

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 6157, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5871–S5939

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3369–3388, and S. Res. 616–618. **Pages S5931–32**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1491, to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians. (S. Rept. No. 115–326) **Page S5930**

Measures Passed:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: By 85 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 193), Senate passed H.R. 6157, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5875–S5907**

Adopted:

McConnell (for Inhofe/Rounds) Amendment No. 3731 (to Amendment No. 3695), to make available \$2,000,000 for a program to commemorate the 75th anniversary of World War II. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Lankford) Amendment No. 3722 (to Amendment No. 3695), relating to public notice of Department of Defense grants. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3903 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require a report on the portion of the Department of Defense's advertising budget that is spent on advertising and public relations contracts with socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Moran) Amendment No. 3702 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide funding for the defense community infrastructure pilot program. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Sasse) Amendment No. 3710 (to Amendment No. 3695), to make available

\$4,000,000 for the Cyberspace Solarium Commission. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Schatz) Amendment No. 3717 (to Amendment No. 3695), to make available funds for Operation and Maintenance, Army for the sustainment of certain morale, welfare, and recreation facilities. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Portman/Brown) Amendment No. 3860 (to Amendment No. 3695), to express the sense of the Senate on research regarding blast exposure on the cellular level of the brain. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Warner) Amendment No. 3764 (to Amendment No. 3695), to make available from amounts appropriated for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide \$7,000,000 for the Information Assurance Scholarship Program. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Cardin) Amendment No. 3750 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require a report on investments of the Armed Forces in research on energetics. **Page S5900**

McConnell (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 3981 (to Amendment No. 3695), to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Air Force and Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard \$45,000,000 for payments to local water authorities and States for treatment of certain acids in drinking water as a result of Air Force-supported activities. **Pages S5900–01**

McConnell (for Shelby/Durbin) Amendment No. 3910 (to Amendment No. 3695), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3880 (to Amendment No. 3695), to prohibit payments to corporations that have delinquent federal tax liabilities. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3727 (to Amendment No. 3695), to prohibit the use of funds for assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Hirono) Amendment No. 3733 (to Amendment No. 3695), to authorize the use of

amounts to reimburse the Government of the Republic of Palau for land acquisition costs for defense sites. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Murray) Amendment No. 3830 (to Amendment No. 3695), to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy \$2,000,000 for research on means of reducing fighter aircraft engine noise at the source. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Cassidy) Amendment No. 3926 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on improving trauma training for trauma teams of the Department of Defense. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Merkley) Amendment No. 3796 (to Amendment No. 3695), to increase certain funding for the Air National Guard, and to provide an offset. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Isakson) Amendment No. 3857 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require a Comptroller General of the United States report on the monitoring, compliance, and remediation of lead in military housing. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Murray) Amendment No. 3831 (to Amendment No. 3695), to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide \$20,000,000 for the Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Perdue) Amendment No. 3940 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on maintenance of the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft fleet. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Cruz/Inhofe) Amendment No. 3809 (to Amendment No. 3695), to limit the use of funds to implement the Arms Trade Treaty. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for Flake/McCain) Amendment No. 3835 (to Amendment No. 3695), to prohibit the use of funds for the development of beerbots or other robot bartenders. **Page S5901**

McConnell (for McCaskill/Isakson) Amendment No. 3841 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require the Secretary of Defense to use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense to provide testing for elevated blood lead levels at military treatment facilities for babies during their 12-month and 24-month wellness checks or annual physical examinations. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Donnelly/Crapo) Amendment No. 3707 (to Amendment No. 3695), to increase funding for the guidelines for investigation of potential cancer clusters. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Blunt/Murray) Amendment No. 3721 (to Amendment No. 3695), to authorize student aid administration funds to be available for

payments for student loan servicing to an institution of higher education that services outstanding Federal Perkins Loans. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Reed/Capito) Amendment No. 3751 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require a report on barriers to obtaining and paying for adequate medical care for survivors of childhood cancer. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Schumer/Collins) Amendment No. 3759 (to Amendment No. 3695), to increase funding for Lyme Disease activities. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Warner) Amendment No. 3763 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require a report to Congress on potential barriers to participation in the Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Whitehouse/Cassidy) Amendment No. 3765 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide Congress a status update on rulemaking, with respect to conditions of certification of health information technology and information blocking, required by the 21st Century Cures Act. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Heller/Klobuchar) Amendment No. 3810 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require the Secretary of Education to report to Congress regarding coordination between the Department of Education, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Science Foundation on STEM programs for students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Hyde-Smith/Reed) Amendment No. 3812 (to Amendment No. 3695), to improve section 115 of title I of division B with regard to Unemployment Insurance State consortia. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Cortez Masto/Ernst) Amendment No. 3825 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide for the conduct of a study on the relationship between intimate partner violence and traumatic brain injury. **Page S5902**

McConnell (for Rubio/Nelson) Amendment No. 3853 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide funds to enhance harmful algal bloom exposure activates. **Pages S5902-03**

McConnell (for Cassidy) Amendment No. 3858 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require the Director of the NIH shall conduct a comprehensive study and submit to Congress a report that includes a portfolio analysis of current funding levels of the NIH related to mental health and substance use disorder. **Page S5903**

McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3862 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide \$10,000,000 to the Department of Education to fund a demonstration program to test and evaluate

innovative partnerships between institutions of higher education and high-needs State or local educational agencies to train school counselors, social workers, psychologists, or other mental health professionals qualified to provide school-based mental health services in order to expand the employment pipeline and address employment shortages relating to school-based mental health services in low-income public elementary schools and secondary schools.

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McConnell (for Peters/Capito) Amendment No. 3870 (to Amendment No. 3695), to ensure youth are considered when the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration follows guidance on the medication-assisted treatment for prescription drug and opioid addiction program.

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McConnell (for Casey/Collins) Amendment No. 3875 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide funding for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

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McConnell (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3881 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require the Secretary of Labor to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations on the implementation of the plan to reduce improper payments published by the Department of Labor in the fiscal year 2017 Agency Financial Report.

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McConnell (for Wicker/Peters) Amendment No. 3883 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide a sense of Congress that computer science education programs, including coding academies, can provide important benefits to local industries and the economy and help meet in-demand workforce needs, and the Department of Education and Department of Labor should work together with industry to improve and expand computer science education programs and opportunities, including through apprenticeships.

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McConnell (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 3893 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide funding for the SOAR (Stop, Observe, Ask, Respond) to Health and Wellness Program.

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McConnell (for Schatz/Hirono) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3695), to assess the ongoing mental health impact to the children and families impacted by a volcanic eruption covered by a major disaster declared by the President in calendar year 2018.

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McConnell (for Cantwell/Cassidy) Amendment No. 3908 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide a sense of the Senate that dedicated funding for coding courses in kindergarten through grade 12 education should be a top priority.

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McConnell (for Heller/Manchin) Amendment No. 3912 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide addi-

tional funding for activities related to neonatal abstinence syndrome.

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McConnell (for Isakson/Murphy) Amendment No. 3927 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide for the establishment of the National Neurological Conditions Surveillance System.

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McConnell (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 3933 (to Amendment No. 3695), to improve obstetric care for pregnant women living in rural areas.

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McConnell (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3950 (to Amendment No. 3695), to increase funding for oversight of grant programs and operations of the National Institutes of Health.

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McConnell (for Heller/Tester) Amendment No. 3951 (to Amendment No. 3695), to authorize the use of \$2,000,000 to carry out a pilot program for preparing members of the Armed Forces transitioning to civilian life to qualify for, and for assisting in placing them in, apprenticeship programs.

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McConnell (for Merkley) Amendment No. 3977 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require a report on Civilian Conservation Centers.

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McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 3979 (to Amendment No. 3695), to promote school safety in rural areas.

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McConnell (for Casey/Young) Amendment No. 3982 (to Amendment No. 3695), to increase amounts available for the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act State grant program.

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McConnell (for Reed) Amendment No. 3985 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to study and report on the condition of the public school facilities of the United States.

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McConnell (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3998 (to Amendment No. 3695), to require a report on circumstances in which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services may be providing Medicare or Medicaid payments to, or otherwise funding, entities that process genome or exome data in the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation.

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McConnell (for Durbin/Grassley) Amendment No. 3964 (to Amendment No. 3695), to provide for the use of funds by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue regulations on direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and biological products.

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Shelby Amendment No. 3695, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 48 nays (Vote 191), McConnell (for Paul/Lee) Amendment No. 3967 (to Amendment No. 3695), to prohibit Federal funds being made

available to a prohibited entity. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5891–93, S5898–S5900**

Withdrawn:

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3699 (to Amendment No. 3695), of a perfecting nature.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 90 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 190), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Shelby Amendment No. 3695 (listed above). **Pages S5875–76**

By 68 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 192), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and other applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Shelby Amendment No. 3695. Subsequently, the point of order that the provision of Shelby Amendment No. 3695, Division B, Title III, lines 7 and 8, was in violation of S. Con. Res. 70, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Pages S5904–05**

Leahy Amendment No. 3993 (to Amendment No. 3699), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3699 (to Amendment No. 3695) (listed above) was withdrawn.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S5906**

CENOTE Act: Senate passed S. 2511, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5937–38**

JACK Act: Senate passed S. 2896, to require disclosure by lobbyists of convictions for bribery, extortion, embezzlement, illegal kickbacks, tax evasion, fraud, conflicts of interest, making false statements, perjury, or money laundering, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 4008, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5938–39**

USS John F. Kennedy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 618, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the commissioning of the USS *John F. Kennedy*.

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Johnson Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S5871–75**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, August 27, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Wednesday, August 22, 2018, ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—193) **Pages S5875–76, S5899–S5900, S5905, S5907**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:02 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5939.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,246 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States,

Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Michael R. Bright, of the District of Columbia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kelvin Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, who was introduced by Senators Inhofe and Lankford, James Morhard, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, and Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, who was introduced by former Representative Ray LaHood, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and Lane Genatowski, of New York, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, both of the Department of Energy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David T. Fischer, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, who was introduced by Senator

Peters, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, who was introduced by Senator Flake, Kip Tom, of Indiana, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, who was introduced by Senator Donnelly, and Donald Y. Yamamoto, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prioritizing cures, focusing on science and stewardship at the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Diana W. Bianchi, Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, and Norman E. Sharpless, Director, National Cancer Institute, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations Ariana Fajardo Orshan, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Peter G. Strasser, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and G. Zachary Terwilliger, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 24, 2018.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, August 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, August 24

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.



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