

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixty-five bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2347–2411, S.J. Res. 52, S. Res. 294–302, and S. Con. Res. 23–24. **Pages S5247–49**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Review of Legislative Activity During the 115th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 116–68)

S. 1441, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1992, to amend the FAST Act to repeal a rescission of funds. **Page S5247**

Measures Passed:

Amending the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 639, to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5216**

Restore the Harmony Way Bridge Act: Senate passed H.R. 3245, to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority. **Page S5217**

Colonel Charles E. McGee Honorary Promotion: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 2052, to authorize the honorary promotion of Colonel Charles E. McGee to brigadier general in the United States Air Force, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5217**

Cornyn (for Van Hollen) Amendment No. 933, to prohibit entitlement to benefits by reason of the honorary promotion. **Page S5217**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 53, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States. **Page S5217**

The American Legion 100th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 263, honoring the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5217**

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 294, designating August 16, 2019, as “National Airborne Day”. **Page S5217**

Campus Fire Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 295, designating the month of September 2019 as “Campus Fire Safety Month”. **Pages S5217–18**

School Bus Safety Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 285, designating September 2019 as “School Bus Safety Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5218**

National Public Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 300, supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week. **Page S5274**

Indiana Rangers 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 301, honoring the 50th anniversary of the return of the Indiana Rangers. **Page S5275**

Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 24, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture. **Page S5275**

Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services for Constituents Act: Senate passed H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms. **Page S5275**

Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 776, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program. **Page S5275**

National Child Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 302, designating September 2019 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities that benefit children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States, and recognizing the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States.

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Bipartisan Budget Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 1, 2019, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3877, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, to establish a congressional budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, to temporarily suspend the debt limit, under the order of Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

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John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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By 54 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 253), Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

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By 50 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 254), Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

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By 51 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 255), Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

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By 54 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 256), Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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By 87 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 257), Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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By 56 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 258), William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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By 56 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 259), Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations,

with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

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1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

6 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—259) Pages S5229–31

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5275.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act, after receiving testimony from Brian Linin, National Association of Wheat Growers, Goodland, Kansas; David Ayers, on behalf of Tom Dahl, American Association of Grain Inspection and Weighing Agencies, Sioux City, Iowa; Bruce Sutherland, Michigan Agriculture Commodities, Lansing, Michigan, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; and Nick Friant, Cargill, Inc., Wayzata,

Minnesota, on behalf of the North American Export Grain Association.

FAA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Carl E. Burleson, Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Vice Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, to be Admiral and Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2297, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, with an amendment; and

S. 2299, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance the safety and reliability of pipeline transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine next steps for positive train control implementation, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Batory, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Susan Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Robert Bourg, Wabtec Corporation, Wilmerding, Pennsylvania; James Derwinski, Metra Commuter Railroad, Chicago, Illinois; and Chris

Matthews, BNSF Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary, Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1441, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth Charles Canterbury, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Shelby and Jones, Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senator Boozman, and Justin Reed Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
AUGUST 1, 2019**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1494, to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to pro-

tect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States, and the nomination of W. Stephen Muldrow, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3877, Bipartisan Budget Act.

Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, August 2

House Chamber

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



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