115–13; Committee Resolution 115–14; Committee Resolution 115–15; Committee Resolution 115–16; Committee Resolution 115–17; and Committee Resolution 115–18, 12 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Subcommittee assignments, and markup on H.R. 3356, the “Prison Reform and Redemption Act”; H.R. 68, the “Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1689, the “Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2017”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Weaponization of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Implications of Environmental Lawfare”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.
Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Infrastructure and the Small Business Perspective”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Review of VA’s Life Insurance Programs”, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways And Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Jobs and Opportunity: Employer Perspectives on the Jobs Gap”, 11:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “The Opioid Crisis: Stopping the Flow of Synthetic Opioids in the International Mail System”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine how the innovation economy leads to growth, 2 p.m., SH–216.
Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, April 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Secretary of State.

Senators will meet in the Senate Chamber to depart as a body at 10:10 a.m., to the Hall of the House for the 10:30 a.m. Joint Meeting with the President of the French Republic, His Excellency Emmanuel Macron.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, April 25

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Joint Meeting with the Senate to Receive His Excellency Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic. Consideration of 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 (Subject to a Rule). Begin consideration of H.R. 4—FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the following measure under suspension of the Rules: H.R. 5447—Music Modernization Act.

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