

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2625–S2656*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1320–1335, and S. Res. 190–191. **Pages S2645–46**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 375, to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments. (S. Rept. No. 116–35)

Report to accompany S. 1061, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. (S. Rept. No. 116–36)

S. 210, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities. (S. Rept. No. 116–37) **Page S2645**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Donate Life Month:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 162, supporting the designation of April 2019 as “National Donate Life Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2655**

**National Minority Health Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 190, promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2019, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders. **Pages S2655–56**

**National Small Business Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 191, supporting the designation of the week of May 5 through May 11, 2019, as “National Small Business Week” and commending the entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners in the United States and the impact that small business owners have on their communities. **Page S2656**

**Bianco Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S2625–31**

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

By 51 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 95), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2631**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 7, 2019; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S2656**

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

Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Jessica E. Lapenn, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Andrea L. Hertzfeld, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years. **Page S2656**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2641**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S2641, S2656**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2648–49**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2640–41**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2650–55**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—95) **Page S2631**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2656.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine privacy rights and data collection in a digital economy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine implementing the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on making electronic health information available to patients and providers, part II, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agencies early public engagement and retrospective review, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Michael Eric Wooten, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine intellectual property and the price of prescription drugs, focusing on balancing innovation and competition, 10 a.m., SD-226.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of the Interior, 3 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2157, the "Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019"; and H.R. 986, the "Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019", 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 7 through May 10, 2019

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, post-cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 7, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 7, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

May 8, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 8, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* May 8, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's atomic defense activities and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* May 7, to hold hearings to examine privacy rights and data collection in a digital economy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine new entrants in the national airspace, focusing on policy, technology, and security issues for Congress, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* May 8, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works program, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine Medicare physician payment reform after two years, focusing on Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act implementation and the road ahead, 10:15 a.m., SD-215.

May 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* May 7, to hold hearings to examine implementing the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on making electronic health information available to patients and providers, part II, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* May 7, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agencies early public engagement and retrospective review, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Michael Eric Wooten, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for Indian programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 7, to hold hearings to examine intellectual property and the price of prescription drugs, focusing on balancing innovation and competition, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 8, Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine the humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 9, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 998, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, S. 1231, to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, S. 1208, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, S. 1328, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, S. 1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and the nominations of Jeffrey Vincent Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Robert J. Colville, and Stephanie L. Haines, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Brantley Starr, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, and Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Timothy J. Downing, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, William Travis Brown, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana, and Michael Blaine East, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 9, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine the Older Americans Act, focusing on protecting and supporting seniors as they age, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* May 9, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled "Reviewing the State of the Farm Economy", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* May 8, Full Committee, markup on the Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2020; and the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 9, Full Committee, markup on the Legislative Branch Appropriation Bill, FY 2020; and the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* May 8, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "FY20 Priorities for Missile Defense and Missile Defeat Programs", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Military Readiness", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* May 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2480, the "Stronger Child

Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “The Protecting the Right to Organize Act: Deterring Unfair Labor Practices”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled “The Cost of Non-Completion: Improving Student Outcomes in Higher Education”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, May 8, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Ban Asbestos Now: Taking Action to Save Lives and Livelihoods”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission: Strengthening Protections for Americans’ Privacy and Data Security”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Lowering Prescription Drug Prices: Deconstructing the Drug Supply Chain”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2020 DOE Budget”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, May 8, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance, hearing entitled “A Review of the State of and Barriers to Minority Homeownership”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1988, the “Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act of 2019”; H.R. 2409, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 2513, the “Corporate Transparency Act of 2019”; H.R. 2514, the “Coordinating Oversight, Upgrading and Innovating Technology, and Examiner Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 2515, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to amend the definition of whistleblower; legislation on the Insider Trading Prohibition Act of 2019; legislation on the Task Force on Financial Technology Resolution of 2019; and legislation on Task Force on Artificial Intelligence Resolution of 2019, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Smart Competition: Adapting U.S. Strategy Toward China at 40 Years”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “Opportunities and Challenges in U.S. Relations with the Gulf States”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Non-proliferation, hearing entitled “China’s Growing Influence in Asia and the United States”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled “Dollar Diplomacy or Debt Trap? Examining China’s Role in the Western Hemisphere”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled “China’s Expanding Influence in Europe and Eurasia”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “Chinese and Russian Influence in the Middle East”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, May 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Confronting the Rise of Domestic Terrorism in the Homeland”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

May 9, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery; and Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, joint hearing entitled “FEMA Contracting: Reviewing Lessons Learned from Past Disasters to Improve Preparedness”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

May 9, Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations, hearing entitled “A Review of the FY 2020 Budget Request for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, May 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Election Security”, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, May 8, Full Committee, markup on Committee Report for Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find William P. Barr, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee on the Judiciary, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, May 8, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 417, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish measures to combat invasive lionfish, and for other purposes; H.R. 1023, the “Great Lakes Fishery Research Authorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 1218, the “American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act”; H.R. 1240, the “Young Fishermen’s Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 1314, the “Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act Amendments of 2019”; H.R. 1979, the “Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act”; H.R. 2189, the “Digital Coast Act”; H.R. 2405, the “National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2019”; H.R. 2406, the “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Long Overdue Need to Reform the Mining Law of 1872”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Wildfire Resilient Communities”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, May 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 391, the “White House Ethics Transparency Act”; H.R. 2003, the “Ensuring Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) Coverage During Shutdowns Act”; H.R. 2004, the “Ensuring Federal Employees Dental/Vision Program (FEDVIP) and

Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) Coverage During Shutdowns Act”; and a postal naming measure, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on “National Security Hearing on Veteran and Active-Duty Military Suicides”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s Response to the Drug Crisis, Part II”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, May 8, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “A Review of the National Science Foundation FY 2020 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Keeping Our Sights on Mars: A Review of NASA’s Deep Space Exploration Programs and Lunar Proposal”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Achieving the Promise of a Diverse STEM Workforce”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, May 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Honoring the Nation’s Small Business Heroes”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “The Digital Ecosystem: New Paths to Entrepreneurship”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, May 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2440, the “Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act”; H.R. 1984, the “DISASTER Act”; H.R. 2502, the “Transparency in Federal Buildings Projects Act of 2019”; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “The Cost of Doing Nothing: Maritime Infrastructure Vulnerabilities in an Emerging Arctic”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, May 8, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 299, the “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019”; H.R. 712, the “VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019”; H.R. 2191, the “Veterans Cannabis Use for Safe Healing Act”; H.R. 2385, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program; H.R. 1988, the “Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act”; H.R. 2372, the “Veterans’ Care Quality Transparency Act”; H.R. 2340, the “FIGHT Veteran Suicides Act”; H.R. 2359, the “Whole Veteran Act”; H.R. 2333, the “Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators

Act”; H.R. 1126, the “Honoring Veterans Families Act”; H.R. 2045, the “VET OPP Act”; H.R. 1200, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act”; H.R. 1199, the “VA Website Accessibility Act”; H.R. 95, the “Homeless Veteran Families Act”; H.R. 2109, the “BRAVE Act”; H.R. 2196, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2326, the “Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William Bill Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 2398, the “Veteran HOUSE Act”; H.R. 2399, the “Home for Our Heroes Act of 2019”; H.R. 1812, the “Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act”; H.R. 1947, to exempt transfers of funds from Federal agencies to the Department of Veterans Affairs for nonprofit corporations established under subchapter IV of chapter 73 of such title from certain provisions of the Economy Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity; and Subcommittee on Technology and Modernization, joint hearing entitled “Examining Ongoing Forever GI Bill Implementation Efforts”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, May 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Paid Family and Medical Leave: Helping Workers and Employers Succeed”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Understanding the Tax Gap and Taxpayer Noncompliance”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, May 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 National Security Program Budget Request”, HVC–304. This hearing is closed.

May 9, Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Warfighter Support, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Defense Intelligence Agency and Military Services Budget Request Hearing”, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This hearing is closed.

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress*, May 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Opening up the Process: Recommendations for Making Legislative Information More Transparent”, 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: May 9, to receive a briefing on the state of institutional resilience and political context for the election of Volodymyr Zelenskiy as Ukraine’s next president, 2 p.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 7

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, May 7

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, post-cloture.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.



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