

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3017–S3064

Measures Introduced: Forty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1585–1626, and S. Res. 218. **Pages S3058–60**

Measures Reported:

S. 1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

S. 1328, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens.

S. 1589, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page S3057**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 123), Howard C. Nielson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 124), Stephen R. Clark, Sr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 125), Carl J. Nichols, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 126), Kenneth D. Bell, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—126) **Pages S3038–39**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3041.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Samuel A. Greaves, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020”.

PFAS RISKS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislation to address the risks associated with per- and

polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), after receiving testimony from Lisa Daniels, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators; and Kimberly W. White, American Chemistry Council, Scott Faber, Environmental Working Group, and G. Tracy Mehan, III, American Water Works Association, all of Washington, D.C.

RECONCILIATION PROCESS IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the reconciliation process in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Zalmay Khalilzad, Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation, Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 249, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1025, to provide humanitarian relief to the Venezuelan people and Venezuelan migrants, to advance a constitutional and democratic solution to Venezuela's political crisis, to address Venezuela's economic reconstruction, to combat public corruption, narcotics trafficking, and money laundering, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1340, to authorize activities to combat the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 31, to require certain additional actions in connection with the national emergency with respect to Syria, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 74, marking the fifth anniversary of Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity by honoring the bravery, determination, and sacrifice of the people of Ukraine during and since the Revolution, and condemning continued Russian aggression against Ukraine, with an amendment;

S. Res. 81, calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov, with amendments;

S. Res. 135, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed

Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II, with an amendment;

S. Res. 184, condemning the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka, offering sincere condolences to the victims, to their families and friends, and to the people and nation of Sri Lanka, and expressing solidarity and support for Sri Lanka, with amendments;

S. Res. 188, encouraging a swift transfer of power by the military to a civilian-led political authority in the Republic of the Sudan, with amendments; and

The nominations of Jeffrey L. Eberhardt, of Wisconsin, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, all of Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Michael S. Bogren, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, who was introduced by Senator Peters, Stephanie Dawkins Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jason K. Pulliam, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Frank William Volk, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Manchin and Capito, and David Austin Tapp, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SBA OFFICE OF ADVOCACY REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, including S. 78, to ensure a complete analysis of the potential impacts of rules on small entities, S. 83, to amend section 203 of Public Law 94-305 to ensure

proper authority for the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, S. 1120, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Regulatory Flexibility Act”), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, S. 1339, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, S. 1420, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, S. 1419, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, S. 1409, to enhance the ability of the Office of the National Ombudsman to assist small businesses in meeting regulatory requirements and develop outreach initiatives to promote awareness of the services the Office of the National Ombudsman provides, after receiving testimony from Major L. Clark, III, Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Winslow Sargeant, International Council for Small Business, Great Falls, Virginia; John Arensmeyer, Small Business Majority, Washington D.C.; Jeanette Hernandez Prenger, ECCO Select, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy; and Rick Baumann, Murrells Inlet Seafood, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina.

VETERANS’ AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 123, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, S. 221, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Under Secretary of Health to report major adverse personnel actions involving certain health care employees to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to applicable State licensing boards, S. 318, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish medically necessary transportation for newborn children of certain women veterans, S. 450, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expedite the onboarding process for new medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the duration of the hiring process for such medical providers, S. 514, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, S. 524, to estab-

lish the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, S. 711, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for mental health services from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, S. 746, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities, S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 805, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to such recovery, S. 850, to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans, S. 857, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, S. 980, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, S. 1101, to ensure that only licensed health care providers furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 1154, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an advisory committee on the implementation by the Department of Veterans Affairs of an electronic health record, an original bill entitled, “Janey Ensminger Act of 2019”, and an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue to pay educational assistance or subsistence allowances to eligible persons when educational institutions are temporarily closed, after receiving testimony from Teresa Boyd, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and David Carroll, Executive Director, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Beth Murphy, Executive Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Melissa Bryant, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Michael C. Richardson, Wounded Warrior Project, Greg Nebhard, The American Legion, and Major General Jeffrey E. Phillips, USA (Ret.), Reserve Officers Association, all of Washington, D.C.

AGING AND DISABILITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aging and disability in the 21st century, focusing on how technology can help maintain health and quality of life, after receiving testi-

mony from Cara McCarty, Director of Curatorial, Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum; Joseph F. Coughlin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology AgeLab, Cambridge; Brenda Gallant, Maine Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Augusta; and Robert A. Mecca, Life and Independence for Today, St. Mary's, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 2888–2937; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 41–43; and H. Res. 394–399, were introduced. **Pages H4117–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4121–22**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeSaulnier to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4069**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4073**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. William Johnson, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ellinwood, Kansas. **Page H4073**

Consumers First Act: The House passed H.R. 1500, to require the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to meet its statutory purpose, by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 91 noes, Roll No. 228. **Pages H4075–H4110**

Rejected the Steil motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 227. **Pages H4108–10**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–15 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Page H4082**

Agreed to:

Velázquez amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that reinstates Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 reporting requirements and prevents further action by the CFPB without congressional approval; **Pages H4086–87**

Adams amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that reestablishes an interagency memorandum of understanding between the CFPB and the Department of Education concerning the sharing of student borrower complaints to allow for cooperative supervision and oversight of student loan servicers; **Pages H4088–90**

Lawson (FL) amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that adds a monthly reporting requirement that CFPB provide Congress with the number of investigations opened and closed relating to potential fair lending violations, how many fair lending enforcement actions taken or referred, analysis of consumer complaints relating to potential fair lending violations, and stats on how many Office of Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity staff are dedicated to supervision and enforcement; **Pages H4090–91**

Pressley amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that requires the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to issue a quarterly report on debt collection complaints and enforcement actions; **Pages H4091–92**

Cohen amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that directs the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to require consumer reporting agencies to disclose free credit scores, if requested; also directs the CFPB to develop regulations establishing a mandatory consistent format and to determine if agencies should disclose any other consumer information appropriate with respect to consumer financial education; **Pages H4094–96**

Bonamici amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that requires the Assistant Director and Student Loan Ombudsman to issue an annual report to Congress on risks to young consumers and student borrowers; **Pages H4096–97**

Case amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that adds expertise in consumer privacy to the membership of the Consumer Advisory Board; **Pages H4097–98**

Golden amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that adds representatives of service

members, veterans, and their families to the list of individuals who qualify for appointment to the Consumer Advisory Board; **Pages H4098–99**

Escobar amendment (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that directs CFPB to seek to appoint representatives of military- and veteran-serving financial institutions in Advisory Committees; **Page H4099**

Neguse amendment (No. 13 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that requires the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to issue an annual report to Congress of consumer complaints from older Americans, including a state-by-state breakdown of complaints by type of consumer financial product or service and any legislative or regulatory recommendations by the Director; **Pages H4099–H4100**

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 15 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that requires the Bureau to collect additional data from student loan servicers to provide a comprehensive view of loan portfolio performance, and to include findings from this information in the annual Ombudsman report; **Pages H4101–02**

Tlaib amendment (No. 16 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that adds a quarterly reporting requirement that CFPB provide Congress with the number of investigations opened and closed relating to payday/car-title lenders, how many enforcement actions taken, an estimate of how much in fees payday/car-title customers paid, how many times in the previous 12 months a payday customer rolled over their loan, and how many car title loan borrowers lost their car in the previous 12 months; **Pages H4102–03**

Stevens amendment (No. 14 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that ensures that the Consumer Advisory Board is comprised of individuals who represent community banks, credit unions, small business owners, or economic growth experts (by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 10 noes, Roll No. 225); and **Pages H4100–01, H4107**

Green (TX) amendment (No. 17 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that reinstates the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's final rule governing forced arbitration, within 60 days of enactment (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 226). **Pages H4103–04, H4107–08**

Rejected:

Steil amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that sought to strike the findings in the bill and inserts language requiring the Comptroller General to conduct a study of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) in meeting its statutorily mandated obligations, the prevalence of discriminatory

practices in lending, and the workplace rights of CFPB staff (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 222); **Pages H4087–88, H4104–05**

Burgess amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that sought to strike the section requiring all consumer complaints to be made available to the public on a CFPB website (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 223); and **Pages H4092–93, H4105–06**

Burgess amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–79) that sought to permanently subject funding for the CFPB to Congressional appropriation and authorizes for FY2020 an amount equal to the aggregate amount of funds transferred by the Board of Governors to the CFPB during FY2019 (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 224). **Pages H4093–94, H4106–07**

H. Res. 389, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1500) and (H.R. 1994) was agreed to yesterday, May 21st.

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S. Con. Res. 14, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

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Authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S. Con. Res. 6, authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush. **Pages H4110–11**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, May 23rd. **Page H4111**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4075.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4104–05, H4105–06, H4106–07, H4107, H4108, H4109–10, and H4110. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020 were ordered reported, as amended.

KEY DESIGN COMPONENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Key Design Components and Considerations for Establishing a Single-Payer Health Care System”. Testimony was heard from the following Congressional Budget Office officials: Mark Hadley, Deputy Director; Jessica Banthin, Deputy Assistant Director for Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis; and Jeffrey Kling, Associate Director for Economic Analysis.

ENGINES OF ECONOMIC MOBILITY: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Engines of Economic Mobility: The Critical Role of Community Colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions in Preparing Students for Success”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LIFT AMERICA: MODERNIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “LIFT America: Modernizing Our Infrastructure for the Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS IN SYRIA: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Searching for Solutions in Syria: The Trump Administration's Strategy”. Testimony was heard from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2615, the “United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act”; H.R. 2744, the “USAID Branding Modernization Act”; H.R. 598, the “Georgia Support Act”; H.R. 2140, the “Preventing Child Marriage Act”; H.R. 2023, the “Protect European Energy Security Act”; H.R. 2046, the “Energy Diplomacy Act”; H. Res. 129, condemning the Government of Saudi Arabia's continued detention and alleged abuse of women's rights activists; H. Res. 372, expressing concern for the United States-Turkey alliance; H. Res. 345, recognizing widening threats to freedoms of the press and expression around the world, reaffirming the centrality of a free and independent press to the health of democracy, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States. H.R. 2615, H.R. 2140, H.R. 2023, H.R. 2046, H. Res. 129, and H. Res. 345 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2744, H.R. 598, and H. Res. 372 were ordered reported, without amendment.

A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Kevin K. McAleenan, Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2820, the “Dream Act of 2019”; H.R. 2821, the “American Promise Act of 2019”; and H.R. 549, the “Venezuela TPS Act of 2019”. H.R. 2820, H.R. 2821, and H.R. 549 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 182, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission;

H.R. 307, the “Preserving America’s Battlefields Act”; H.R. 473, to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1088, the “FIRST Act”; H.R. 1130, the “Fort Pillow National Battlefield Park Study Act”; H.R. 1179, the “African-American Burial Grounds Network Act”; H.R. 1248, the “York River Wild and Scenic River Act of 2019”; H.R. 1472, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park; H.R. 1487, the “Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act”; H.R. 1727, the “Complete America’s Great Trails Act”; H.R. 2369, the “Long Island Aviation History Act”; H.R. 2427, the “Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 2525, to establish the Steel Valley National Heritage Area in the States of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryan, Pingree, Smith of Nebraska, Fortenberry, Connolly, Adams, Sarbanes, Rush, Marshall, Keating, and Neguse; P. Daniel Smith, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

RESPONDING TO THE GLOBAL ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Responding to the Global Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY (PART 1): ITS IMPACT ON OUR CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Facial Recognition Technology (Part 1): Its Impact on our Civil Rights and Liberties”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING FOR-PROFIT COLLEGE OVERSIGHT AND STUDENT DEBT

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Examining For-Profit College Oversight and

Student Debt”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Madaio, Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Maryland Office of the Attorney General; and public witnesses.

SECURING U.S. ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECTING POLITICAL DISCOURSE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security Hearing held a hearing entitled “Securing U.S. Election Infrastructure and Protecting Political Discourse”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Adam Hickey, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; Christy McCormick, Chairwoman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner, U.S. Federal Election Commission; Bill Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION AND THE SMALL BUSINESS WORKFORCE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Immigration and the Small Business Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: DRRR IMPLEMENTATION AND FEMA READINESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Disaster Preparedness: DRRR Implementation and FEMA Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Kaniewski, Deputy Administrator for Resilience, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

MISSION CRITICAL: CARING FOR OUR HEROES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a joint hearing entitled “MISSION Critical: Caring for our Heroes”. Testimony was heard from Dr. Steven Lieberman, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elyse Kaplan, Deputy Director, Caregiver Support Program, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Alan Constantian, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Account Management, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carol C.

Harrism, Director for Information Technology Acquisition Management, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EFFECTIVENESS: RESPONDING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERSIGHT AGENCIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Improving the Department of Veterans Affairs Effectiveness: Responding to Recommendations from Oversight Agencies". Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Michael Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ENFORCEMENT IN THE NEW NAFTA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Enforcement in the New NAFTA". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE 2020 CENSUS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic impacts of the 2020 Census and business uses of Federal data, after receiving testimony from Andrew Reamer, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy, Howard Fienberg, Insights Association, and Nicholas Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mallory Bateman, University of Utah Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, Salt Lake City.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act in action, focusing on the benefits of economic diplomacy, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine resources needed to protect and secure the homeland, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, markup on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 8:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled "Summer Driving Dangers: Exploring Ways to Protect Drivers and their Families", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Insular Areas Medicaid Cliff", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Mission Imperative: Diversity and Inclusion in the Intelligence Community", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Creating a Climate Resilient America", 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

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