

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2063–S2104

Measures Introduced: Forty bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 921–960, S.J. Res. 16, S. Res. 128–132, and S. Con. Res. 10.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate Covering the Period January 3, 2017 to January 3, 2019”. (S. Rept. No. 116–20)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary During the 115th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 116–22)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, One Hundred Fifteenth Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 116–23)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the United States Senate During the 115th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 116–24)

S. 257, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans. (S. Rept. No. 116–21)

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Measures Passed:

Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 276, to direct the Secretary of Education to establish the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award Program recognizing excellence exhibited by classified school employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through high school, and the bill was then passed.

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Vietnam Veterans Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 69, designating March 29, 2019, as “Vietnam Veterans Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Burr/Manchin) Amendment No. 225, to amend the preamble. **Pages S2098–99**

Recognizing American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Women: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 100, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Military Retiree Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 118, recognizing the importance of paying tribute to those individuals who have faithfully served and retired from the Armed Forces of the United States, designating April 18, 2019, as “Military Retiree Appreciation Day”, and encouraging the people of the United States to honor the past and continued service of military retirees to their local communities and the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Condemning the Terrorist Attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 124, condemning the March 15, 2019, terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand, offering sincere condolences to all of the victims and their families, and expressing and standing in solidarity with the people and the Government of New Zealand, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

Supplemental Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 5, of a perfecting nature. **Page S2064**

Schumer Amendment No. 6, of a perfecting nature. **Page S2064**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 201, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2064**

McConnell Amendment No. 213 (to Amendment No. 201), to change the enactment date. **Page S2065**

McConnell Amendment No. 214 (to Amendment No. 213), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2065**

McConnell Amendment No. 215 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 201), to change the enactment date. **Page S2065**

McConnell Amendment No. 216 (to Amendment No. 215), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2065**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Shelby Amendment No. 201 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 28, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 1, 2019. **Pages S2064–65**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Shelby Amendment No. 201. **Page S2081**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments with respect to the motions to invoke cloture on Thursday, March 28, 2019, relating to the bill be at 4 p.m., on Monday, April 1, 2019. **Page S2100**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 1, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the bill filed on Thursday, March 28, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 1, 2019, and that if cloture is not invoked with respect to the motions filed on the bill, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Res. 50, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, ripen at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. **Page S2102**

Nominations in the Senate—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration S. Res. 50, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate. **Page S2082**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. **Page S2082**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senators Duckworth (At Large) and Manchin (Committee on Appropriations). **Page S2098**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 54), Nicole R. Nason, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. **Pages S2977–79, S2103–04**

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

31 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2082–95, S2103–04**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S2098**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—54) **Page S2079**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:33 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S2102.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification

for fiscal year 2020 for the Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Energy's atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary, and Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported the original concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Gardner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PFAS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal response to the risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), after receiving testimony from David P. Ross, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Maureen Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment; and Patrick N. Breyse, Director, National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Linda S. Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Wing Chau, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, and Ramona L. Dohman, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 1941–1990; 1 private bill, H.R. 1991; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; and H. Res. 264–270, were introduced. **Pages H2914–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2919**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 1598, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue a strategy to improve hiring and retention of U.S. Customs and Border Protection per-

sonnel in rural or remote areas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–22);

H.R. 1639, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) identification of staffing needs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–23);

H.R. 1589, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security

and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–24);

H.R. 1593, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a school security coordinating council, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–25);

H.R. 1433, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve morale within the Department of Homeland Security workforce by conferring new responsibilities to the Chief Human Capital Officer, establishing an employee engagement steering committee, requiring action plans, and authorizing an annual employee award program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–26); and

H.R. 1590, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–27). **Page H2914**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 179 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 136. **Pages H2889, H2899–H2900**

Expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals: The House agreed to H. Res. 124, expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals, by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 185 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 135. **Pages H2891–99**

H. Res. 252, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) and the resolution (H. Res. 124) was agreed to yesterday, March 27th.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Dunn wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H2900**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 264, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H2900**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 863, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page H2900**

Cyberspace Solarium Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission: Representative Gallagher. **Page H2900**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, March 29th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, April 1st for Morning Hour debate. **Page H2906**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2898–99 and H2899–H2900. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Vicki Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS: MAINTAINING A ROBUST ECOSYSTEM FOR OUR TECHNOLOGICAL EDGE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs: Maintaining a Robust Ecosystem for our Technological Edge". Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Bruce D. Jette, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of the Army; James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition, Department of the Navy; and William Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

FY20 PRIORITIES FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled "FY20 Priorities for Department of Defense Nuclear Activities". Testimony was heard from David Trachtenberg, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; General John Hyten, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe, U.S. Navy, Director, Strategic Systems Programs; and Lieutenant General Richard Clark, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 389, the “Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Act”; H.R. 1500, the “Consumers First Act”; H.R. 1595, the “Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 1815, the “SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act”; and H.R. 1856, the “Ending Homelessness Act of 2019”. H.R. 389, H.R. 1500, H.R. 1595, H.R. 1856, and H.R. 1815 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “The Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan”. Testimony was heard from Brenda Burman, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources; John D’Antonio, State Engineer, New Mexico; Eric Millis, Director, Utah Division of Water Resources; Peter Nelson, Chairman, Colorado River Board of California; Pat Tyrrell, State Engineer, Wyoming; John Entsminger, General Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority; and James Eklund, Colorado Commissioner, Upper Colorado River Commission.

ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation: Innovative Approaches and Economic Development Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Dan Fisher, Treasurer, Gillespie, Illinois; Eric Cavazza, Director,

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; and public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kilmer, and Representatives Gallagher, Brooks of Alabama, and Smith of New Jersey.

PUTIN’S PLAYBOOK: THE KREMLIN’S USE OF OLIGARCHS, MONEY AND INTELLIGENCE IN 2016 AND BEYOND.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Putin’s Playbook: The Kremlin’s Use of Oligarchs, Money and Intelligence in 2016 and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 29, 2019**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, April 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 268, Supplemental Appropriations Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Shelby Amendment No. 201, at 5:30 p.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill and Shelby Amendment No. 201, is at 4 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2:30 p.m., Friday, March 29

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2:30 p.m.

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