

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 47, National Resources Management Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1175–S1284*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 438–465, S. Res. 67, and S. Con. Res. 2. **Pages S1275–76**

#### Measures Passed:

**Natural Resources Management Act:** By 92 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 22), Senate passed S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S1178–86, S1186–S1265**

#### Adopted:

Rubio/Scott (FL) Amendment No. 182 (to Amendment No. 112), to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping. **Pages S1178, S1196**

Murkowski Amendment No. 112 (to Amendment No. 111), to modify the authorization period for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program. **Pages S1178, S1196**

Murkowski/Manchin Modified Amendment No. 111, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1178, S1196**

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities:** Senate passed S. 461, to strengthen the capacity and competitiveness of historically Black colleges and universities through robust public-sector, private-sector, and community partnerships and engagement.

**Pages S1281–82**

**National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 36, supporting the observation of National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month during the period beginning on January 1, 2019, and ending on February 1, 2019, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking and modern slavery, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1282**

**Barr Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice. **Pages S1265–69**

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

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 23), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1266**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 13, 2019; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S1283**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Rodney K. Brown, of California, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2024.

Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Christopher Scolese, of New York, to be Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

Michael G. Bailey, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Drew H. Wrigley, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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

**Pages S1283–84**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of

seven years expiring March 1, 2025, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019. **Page S1284**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1272**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S1272**

**Measures Read the First Time:**  
**Pages S1272, S1282–83**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1272–75**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1276–77**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Page S1272**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S1281**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1281**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1281**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—23) **Pages S1196, S1266**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1283.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Philip S. Davidson, USN, Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command, and General Robert B. Abrams, USA, Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

### MANAGING PAIN

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine managing pain during the opioid crisis, after receiving testimony from Cindy Steinberg, Massachusetts Pain Initiative, Lexington, on behalf of the U.S. Pain Foundation; Halena Gazelka, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, Rochester, Minnesota; Andrew Coop, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Baltimore; and Anuradha Rao-Patel, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Durham.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 1151–1152, were introduced. **Page H1525**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1525**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cunningham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1521**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Capitol Worship, Washington, DC. **Page H1521**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S MANAGEMENT OF HOUSING CONTRACTS DURING THE SHUTDOWN

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Management of Housing Contracts During the Shutdown". Testimony was heard from Irv Dennis, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Brian D. Montgomery, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development

## UNDERPAID TEACHERS AND CRUMBLING SCHOOLS: HOW UNDERFUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION SHORTCHANGES AMERICA'S STUDENTS

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Underpaid Teachers and Crumbling Schools: How Underfunding Public Education Shortchanges America's Students". Testimony was heard from Sharon L. Contreras, Superintendent, Guilford County Schools, Greensboro, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

## CLIMATE CHANGE: PREPARING FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled "Climate Change: Preparing for the Energy Transition". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing entitled "The Impacts of Climate Change on Tribal Communities". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE COST OF RISING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Cost of Rising Prescription Drug Prices". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on cyber operations to defend the midterm elections, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, with the Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold a joint hearing to examine the current condition of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Janice Miriam Hellreich, of Hawaii, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, Don Munce, of Florida, and Bruce M. Ramer, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and a routine list in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the invasive species threat, focusing on protecting wildlife, public health, and infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 380, to increase access to agency guidance documents, S. 396, to amend section 1202 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the continuation of service provision for members of the Merit Systems Protection Board, S. 394, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions, S. 195, to require the Director of the Government Publishing Office to establish and maintain a website accessible to the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one place, S. 196, to save taxpayer money and improve the efficiency and speed of intragovernmental correspondence, S. 395, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule, S. 406, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, S. 375, to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, S. 315, to authorize cyber hunt and incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, S. 333, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, S. 74, to prohibit paying Members of Congress during periods during which a Government shutdown is in effect, S. 387, to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, H.R. 504, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and the nominations of Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, and Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael H. Park, of New York, and Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Greg Girard Guidry, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Michael T. Liburdi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Peter D. Welte, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* business meeting to consider S. Res. 50, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees for the 116th Congress, and committee rules, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: Department of Energy’s Weatherization Assistance Program”, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “U.S. Military Service Academies Overview”, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Long Term Healthcare Challenges and Long Term Care Hearing”, 2 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Military Service Academies’ Action Plans to Address the Results of Sexual Assault and Violence Report at the Military Service Academies”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing entitled “Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7): Equal Pay for Equal Work”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Protecting Consumers and Competition: An Examination of the T-Mobile and Sprint Merger”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Strengthening Our Health Care System: Legislation to Reverse ACA Sabotage and Ensure Pre-Existing Conditions Protections”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Homeless in America: Examining the Crisis and Solutions to End Homelessness”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Challenges and Solutions:

Access to Banking Services for Cannabis-Related Businesses”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Venezuela at a Crossroads”, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Defending Our Democracy: Building Partnerships to Protect America’s Elections”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8, the “Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1112, the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Climate Change and Public Lands: Examining Impacts and Considering Adaptation Opportunities”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of Climate Science and Why it Matters”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business Priorities for the 116th Congress”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Putting U.S. Aviation at Risk: The Impact of the Shutdown”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “How Middle Class Families are Faring in Today’s Economy”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

## Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to receive a briefing on asset recovery in Eurasia, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 13

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, post-cloture.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.J. Res. 37—Directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress, Rules Committee Print (Subject to a Rule).

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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