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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,
Washington, DC, March 26, 2019.

Honorable JULIE E. ADAMS,
Secretary, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SECRETARY: In accordance with rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate and the pertinent unanimous consent order pertaining to this rule, I am transmitting herewith a report on the activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate for the 115th Congress.

Sincerely,

CHUCK GRASSLEY, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE DURING THE 115TH CONGRESS

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Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance,
submitted the following

REPORT

This report reviews the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Finance during the 115th Congress. These activities parallel the broad scope of responsibilities vested in the committee by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, rule XXV(k) of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and additional authorizing resolutions.

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Rule XXV(i) of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires reference to this committee of all proposed legislation, and other matters, dealing with (i) Committee on Finance, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Bonded debt of the United States, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
2. Customs, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery.
3. Deposit of public moneys.
4. General revenue sharing.
5. Health programs under the Social Security Act and health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund.
6. National social security.
7. Reciprocal trade agreements.
8. Revenue measures generally, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
9. Revenue measures relating to the insular possessions.
10. Tariffs and import quotas, and matters related thereto.
11. Transportation of dutiable goods.

COMMITTEE RULES

I. RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 1. *Regular Meeting Days.*—The regular meeting day of the committee shall be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except that if there be no business before the committee the regular meeting shall be omitted.

Rule 2. *Committee Meetings.*—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 3 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to special meetings called by a majority of the committee) and subsection (b) of this rule, committee meetings, for the conduct of business, for the purpose of holding hearings, or for any other purpose, shall be called by the chairman. Members will be notified of committee meetings at least 48 hours in advance, unless the chairman determines that an emergency situation requires a meeting on shorter notice. The notification will include a written agenda together with materials prepared by the staff relating to that agenda. After the agenda for a committee meeting is published and distributed, no nongermane items may be brought up during that meeting unless at least two-thirds of the members present agree to consider those items.

(b) In the absence of the chairman, meetings of the committee may be called by the ranking majority member of the committee who is present, provided authority to call meetings has been delegated to such member by the chairman.

Rule 3. *Presiding Officer.*—(a) The chairman shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the committee except that in his absence the ranking majority member who is present at the meeting shall preside.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a) any member of the committee may preside over the conduct of a hearing.

Rule 4. *Quorums.*—(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) one-third of the membership of the committee, including not less than one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a) one member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

Rule 5. *Reporting of Measures or Recommendations.*—No measure or recommendation shall be reported from the committee unless a majority of the committee is actually present and a majority of those present concur.

Rule 6. *Proxy Voting; Polling.*—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 7(a)(3) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitation on use of proxy voting to report a measure or matter), members who are unable to be present may have their vote recorded by proxy.

(b) At the discretion of the committee, members who are unable to be present and whose vote has not been cast by proxy may be polled for the purpose of recording their vote on any rollcall taken by the committee.

Rule 7. *Order of Motions.*—When several motions are before the committee dealing with related or overlapping matters, the chairman may specify the order in which the motions shall be voted upon.

Rule 8. *Bringing a Matter to a Vote.*—If the chairman determines that a motion or amendment has been adequately debated, he may call for a vote on such motion or amendment, and the vote shall then be taken, unless the committee votes to continue debate on such motion or amendment, as the case may be. The vote on a motion to continue debate on any motion or amendment shall be taken without debate.

Rule 9. *Public Announcement of Committee Votes.*—Pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public announcement of votes), the results of rollcall votes taken by the committee on any measure (or amendment thereto) or matter shall be announced publicly not later than the day on which such measure or matter is ordered reported from the committee.

Rule 10. *Subpoenas.*—Subpoenas for attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, and records shall be issued by the chairman, or by any other member of the committee designated by him.

Rule 11. *Nominations.*—In considering a nomination, the committee may conduct an investigation or review of the nominee's experience, qualifications, and suit-

ability, to serve in the position to which he or she has been nominated. To aid in such investigation or review, each nominee may be required to submit a sworn detailed statement including biographical, financial, policy, and other information which the committee may request. The committee may specify which items in such statement are to be received on a confidential basis. Witnesses called to testify on the nomination may be required to testify under oath.

Rule 12. *Open Committee Hearings.*—To the extent required by paragraph 5 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitations on open hearings), each hearing conducted by the committee shall be open to the public.

Rule 13. *Announcement of Hearings.*—The committee shall undertake consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4(a) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public notice of committee hearings) to issue public announcements of hearings it intends to hold at least one week prior to the commencement of such hearings.

Rule 14. *Witnesses at Hearings.*—(a) Each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing must submit his written testimony to the staff director not later than noon of the business day immediately before the last business day preceding the day on which he is scheduled to appear. Such written testimony shall be accompanied by a brief summary of the principal points covered in the written testimony. Having submitted his written testimony, the witness shall be allowed not more than 10 minutes for oral presentation of his statement.

(b) Witnesses may not read their entire written testimony, but must confine their oral presentation to a summarization of their arguments.

(c) Witnesses shall observe proper standards of dignity, decorum, and propriety while presenting their views to the committee. Any witness who violates this rule shall be dismissed, and his testimony (both oral and written) shall not appear in the record of the hearing.

(d) In scheduling witnesses for hearings, the staff shall attempt to schedule witnesses so as to attain a balance of views early in the hearings. Every member of the committee may designate witnesses who will appear before the committee to testify. To the extent that a witness designated by a member cannot be scheduled to testify during the time set aside for the hearing, a special time will be set aside for the witness to testify if the member designating that witness is available at that time to chair the hearing.

Rule 15. *Audiences.*—Persons admitted into the audience for open hearings of the committee shall conduct themselves with the dignity, decorum, courtesy, and propriety traditionally observed by the Senate. Demonstrations of approval or disapproval of any statement or act by any member or witness are not allowed. Persons creating confusion or distractions or otherwise disrupting the orderly proceeding of the hearing shall be expelled from the hearing.

Rule 16. *Broadcasting of Hearings.*—(a) Broadcasting of open hearings by television or radio coverage shall be allowed upon approval by the chairman of a request filed with the staff director not later than noon of the day before the day on which such coverage is desired.

(b) If such approval is granted, broadcasting coverage of the hearing shall be conducted unobtrusively and in accordance with the standards of dignity, propriety, courtesy, and decorum traditionally observed by the Senate.

(c) Equipment necessary for coverage by television and radio media shall not be installed in, or removed from, the hearing room while the committee is in session.

(d) Additional lighting may be installed in the hearing room by the media in order to raise the ambient lighting level to the lowest level necessary to provide adequate television coverage of the hearing at the then current state of the art of television coverage.

(e) The additional lighting authorized by subsection (d) of this rule shall not be directed into the eyes of any members of the committee or of any witness, and at the request of any such member or witness, offending lighting shall be extinguished.

Rule 17. *Subcommittees.*—(a) The chairman, subject to the approval of the committee, shall appoint legislative subcommittees. All legislation shall be kept on the full committee calendar unless a majority of the members present and voting agree to refer specific legislation to an appropriate subcommittee.

(b) The chairman may limit the period during which House-passed legislation referred to a subcommittee under paragraph (a) will remain in that subcommittee. At the end of that period, the legislation will be restored to the full committee calendar. The period referred to in the preceding sentences should be 6 weeks, but may be extended in the event that adjournment or a long recess is imminent.

(c) All decisions of the chairman are subject to approval or modification by a majority vote of the committee.

(d) The full committee may at any time by majority vote of those members present discharge a subcommittee from further consideration of a specific piece of legislation.

(e) The chairman and ranking minority member shall serve as nonvoting *ex officio* members of the subcommittees on which they do not serve as voting members.

(f) Any member of the committee may attend hearings held by any subcommittee and question witnesses testifying before that subcommittee.

(g) Subcommittee meeting times shall be coordinated by the staff director to ensure that—

(1) no subcommittee meeting will be held when the committee is in executive session, except by unanimous consent;

(2) no more than one subcommittee will meet when the full committee is holding hearings; and

(3) not more than two subcommittees will meet at the same time.

Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3), a subcommittee may meet when the full committee is holding hearings and two subcommittees may meet at the same time only upon the approval of the chairman and the ranking minority member of the committee and subcommittees involved.

(h) All nominations shall be considered by the full committee.

(i) The chairman will attempt to schedule reasonably frequent meetings of the full committee to permit consideration of legislation reported favorably to the committee by the subcommittees.

Rule 18. *Transcripts of Committee Meetings.*—An accurate record shall be kept of all markups of the committee, whether they be open or closed to the public. A transcript, marked as “uncorrected,” shall be available for inspection by members of the Senate, or members of the committee together with their staffs, at any time. Not later than 21 business days after the meeting occurs, the committee shall make publicly available through the Internet—

(a) a video recording;

(b) an audio recording; or

(c) after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements, a corrected transcript.

Notwithstanding the above, in the case of the record of an executive session of the committee that is closed to the public pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the record shall not be published or made public in any way except by majority vote of the committee after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements made.

Rule 19. *Amendment of Rules.*—The foregoing rules may be added to, modified, amended, or suspended at any time.

TAX

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 115th Congress, the Senate Finance Committee reported major legislation reforming and reducing taxes in the United States Internal Revenue Code, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was signed into law on December 22, 2017, as “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.” The committee also played a leading role in preventing tax cuts from expiring for American families and businesses.

A series of hearings held by the Senate Finance Committee during the 115th Congress examined policy options related to comprehensive tax reform, individual taxation, business taxation, international taxation and tax administration, and also examined the impact of tax legislation.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2017

April 6, 2017—“The 2017 Tax Filing Season: Internal Revenue Service Operations and the Taxpayer Experience.” This hearing examined issues related to the 2017 tax filing season, including IRS performance, customer service challenges, and information technology. Testimony was heard from the Honorable John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC.

May 25, 2017—“Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposals for the Department of Treasury and Tax Reform.” The hearing covered the President’s 2018 Budget and touched on operations of the Department of Treasury and Tax Reform. Testimony was heard from the Honorable Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

July 18, 2017—“Comprehensive Tax Reform: Prospects and Challenges.” The hearing covered issues surrounding potential tax reform plans including individual, business, and international proposals. Testimony was heard from the Honorable Jonathan Talisman, former Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy 2000–2001, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; the Honorable Pamela F. Olson, former Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy 2002–2004, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; the Honorable Eric Solomon, former Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy 2006–2009, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; and the Honorable Mark J. Mazur, former Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy 2012–2017, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

August 1, 2017—“America’s Affordable Housing Crisis: Challenges and Solutions.” This hearing addressed the Nation’s affordable housing crisis and how a bipartisan solution could be reached to provide assistance to the American people. Testimony was heard from Mr. Daniel Garcia-Diaz, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, United States Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; Mr. Grant S. Whitaker, president, National Council of State Housing Agencies, Washington, DC; the Honorable Katherine M. O’Regan, Ph.D., professor of public policy and planning, and faculty director, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, New York, NY; Mr. Kirk McClure, Ph.D., professor, Urban Planning Program, School of Public Policy and Administration, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS; and Mr. Granger MacDonald, chairman of the board of directors, National Association of Home Builders, Washington, DC.

September 14, 2017—“Individual Tax Reform.” The hearing covered issues surrounding potential plans relating to individual tax reform. Testimony was heard from Mr. Alex Brill, research fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; Ms. Iona C. Harrison, senior vice president, Pioneer Realty, Upper Marlboro, MD; Ms. Lily Batchelder, professor of law and public policy at New York University School of Law and affiliated professor at New York University Wagner School of Public Service, New York University, New York, NY; and Mr. Ramesh Ponnuru, visiting fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

September 19, 2017—“Business Tax Reform.” The hearing covered issues surrounding potential plans relating to business tax reform. Testimony was heard from Mr. Scott A. Hodge, president, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC; Donald B. Marron, Ph.D., institute fellow, Urban Institute and Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, Washington, DC; Mr. Troy K. Lewis, CPA, CGMA, immediate past chair, tax executive committee, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Provo, UT; and Mr. Jeffrey D. DeBoer, president and chief executive officer, the Real Estate Roundtable, Washington, DC.

October 3, 2017—“International Tax Reform.” The hearing covered issues surrounding potential plans relating to international tax reform. Testimony was heard from Mr. Bret Wells, professor of law and George Butler research professor of law, Law Center, University of Houston, Houston, TX; Kimberly Clausing, Ph.D., Thormund A. Miller and Walter Mintz professor of economics, Reed College, Portland, OR; Mr. Stephen E. Shay, senior lecturer on law, Harvard Law School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; and Mr. Itai Grinberg, professor of law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC.

2018

February 14, 2018—“President’s Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.” The hearing covered the President’s 2019 Budget. Testimony was heard from the Honorable Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

February 14, 2018—“President’s Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.” The hearing covered the President’s 2019 Budget and touched on operations of the Department of Treasury. Testimony was heard from the Honorable David J. Kautter, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

April 12, 2018—“The 2018 Tax Filing Season and Future IRS Challenges.” The hearing examined the operations of the Internal Revenue Service and challenges they face in the future. Testimony was heard from the Honorable David J. Kautter, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, United States Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

April 24, 2018—“Early Impressions of the New Tax Law.” The hearing examined the recently passed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Testimony was heard from Mr. David K. Cranston, Jr., president, Cranston Material Handling Equipment Corporation, McKees Rocks, PA; Mr. David Kamin, professor of law, New York University School of Law, New York, NY; Ms. Rebecca Kysar, professor of law, Brooklyn Law School, New York, NY; and Dr. Douglas Holtz-Eakin, president, American Action Forum, Washington, DC.

FULL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

2017

November 13, 2017—Open Executive Session to consider an original bill entitled “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.”

November 14, 2017—Continuation of the Open Executive Session to consider an original bill entitled “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.”

November 15, 2017—Continuation of the Open Executive Session to consider an original bill entitled “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.”

November 16, 2017—Continuation of the Open Executive Session to consider an original bill entitled “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.”

SENATORS ONLY MEETINGS

2017

May 17, 2017—Full Committee Members’ Meeting with Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin and National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn to discuss tax reform.

September 13, 2017—Full Committee Members’ Meeting on tax reform.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

2017

December 13, 2017—Conference Committee Session on H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND IRS OVERSIGHT

July 26, 2018—“Improving Tax Administration Today.” This hearing addressed IRS oversight challenges and how Congress may assist the Department with legislation moving forward. Testi-

mony was heard from Ms. Caroline Bruckner, managing director, Kogod Tax Policy Center, American University, Washington, DC; Ms. Phyllis Jo Kubey, member, National Association of Enrolled Agents and IRS Advisory Council, Washington, DC; Ms. Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC; Mr. John Sapp, chair, Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee, Washington, DC; and Ms. Rebecca Thompson, project director, Taxpayer Opportunity Network, Prosperity Now, Washington, DC.

TRADE

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 115th Congress, the Senate Finance Committee sought to enact policies to expand trade and investment-related opportunities for American businesses and to advise the administration on the conduct of trade policy. The committee directed and oversaw the miscellaneous tariff bill petition and review process, and passed into law the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act to temporarily remove and reduce tariffs on inputs for American manufacturing. The committee also guided passage of an extension of the Generalized System of Preferences program to December 31, 2020. The committee advised and conducted oversight of the administration's trade actions, including negotiations with Canada and Mexico on the modernization of North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The committee also examined a number of the administration's tariff actions, particularly those pursuant to section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, and section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. The committee held several hearings to examine the successes and challenges of U.S. trade policies and to assess opportunities to improve and increase trade.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2017

June 21, 2017—"President's Trade Policy Agenda and Fiscal Year 2018 Budget." The committee examined the President's trade priorities for 2017, including the negotiations with Canada and Mexico to modernize NAFTA and the administration's adherence to the standards set by Trade Promotion Authority. The committee also examined the administration's plans on enforcing the United States trade laws. The Honorable Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, testified.

2018

March 6, 2018—"Protecting E-commerce Consumers from Counterfeits." The committee examined the proliferation of counterfeits being sold online, the efforts by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and other Federal agencies to detect and prevent their importation, and the possible options to safeguard the health and safety of Americans who shop online. The committee heard testimony from Ms. Kimberly Gianopoulos, Director, International Affairs and Trade, United States Government Accountability Office; Ms. Brenda B. Smith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade, United States Customs and Border Protection; Mr. Jim Joholske, Director, Office of Import Surveillance, United

- States Consumer Product Safety Commission; and Mr. Terrence R. Brady, president, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
- March 22, 2018—“President’s 2018 Trade Policy Agenda.” The committee examined the President’s trade agenda for 2018, including the ongoing negotiations with Canada and Mexico to modernize NAFTA, the pursuance of new trade deals, the administration’s use of tariffs, and the extension of Trade Promotion Authority. The committee heard testimony from the Honorable Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC.
- June 20, 2018—“Current and Proposed Tariff Actions Administered by the Department of Commerce.” The committee examined current and proposed tariff actions administered by the Department of Commerce, including the process for excluding products, and the impact and potential impact on U.S. businesses and consumers. The committee heard testimony from the Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC.
- September 26, 2018—“Impact of Tariffs on the U.S. Automotive Industry.” The committee examined the potential effects of additional tariffs on automobiles and automotive parts on families, job creators, and U.S. economic growth. The committee heard testimony from Mr. H. David Britt, chairman of economic development, Spartanburg County Council Member, Spartanburg, SC; Mr. Steve Gates, dealer principal, Gates Auto Family, Richmond, KY; Mr. Michael Haughey, president and CEO, North American Stamping Group, Portland, TN; Mr. Josh Nassar, legislative director, United Auto Workers, Detroit, MI; and Mr. Rick Schostek, executive vice president, Honda North America, Inc., Marysville, OH.

FULL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

2017

- April 25, 2017—Open Executive Session to consider an original resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative. The committee considered a motion to waive section 21(b) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–65) which amended section 141(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 pursuant to the nomination of Robert Lighthizer to the position of United States Trade Representative.

SENATORS ONLY MEETINGS

2017

- February 15, 2017—Full Committee Members’ Meeting with Representatives of the administration to discuss the administration’s trade agenda.
- May 16, 2017—Full Committee Members’ Meeting with United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to discuss the administration’s trade agenda.

July 23, 2017—Full Committee Members’ Meeting with Commerce Secretary Wilber L. Ross, Jr., to discuss the Department’s section 232 investigations of steel and aluminum imports.

2018

September 27, 2018—Full Committee Members’ Meeting with the United States Trade Representative, Robert Lighthizer, for consultations on the negotiations with Canada and Mexico to modernize NAFTA.

October 10, 2018—Full Committee Members’ Meeting with United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to consult on potential trade negotiations with the United Kingdom, the European Union, and Japan.

SENATE ADVISORY GROUP ON NEGOTIATIONS

2017

January 27, 2017—Meeting of the Senate Advisory Group on Negotiations, as required by section 104(c)(1) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015.

May 17, 2017—Meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee on Negotiations to consult with Ambassador Robert Lighthizer on negotiations with Canada and Mexico on the modernization of NAFTA.

2018

October 10, 2018—Meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee on Negotiations to consult with Ambassador Robert Lighthizer on potential trade negotiations with the United Kingdom, the European Union, and Japan.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE, CUSTOMS, AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

2017

November 20, 2017—Field hearing entitled “Modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).” The subcommittee examined the importance of NAFTA to the economy of the United States. The subcommittee questioned the administration as well as stakeholders in the trade community that rely on NAFTA. Testimony was heard from Mr. Stephen P. Vaughn, General Counsel, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC; Mr. Mitch Bainwol, CEO and president, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Washington, DC; Ms. Paola Avila, chair, Border Trade Alliance, San Diego, CA; Mr. Richard Perez, CEO and president, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio, TX; Mr. Jeff Moseley, chief executive officer, Texas Association of Business, Austin, TX; Mr. Russell Boening, president, Texas Farm Bureau, Waco, TX; and the Honorable Todd Staples, president, Texas Oil and Gas Association, Austin, TX.

2018

February 16, 2018—Field hearing entitled “Trade Enforcement and Infrastructure: Safeguarding Our Industrial Base From Present and Future Challenges.” The subcommittee examined how trade tools can be used to address global overcapacity of steel and aluminum production. Testimony was heard from Mr. Scott Paul, president, Alliance for American Manufacturing, Washington, DC; Mr. Rick Galiano, president, Beaver Lawrence Labor Council, New Castle, PA; Ms. Petra Mitchell, president and CEO, Catalyst Connection, Pittsburgh, PA; and Mr. Todd Young, managing director, Governmental Affairs, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA.

April 11, 2018—“Market Access Challenges in China.” The subcommittee heard testimony regarding the difficulties American businesses face in China, and how China has used the international trading system to its advantage while unfairly disadvantaging U.S. businesses. Testimony was heard from Mr. Dean C. Garfield, president and CEO, Information Technology Industry Council, Washington, DC; Ms. Christine Bliss, president, Coalition of Services Industries, Washington, DC; Ms. Linda Dempsey, vice president, International Economic Affairs Policy, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, DC; and Ms. Thea M. Lee, president, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, DC.

July 18, 2018—“Trade and Commerce at U.S. Ports of Entry.” The subcommittee examined the importance and challenges of trade and commerce at U.S. ports of entry. Testimony was heard from the Honorable Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC; Mr. Sergio Contreras, vice chairman, Border Trade Alliance, Weslaco, TX; the Honorable Pete Saenz, Mayor, City of Laredo, and chairman, Texas Border Coalition, Austin, TX; Mr. Kurt J. Nagle, president and chief executive officer, American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, VA; and Ms. Mary Ann Bucci, Executive Director, Port of Pittsburgh Commission, Pittsburgh, PA.

HEALTH

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

During the course of the 115th Congress, the committee focused on improving the Medicare and Medicaid programs for beneficiaries and providers alike. The committee held a hearing on and unanimously reported the bipartisan Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017 (S. 870), that included important changes to strengthen the Medicare program and improve outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries living with chronic conditions. The CHRONIC Care Act is the culmination of a bipartisan, committee-wide effort that included robust engagement with and feedback from stakeholders. This legislation will improve disease management and streamline care coordination services. Addressing these issues is essential for improving health outcomes for the increasing number of Medicare beneficiaries who live with multiple chronic conditions and those who will age into the Medicare program over the coming years. The bill makes improvements that facilitate more coordinated and effective care in traditional fee-for-service Medicare, Medicare Advantage (MA), and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). This bill was combined with similar House legislation and included in the Bipartisan Budget Act (Pub. L. 115–123).

The committee also held a hearing to address the need to extend funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Following the hearing, the committee held an executive session to consider the Keep Kids’ Insurance Dependable and Secure (KIDS) Act of 2017 (S. 1827), which was approved by voice vote. This bill served as the basis for a 6-year extension of CHIP funding included in Public Law 115–120, and another 4-year extension in the Bipartisan Budget Act (Pub. L. 115–119). The combined 10-year CHIP extension represents the longest funding extension in the program’s history.

The committee also held a hearing to examine ways to improve health care service delivery in rural and frontier America. This hearing highlighted the unique challenges rural and frontier providers face in delivering high-quality health-care services in isolated communities. It also examined the data-driven trends in rural research today and identified targeted legislative solutions that the committee may want to explore in the future.

Additionally, the committee passed key human services priorities into law that were included in the Bipartisan Budget Act. These include the Family First Prevention Services Act, which helps States provide evidence-based services to prevent children from entering foster care and reduce inappropriate use of congregate care and group home facilities; the Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act, which supports innovative public-private partnerships to

address critical social challenges; and the reauthorization of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program to support evidence-based home visiting programs for at-risk families.

The committee also focused on addressing the opioid epidemic. The committee held a hearing on ways to address opioid and substance use disorder in Medicare and Medicaid—the largest payers of treatment services—and human services programs. Members of the committee introduced 22 bills that were combined into the Helping to End Addiction and Lessen (HEAL) Substance Use Disorders Act of 2018 (S. 3120). The bill improves the identification of opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders, promotes information on alternative, non-opioid treatment options, expands access to evidence-based treatment services, and increases information to prescribers. This bill was reported favorably out of the committee with a roll call vote of 27 ayes and 0 nays, included in the Opioid Crisis Response Act that passed the Senate, and then combined with similar House legislation to become Public Law 115–271 on October 24, 2018. The committee unanimously discharged a bill, S. 1732, the Improving Access to Behavioral Health Information Technology Act, as modified, that promotes the testing of incentive payments for behavioral health providers for adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). This measure passed the Senate by unanimous consent and was included in Public Law 115–271.

Finally, the committee held a hearing on opportunities for increasing the affordability of prescriptions drugs while continuing to foster innovation. The committee unanimously discharged a bill, S. 2553, the Know the Lowest Price Act, as modified, that bans Medicare Part D prescription drug plan sponsors from prohibiting pharmacies from informing a beneficiary when the cost of the prescription is less than the cost sharing required under the plan. This measure passed the Senate by unanimous consent and became Public Law 115–262.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2017

May 16, 2017—“Examining Bipartisan Medicare Policies That Improve Care for Patients With Chronic Conditions.” The purpose of this hearing was to examine how current Medicare chronic care coordination programs are working today, to learn about the barriers in Medicare to coordinate care for chronically ill beneficiaries, and—most importantly—to discuss policies included in the Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017 (S. 870) designed to address these barriers. Specifically, the witnesses explored the CHRONIC Care Act’s new approaches to improve the delivery of high-quality, coordinated medical care to Medicare beneficiaries living with multiple chronic conditions. Testimony was received from the Honorable Brian Schatz, United States Senator, Hawaii; the Honorable Roger F. Wicker, United States Senator, Mississippi; Ms. Katherine Hayes, direc-

tor of health policy, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC; Dr. Lee H. Schwamm, professor of neurology, Harvard Medical School, director of acute stroke services, and director of Partners TeleStroke Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, on behalf of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Dallas, TX; Mr. John G. Lovelace, president, Government Programs and Individual Advantage and president, UPMC for You, UPMC Insurance Services Division, UPMC Health Plan, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA; and Mr. Stephen Rosenthal, senior vice president, Population Health Management, Montefiore Health System, Yonkers, NY.

June 8, 2017—“President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.” The purpose of this hearing was to consider the President’s fiscal year 2018 budget for the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was received from the Honorable Thomas E. Price, M.D., Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

September 7, 2017—“The Children’s Health Insurance Program: The Path Forward.” The purpose of this hearing was to provide background on the history of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), give an overview of the program’s success over the years, and highlight the need to extend funding for the program. Testimony was received from Ms. Leanna George, mother of a CHIP recipient, Johnston County, NC; Dr. Anne L. Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, Washington, DC; and Ms. Linda Nablo, Chief Deputy Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, Richmond, VA.

September 12, 2017—“Health Care: Issues Impacting Cost and Coverage.” The purpose of this hearing was to address the issues impacting the cost of health care and coverage. Testimony was received from Mr. Avik Roy, co-founder and president, Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity, Austin, TX; Mr. Ed Haismaier, Preston A. Wells, Jr. senior research fellow, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC; Mr. Andy Slavitt, former Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Edina, MN; and Ms. Aviva Aron-Dine, senior fellow and senior counselor, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC.

September 25, 2017—“Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Proposal.” The purpose of this hearing was to evaluate a proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act and block-grant health-care funding to the States. Testimony was received from the Honorable Lindsey Graham, United States Senator, South Carolina; the Honorable Mazie Hirono, United States Senator, Hawaii; the Honorable Bill Cassidy, United States Senator, Louisiana; the Honorable Rick Santorum, former United States Senator, Pennsylvania; Mr. Dennis G. Smith, Senior Advisor for Medicaid and Health Care Reform, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, AR; Ms. Teresa Miller, Acting Secretary, Department of Human Services, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA; Ms. Cindy Mann, former Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, United States Department of Health and

Human Services, Washington, DC; and Mr. Dick Woodruff, senior vice president, Federal advocacy, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Washington, DC.

2018

February 15, 2018—“President’s Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.” The purpose of this hearing was to consider the President’s fiscal year 2019 budget for the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was received from the Honorable Alex M. Azar II, Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

April 19, 2018—“Tackling Opioid and Substance Use Disorders in Medicare, Medicaid, and Human Services Programs.” The purpose of the hearing was to consider how Medicare, Medicaid, and human services programs can better address the opioid crisis and substance use disorders. Testimony was received from Adm. Brett P. Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health and Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Opioid Policy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC; and Ms. Kimberly Brandt, Principal Deputy Administrator for Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

May 24, 2018—“Rural Health Care in America: Challenges and Opportunities.” The purposes of this hearing were to (1) highlight the unique challenges rural and frontier providers face in delivering high-quality health-care services in isolated communities, (2) understand the data-driven trends in rural research today, and (3) identify targeted legislative solutions that the committee may want to explore in the future. Testimony was received from Dr. George H. Pink, Humana distinguished professor and deputy director, NC Rural Health Research Program, Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC; Dr. Keith J. Mueller, interim dean, College of Public Health, Gerhard Hartman professor in health management and policy, director, RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis, and chair, RUPRI Health Panel, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Ms. Konnie Martin, chief executive officer, San Luis Valley Health, Alamosa, CO; Ms. Susan K. Thompson, MS, BSN, RN, senior vice president of integration and optimization, and chief executive officer, UnityPoint Accountable Care, UnityPoint Health, West Des Moines, IA; and Dr. Karen M. Murphy, executive vice president, chief innovation officer, and founding director, Glenn Steele Institute of Health Innovation, Geisinger, Danville, PA.

June 26, 2018—“Prescription Drug Affordability and Innovation: Addressing Challenges in Today’s Market.” The purpose of the hearing was to address strategies in fostering prescription drug affordability and innovation. Testimony was received from the Honorable Alex M. Azar II, Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

FULL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

2017

May 18, 2017—Open Executive Session to consider the Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017 (S. 870), a bill to strengthen the Medicare program and improve health outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries living with chronic conditions.

October 4, 2017—Open Executive Session to consider the Keep Kids' Insurance Dependable and Secure (KIDS) Act (S. 1827), a bill to extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for 5 years.

2018

June 12, 2018—Open Executive Session to consider the Helping to End Addiction and Lessen (HEAL) Substance Use Disorders Act of 2018 (S. 3120), an original bill to improve how Medicare, Medicaid, and human services programs respond to the opioid crisis.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

May 29, 2018—Field hearing entitled “Examining Efforts to Prevent Opioid Overutilization and Misuse in Medicare and Medicaid.” The purpose of this hearing was to address the prevention of overutilization and misuse of opioids in Medicare and Medicaid. Testimony was received from Dr. Mary Denigan-Macauley, Acting Director, Health Care, United States Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; Ms. Maureen Dixon, Special Agent in Charge, Philadelphia Regional Office, Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Philadelphia, PA; Dr. Richard Snyder, senior vice president and chief medical and clinical care transformation officer, Independence Blue Cross, Philadelphia, PA; Ms. Heather Malone, person in recovery, Media, PA; and Mr. Mathew D. Weintraub, District Attorney, Bucks County, Doylestown, PA.

SOCIAL SECURITY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 115th Congress, the Senate Committee on Finance activities with respect to the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) program and Disability Insurance (DI) program—“Social Security”—were limited to oversight and activities to consider the President’s nominations of two individuals: Gail S. Ennis to be Inspector General of Social Security, and Andrew M. Saul to be Commissioner of Social Security. The Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy Subcommittee held a paid family leave hearing to examine proposed modifications to the Family and Medical Leave Act.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, AND FAMILY POLICY

2018

July 11, 2018—“Examining the Importance of Paid Family Leave for American Working Families.” The purpose of this hearing was to examine a paid family leave benefit for working families to improve health outcomes, help families manage work and home responsibilities, and create incentives to increase workforce retention. Testimony was received from the Honorable Joni Ernst, United States Senator, Iowa; the Honorable Kirsten E. Gillibrand, United States Senator, New York; Dr. Andrew G. Biggs, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; Ms. Vicki Shabo, vice president for workplace policies and strategies, National Partnership for Women and Families, Washington, DC; and Ms. Carolyn O’Boyle, managing director, Deloitte Services, LLP, Boston, MA.

OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 115th Congress, the Senate Committee on Finance activities with respect to oversight and investigations included: (1) ongoing oversight of the activities of the Internal Revenue Service; (2) investigations pertaining to the importation of counterfeit consumer goods and pharmaceuticals; (3) oversight of the activities of the Department of Health and Human Services, including questions regarding abuse and neglect at nursing homes, opioid-related fatalities, emergency preparedness at nursing homes, the 340B Drug Pricing Program, and other matters; and (4) oversight of the activities of the Treasury Department.

On October 17, 2017, Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden released a bipartisan oversight report titled: *An Examination of Foster Care in the United States and the Use of Privatization*. This report culminated a 2½-year investigation examining the increasing practice of States tasking private entities (for-profit and non-profit) to protect our Nation’s most vulnerable children: those in foster care. As a result of the investigation’s findings, the chairman and ranking member also introduced legislation, the Child Welfare Oversight and Accountability Act of 2017 (S. 1964), to address issues raised by the report. The committee’s investigation originally launched in April 2015 with inquiries sent to the Governors of all 50 states. Bipartisan staff analysis found flaws in data collection and oversight structures at both the State and Federal levels, making it difficult and sometimes impossible to monitor the operations of the child welfare system, especially its private providers such as the MENTOR Network. The report summarizes the committee’s findings. Additionally, committee staff made a series of bipartisan recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the States, and to Congress addressing the shortcomings identified in the report.

On June 26, 2017, the Minority released a report, “A Tangled Web—An Examination of the Drug Supply and Payment Chain,” which detailed a year-long investigation examining how different parts of the drug supply chain affect prices Medicare recipients pay for prescription drugs. The investigation examined the roles drug manufacturers, wholesale distributors, pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), plan sponsors, and pharmacies play in prescription drug pricing, as well as the role that key policies in Part B and Part D play in the marketplace.

After a year-long investigation, the Minority staff issued a report—“Sheltering in Danger: How Poor Emergency Planning and Response Put Nursing Home Residents at Risk During Hurricanes Harvey and Irma”—in November 2019. The report focused on lessons learned from these events and changes that should be made

to current regulations and guidance, notably those of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to better protect long-term care residents in the event of emergencies.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARING

March 6, 2018—“Protecting E-commerce Consumers from Counterfeits.” Hearing to examine the problem of counterfeit consumer goods in e-commerce, and how the Federal Government might better coordinate efforts to protect intellectual property and prevent related dangers. Testimony was heard from Ms. Kimberly Gianopoulos, Director, International Affairs and Trade, United States Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; Ms. Brenda B. Smith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade, United States Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC; Mr. Jim Joholske, Director, Office of Import Surveillance, United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC; and Mr. Terrence R. Brady, president, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Northbrook, IL.

NOMINATIONS

Michael P. Leary, of Pennsylvania, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, vice Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., resigned.

January 4, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred sequentially to the Committee on Finance; when reported by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to an order of January 7, 2009, to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days.

February 28, 2017: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

Jason E. Kearns, of Colorado, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2024, vice Dean A. Pinkert, term expired.

January 17, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 28, 2017: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

January 19, 2017: Senate Committee on Finance. Hearings held prior to introduction and/or referral. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–214.

January 20, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 1, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

February 1, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

February 1, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 12. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

February 2, 2017: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 51–48. Record vote number: 48.

February 2, 2017: Considered by Senate.

February 2, 2017: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

February 10, 2017: Considered by Senate.

February 10, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum under Rule XXII waived.

February 10, 2017: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 53–46. Record vote number: 62.

February 10, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote February 13, 2017.

February 10, 2017: Considered by Senate.

February 13, 2017: Considered by Senate.

February 13, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 53–47. Record vote number: 63.

Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

January 20, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 24, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–229.

February 1, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

February 1, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

February 1, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 13. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

February 2, 2017: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 51–48. Record vote number: 46.

February 2, 2017: Considered by Senate.

February 2, 2017: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

February 8, 2017: Considered by Senate.

February 8, 2017: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 51–48. Record vote number: 60.

February 8, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote February 9, 2017.

February 9, 2017: Considered by Senate.

February 10, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 52–47. Record vote number: 61.

Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

January 20, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

March 14, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–164.

April 25, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

April 25, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

April 25, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 52. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

May 9, 2017: Considered by Senate.

May 9, 2017: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

May 9, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum under Rule XXII waived.

May 10, 2017: Considered by Senate.

May 10, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, debate May 11, 2017.

May 11, 2017: Considered by Senate.

- May 11, 2017: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 81–15. Record vote number: 126.
- May 11, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote May 11, 2017.
- May 11, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 82–14. Record vote number: 127.
- Seema Verma**, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, vice Marilyn B. Tavenner.
- January 20, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- February 16, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–233.
- March 1, 2017: Committee on Finance. Began consideration but did not complete action thereon.
- March 2, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- March 2, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- March 2, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 18. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- March 7, 2017: Considered by Senate.
- March 7, 2017: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- March 7, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum under Rule XXII waived.
- March 8, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote March 9, 2017.
- March 9, 2017: Considered by Senate.
- March 9, 2017: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 54–44. Record vote number: 85.
- March 9, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote March 13, 2017.
- March 13, 2017: Considered by Senate.
- March 13, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 55–43. Record vote number: 86.
- David Malpass**, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice D. Nathan Sheets.
- March 21, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- June 7, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–245.
- June 14, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- June 14, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- June 14, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 111. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- August 3, 2017: Considered by Senate.
- August 3, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- Eric D. Hargan**, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice William V. Corr, resigned.

- April 6, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- June 7, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–245.
- June 14, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- June 14, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- June 14, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 112. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- October 2, 2017: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- October 2, 2017: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- October 2, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- October 3, 2017: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote October 4, 2017.
- October 4, 2017: Considered by Senate.
- October 4, 2017: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 57–38. Record vote number: 210.
- October 4, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 57–38. Record vote number: 211.
- Adam Lerrick**, of Wyoming, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Ramin Toloui.
- April 24, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- January 3, 2018: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- Brent James McIntosh**, of Michigan, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, vice Christopher J. Meade, resigned.
- April 24, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- June 7, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–245.
- June 14, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- June 14, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- June 14, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 113. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- August 3, 2017: Considered by Senate.
- August 3, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- Matthew Bassett**, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Jim R. Esquea.
- May 8, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- August 3, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–290.

- September 7, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- September 7, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- September 7, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 297. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- January 30, 2018: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- January 30, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- Andrew K. Maloney**, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Anne Elizabeth Wall.
- May 10, 2017: Received in the Senate.
- May 10, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nomination section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.
- June 7, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–245.
- June 12, 2017: Committee-requested information was received.
- June 12, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Hatch.
- June 14, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- June 14, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- June 14, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 114. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- August 3, 2017: Considered by Senate.
- August 3, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- David J. Kautter**, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Mark J. Mazur.
- May 11, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- July 18, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–287.
- July 20, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- July 20, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- July 20, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 184. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- August 3, 2017: Considered by Senate.
- August 3, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- James Donovan**, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, vice Sarah Bloom Raskin.
- May 16, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

May 25, 2017: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, vice R. Gil Kerlikowske.

May 22, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

October 24, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–409.

December 7, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

December 7, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

December 7, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 543. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2018: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Gilbert B. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, vice Stefan M. Selig, resigned.

May 25, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

August 3, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–290.

September 7, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

September 7, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

September 7, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 298. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 13, 2018: Considered by Senate.

March 13, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Robert Charrow, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, vice William B. Schultz.

June 6, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

August 3, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–290.

September 7, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

September 7, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

September 7, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 299. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

December 21, 2017: Considered by Senate.

December 21, 2017: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Stephen Parente, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Richard G. Frank.

June 6, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 3, 2018: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Jeffrey Gerrish, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador, vice Robert W. Holleyman II.

June 15, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

October 5, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–386.

October 24, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 24, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

October 24, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 397. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 5, 2018: Considered by Senate.

March 5, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services, vice Carmen R. Nazario.

June 15, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

March 20, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

June 28, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 28, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 28, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 994. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

August 22, 2018: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination in Senate by voice vote.

August 22, 2018: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

August 22, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, debate August 23, 2018.

August 23, 2018: Considered by Senate.

August 23, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, debate August 27, 2018.

August 27, 2018: Considered by Senate.

August 27, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

August 27, 2018: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 60–28. Record vote number: 194.

August 27, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, debate August 28, 2018.

August 28, 2018: Considered by Senate.

August 28, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 67–28. Record vote number: 195.

Gregory Doud, of Kansas, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Darci L. Vetter.

June 19, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

October 5, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–386.

October 24, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 24, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

October 24, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 398. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 1, 2018: Considered by Senate.

March 1, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2024, vice Dean A. Pinkert, resigned.

June 29, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

October 5, 2017: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 115–386.

October 24, 2017: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 24, 2017: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

October 24, 2017: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 399. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 1, 2018: Considered by Senate.

March 1, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Dennis Shea, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, vice Michael W. Punke.

July 11, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 17, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

February 15, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

February 15, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

February 15, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 698.

March 1, 2018: Considered by Senate.

March 1, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Ellen Gloninger Murray.

July 19, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

March 20, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

May 24, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

May 24, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

May 24, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 900.

January 4, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

C.J. Mahoney, of Kansas, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Investment, Services, Labor, Environment, Africa, China, and the Western Hemisphere), with the rank of Ambassador, vice Miriam E. Sapiro, resigned.

July 27, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 17, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

February 15, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

February 15, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

February 15, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 699.

March 1, 2018: Considered by Senate.

March 1, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice James S. Halpern, retired.

August 3, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 12, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

June 28, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 28, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 28, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 995. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

August 28, 2018: Considered by Senate.

August 28, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Patrick J. Urda, of Indiana, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Diane L. Kroupa, retired.

August 3, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 12, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

June 28, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 28, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 28, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 996. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

August 28, 2018: Considered by Senate.

August 28, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Dennis M. Devaney, of Michigan, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2023, vice Irving A. Williamson, term expired.

October 2, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 4, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Randolph J. Stayin, of Virginia, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2026, vice Meredith M. Broadbent, term expired.

October 2, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 12, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

January 4, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, vice Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., resigned.

October 16, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance; when reported by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to an order of January 7, 2009, to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days.

September 27, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

November 15, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 15, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 15, 2018: Referred sequentially to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days under authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2009.

November 27, 2018: Reported by Senator Johnson, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without printed report.

November 27, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1170. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 2, 2019: Considered by Senate.

January 2, 2019: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Paul Piquado, resigned.

November 2, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 12, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

June 28, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 28, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 28, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 997. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 4, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Thomas Price, resigned.

November 14, 2017: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

November 29, 2017: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held.

January 3, 2018: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Thomas Price, resigned.

January 8, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 9, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

January 17, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

January 17, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

January 17, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 597. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 22, 2018: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination in Senate by voice vote.

January 22, 2018: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

January 22, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

January 23, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote January 23, 2018.

January 23, 2018: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 54–43. Record vote number: 20.

January 23, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote January 24, 2018.

January 24, 2018: Considered by Senate.

January 24, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 55–43. Record vote number: 21.

Adam Lerrick, of Wyoming, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Ramin Toloui.

January 8, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

May 10, 2018: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

- Kevin K. McAleenan**, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, vice R. Gil Kerlikowske.
- January 8, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- January 17, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- January 17, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- January 17, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 598. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- March 8, 2018: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- March 8, 2018: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- March 8, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- March 14, 2018: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 79–19. Record vote number: 55.
- March 14, 2018: Considered by Senate.
- March 14, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote March 19, 2018.
- March 19, 2018: Considered by Senate.
- March 19, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 77–19. Record vote number: 56.
- Stephen Parente**, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Richard G. Frank.
- January 8, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- Courtney Dunbar Jones**, of Virginia, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice John O. Colvin, retired.
- January 24, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- December 11, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- December 13, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- December 13, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- December 13, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1227. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- Charles P. Rettig**, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2022, vice John Andrew Koskinen, term expired.

- February 13, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- June 28, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- July 19, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- July 19, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- July 19, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1013. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- September 6, 2018: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination in Senate by voice vote.
- September 6, 2018: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- September 6, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- September 12, 2018: Considered by Senate.
- September 12, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, vote September 12, 2018.
- September 12, 2018: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 63–34. Record vote number: 205.
- September 12, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 64–33. Record vote number: 206.
- Amy Karpel**, of Washington, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 16, 2020, vice F. Scott Kieff, resigned.
- February 27, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- June 12, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- Michael J. Desmond**, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, vice William J. Wilkins.
- March 6, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- July 26, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- August 1, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- August 1, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- August 1, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1045. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- Elizabeth Darling**, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, vice Rafael J. Lopez.
- March 19, 2018: Received in the Senate.

March 19, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nomination section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

August 22, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

September 17, 2018: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Hatch.

September 18, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

September 18, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

September 18, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1103. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Karen Dynan.

April 9, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

August 22, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

September 18, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

September 18, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

September 18, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1104. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, vice Sarah Bloom Raskin.

April 10, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

July 26, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

August 1, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

August 1, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

August 1, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1046. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

December 6, 2018: Considered by Senate.

December 6, 2018: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

December 6, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

December 6, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, debate December 10, 2018.

December 10, 2018: Considered by Senate.

December 10, 2018: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 55–43. Record vote number: 256.

December 10, 2018: By unanimous consent agreement, debate December 11, 2018.

December 11, 2018: Considered by Senate.

December 11, 2018: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote. 55–44. Record vote number: 257.

Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Joseph Robert Goeke, term expiring.

April 10, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019, vice Carolyn W. Colvin, term expired.

April 17, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019, vice Michael J. Astrue, resigned.

April 17, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

October 2, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

November 15, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 15, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 15, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1147. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025 (reappointment).

April 17, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years (reappointment).

April 24, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of 5 years, vice W. Thomas Reeder, Jr., resigned.

May 15, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred jointly to the Committees on Finance and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions pursuant to Sec. 411(c) of Pub. L. 109–280.

September 27, 2018: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

November 15, 2018: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 29, 2018: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 15, 2018: Reported by Senator Hatch, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 29, 2018: Reported by Senator Alexander, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without printed report.

November 29, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1191. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Charles P. Blahous III, term expired.

August 16, 2018: Received in the Senate.

August 16, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nomination section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Charles P. Blahous III, term expired.

August 16, 2018: Received in the Senate.

August 16, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nomination section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical In-

surance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Charles P. Blahous III, term expired.

August 16, 2018: Received in the Senate.

August 16, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nomination section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years, vice Juan F. Vasquez, term expired.

August 28, 2018: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2024, vice Lanhee J. Chen, term expiring.

August 28, 2018: Received in the Senate.

August 28, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nomination section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2022, vice Alan L. Cohen, term expired.

August 28, 2018: Received in the Senate.

August 28, 2018: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nomination section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2019: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED
TO THE COMMITTEE**

There were 669 Senate bills and 57 House bills referred to the committee for consideration during the 115th Congress. In addition, 12 Senate and House resolutions (joint, concurrent, or simple resolutions) were referred to the committee.

REPORTS, PRINTS, AND STUDIES

During the 115th Congress, the committee and supporting joint committees prepared and issued 7 reports, special prints, and studies on the following topics:

| Title | Document no. | To accompany |
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| Tax Cut and Jobs Act | 115-466 | H.R. 1 |
| Helping to End Addiction and Lessen (HEAL) Substance Use Disorders Act of 2018. | 115-284 | S. 3120 |
| Keep Kids' Insurance Dependable and Secure Act of 2017. | 115-197 | S. 1827 |
| The Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017. | 115-146 | S. 870 |
| Sheltering in Danger: How Poor Emergency Planning and Response Put Nursing Home Residents at Risk During Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. | 115-27 | |
| An Examination of Foster Care in the United States and the Use of Privatization. | 115-18 | |
| Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 114th Congress. | 115-25 | |
| Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Finance ... | 115-2 | |

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

During the 115th Congress, a total of 576 official communications were submitted to the committee. Of these, 7 were Presidential Messages; 538 were Executive Communications—these communications include reports to advise and inform the Congress, required annual or semi-annual agency budget and activities summaries, and requests for legislative action. The committee also received 31 Petitions and Memorials.

