

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2533–S2556*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2798–2804. **Page S2552**

**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 355, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, with amendments. **Page S2552**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the text of an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for Cooperation in Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–34) **Page S2548**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of 38 rescissions of budget authority; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Environment and Public Works; Energy and Natural Resources; Finance; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Judiciary; Foreign Relations; and Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–35) **Pages S2548–49**

**Engelhardt Nomination—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S2533**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12 noon, on Wednesday, May 9, 2018; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate. **Page S2546**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. **Page S2546**

**Lowry Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, be referred jointly to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page S2546**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2549**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2549**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S2549, S2554**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2549–52**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2552–54**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2547–48**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2554**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2554**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2554.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, after receiving testimony from

Carla D. Hayden, Librarian of Congress; and Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol.

#### NIGER INVESTIGATION AND REPORT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on the Niger investigation and report from Owen O. West, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Robert S. Karem, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and General Thomas D. Waldhauser, USMC, Commander, and Major General Roger L. Cloutier, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff, both of United States Africa Command, all of the Department of Defense.

#### UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine an update on the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the airspace, after receiving testimony from Earl Lawrence, Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Office, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Brian Wynne, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Arlington, Virginia; Matt Zuccaro, Helicopter Association International, Alexandria, Virginia; and Todd Graetz, BNSF Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas.

#### PUERTO RICO'S ELECTRIC GRID

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the cur-

rent status of Puerto Rico's electric grid and proposals for the future operation of the grid, after receiving testimony from Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Charles R. Alexander, Jr., Director, Contingency Operations and Homeland Security, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Christian Sobrino Vega, President, Government Development Bank, and Chairman of the Board, Fiscal Agency and Financial Authority, Government of Puerto Rico; Walter M. Higgins, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, and Jose H. Roman Morales, Comision de Energia de Puerto Rico, both of San Juan; and Rodrigo Masses, Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association, Guaynabo.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

#### INSULIN ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine insulin access and affordability, focusing on the rising cost of treatment, after receiving testimony from William T. Cefalu, American Diabetes Association, Arlington, Virginia; Jeremy A. Greene, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; Paul Grant, New Gloucester, Maine; and Lois Ondik, Blandon, Pennsylvania.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 5697–5713; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 120; and H. Res. 876–878, 880–882 were introduced. **Pages H3833–34**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3834–35**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:  
H. Res. 879, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3053) to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–665). **Pages H3825, H3833**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marshall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3785**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3787**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed or wounded in service to our country and all those who serve and their families. **Page H3787**

**Administration of the Oath of Office to an Officer of the House:** The Speaker administered the Oath of Office to Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon, to exercise temporarily the duties of Chaplain of the House of Representatives, effective Friday, May 25, 2018. **Page H3787**

**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Dent, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Fifteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, effective at 11:59 p.m. on May 12, 2018. **Page H3797**

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