

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5583–S5615

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2509–2528, and S. Res. 319–321. **Pages S5602–03**

Measures Reported:

S. 253, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–107)

H.R. 762, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for the dissemination of information regarding available Federal programs relating to energy efficiency projects for schools, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–108)

S. 2520, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–109)

S. 2522, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–110)

S. 2524, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–111)

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Measures Passed:

Diaper Banks: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 205, expressing the gratitude of the Senate for the people who operate or support diaper banks and diaper distribution programs in their local communities, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5609**

Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act: Senate passed H.R. 1058, to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism. **Page S5609**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, designating the week

beginning September 16, 2019, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week. **Page S5609**

National Forensic Science Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 320, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week. **Page S5609**

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 321, designating September 2019 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S5609**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 23, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–30) **Page S5599**

McGuire Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S5584–91**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 23, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed during the Wednesday, September 18, 2019, and Thursday, September 19, 2019, sessions of the Senate ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 23, 2019. **Page S5609**

Cella Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Department of State. **Page S5591**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Jorjani Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

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Black Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mitchell A. Silk, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert Joseph Kruckemeyer, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Robert Anthony Dixon, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior

Court of the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Danielle J. Hunsaker, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

William Joseph Nardini, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.

Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

Scott J. Laurer, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Heidi R. King, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

Thomas Marcelle, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, which was sent to the Senate on January 23, 2019.

Jeffrey Byard, of Alabama, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on May 13, 2019.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:24 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5609.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 2520) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020;

An original bill (S. 2522) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020; and

An original bill (S. 2524) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights), Adam Seth Boehler, of Louisiana, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Inter-

national Development Finance Corporation, who was introduced by Senators Cassidy and Whitehouse, and Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of W. Stephen Muldrow, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Michael D. Baughman, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Kerry Lee Pettingill, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and Fernando L. G. Sablan, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 3, 4395–4428; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75; H. Con. Res. 65; and H. Res. 565–568 were introduced. **Pages H7834–35**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7836–38**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 564, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4378) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–212); and

H.R. 3106, to require a joint domestic terrorism report, establish within the Department of Homeland Security a National Center for the Study of Domestic Terrorism, authorize research within the Department of Homeland Security on current trends in domestic terrorism, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–213, Part 1). **Page H7834**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7777**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7780**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Bryant R. Ali, New Psalmist Worship Center, Newark, New Jersey. **Page H7780**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H7780**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H7785**

Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, by a yea-and-nay vote of 301 yeas to 123 nays, Roll No. 538. **Pages H7786–96**

H. Res. 564, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4378) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 537,

after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 536.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Coin Act of 2019: S. 239, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of Christa McAuliffe; **Pages H7796–H7800**

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Whistleblower Protection Act of 2019: H.R. 3625, amended, to establish a whistleblower program at the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board;

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Appraisal Reform Act of 2019: H.R. 3619, amended, to amend the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to provide the Appraisal Subcommittee with the authority to modify annual registry fees for appraisal management companies, to maintain a registry of trainees and charge a lower trainee registry fee, and to allow grants to States to assist appraiser and potential appraiser compliance with the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria; **Pages H7803–05**

Shutdown Guidance for Financial Institutions Act: H.R. 2290, amended, to require the Federal financial regulators to issue guidance encouraging financial institutions to work with consumers and businesses affected by a Federal Government shutdown; **Pages H7805–07**

Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019: H.R. 550, amended, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II; **Pages H7807–10**

Advancing Innovation to Assist Law Enforcement Act: H.R. 2613, to require the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to carry out a study on the use of emerging technologies within the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network;

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Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act: H.R. 1396, amended, to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden, to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, and to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor all of the women who contributed to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race; **Pages H7812–14**

Greg LeMond Congressional Gold Medal Act: H.R. 3589, amended, to award a Congressional Gold

Medal to Greg LeMond, in recognition of his service to the Nation as an athlete, activist, role model, and community leader; and **Pages H7814–16**

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1830, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. **Pages H7816–18**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism, is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–64). **Pages H7782–83**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H7782, H7818.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7785–86, H7786, and H7796. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL FARM AND DISASTER PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management; and Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a joint hearing entitled “To Review the Implementation of Federal Farm and Disaster Programs”. Testimony was heard from Bill Northey, Under Secretary, Farm Production and Conservation, Department of Agriculture.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) ENGAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Engagement”. Testimony was heard from Michael Kincaid, Associate Administrator for STEM Engagement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Karen Marrongelle, Assistant Director, Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation.

MARINE DEBRIS: IMPACTS ON ECOSYSTEMS AND SPECIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Marine Debris: Impacts on Ecosystems and Species”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Program Management/Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Anne Kinsinger, Associate Director, Ecosystems Mission Area, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Linsey Haram, Marine Ecologist, Marine Invasions Research Lab, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

SOLUTIONS TO RISING ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solutions to Rising Economic Inequality”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BROKEN PROMISES: EXAMINING THE FAILED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Broken Promises: Examining the Failed Implementation of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program”. Testimony was heard from Yael Shavit, Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General; Melissa Emery-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Jeff Appel, Office of Federal Student Aid, Director of Policy Liaison and Implementation, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) AND THE OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS (OFCCP)

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP)”. Testimony was heard from Craig Leen, Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor; Janet Dhillon, Chair, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and Cindy Brown Barnes, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

PROTECTING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN: THE ONGOING IMPACT OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S CRUEL POLICIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Protecting Unaccompanied Children: The Ongoing Impact of the Trump Administration’s Cruel Policies”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Hayes, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Commander Jonathan White, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Department of Health and Human Services; Ann Maxwell, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and John R. Modlin, Acting Deputy Chief, Law Enforcement Operational Programs, Law Enforcement Operations Directorate, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

PROFITS OVER CONSUMERS: EXPOSING HOW PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES GAME THE SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Profits Over Consumers: Exposing How Pharmaceutical Companies Game the System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 123, the “FHA Additional Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 132, the “North America Development Bank Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4029, the “Tribal Eligibility for Homeless Assistance Grants Act of 2019”; H.R. 4067, the “Financial Inclusion in Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 4242, the “Greater Accountability in Pay Act of 2019”; H.R. 4300, the “Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019”; H.R. 4302, the “Facilitating Access to Homeless Assistance Act of 2019”; H.R. 4328, the “Protecting Innocent Consumers Affected by a Shutdown Act”; H.R. 4329, the “ESG Disclosure Simplification Act of 2019”; H.R. 4344, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the SEC to seek and Federal courts to grant restitution to investors and disgorgement of unjust enrichment; H.R. 4335, the “8-K Trading Gap Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4320, the “Corporate Management Accountability Act of 2019”.

**THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S
AFGHANISTAN POLICY**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s Afghanistan Policy”. Testimony was heard from Alice G. Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Karen Freeman, Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

**THE NORTHERN NORTHERN BORDER:
HOMELAND SECURITY PRIORITIES IN THE
ARCTIC, PART I**

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The Northern Northern Border: Homeland Security Priorities in the Arctic, Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT HEARING ON POLICING
PRACTICES**

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on Policing Practices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 496, the “Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2019”; H.R. 2485, the “Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 2640, the “Buffalo Tract Protection Act”; H.R. 4026, the “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act”; and H.R. 4299, the “Data Preservation Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Haaland, Soto, Fulcher, and Westerman; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3458, the “Recreation Not Red Tape Act”; and H.R. 3879, the “SOAR Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Bishop of Utah; Leah Baker, Acting Assistant Director, Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Chris French, Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.R. 1312, the “Yurok Lands Act of 2019”; S. 216, the “Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane

Reservation Equitable Compensation Act”; H.R. 3846, the “Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4153, the “Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Huffman, Luján, and Khanna; Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Rear Admiral Chris Buchanan, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Sonya Baskerville, Manager, National Relations, Bonneville Power Administration, Oregon; and public witnesses.

H.R. 51: MAKING D.C. THE 51ST STATE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “H.R. 51: Making D.C. the 51st State”. Testimony was heard from Muriel Bowser, Mayor, District of Columbia; Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia; Jeffrey S. DeWitt, Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia; Kenneth R. Thomas, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by nonrecord vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Science and Technology at the Environmental Protection Agency”. Testimony was heard from Andrew Wheeler, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

SBA PROGRAMS SPURRING INNOVATION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “SBA Programs Spurring Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3632, the “Fair and Open Skies Act”; H.R. 1620, the “Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1132, the “San Francisco Bay Restoration Act”; H.R. 2247, the “Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act”; H.R. 4031, the “Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019”; H.R. 4044, the “Protect and Restore America’s Estuaries Act”; H.R. 4275, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 3779, the “Resilience Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2019”; H.R. 2242, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include certain services in the definition of critical services, and for other purposes; H.R. 4347, the “PREPARE Act of 2019”; and General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 3632, H.R. 1620, H.R. 4031, H.R. 4044, and H.R. 4347 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1132, H.R. 2242, H.R. 2247, H.R. 4275, and H.R. 3779 were ordered reported, as amended. General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted.

UPDATE ON VA CONTRACTED EXAMS, QUALITY REVIEW PROCESS, AND SERVICE TO RURAL VETERANS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Update on VA Contracted Exams, Quality Review Process, and Service to Rural Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Mary Glenn, Deputy Director, Mandatory Disability Exams Program, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING VA’S OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTION PROCESSES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Overpayments and Collection Processes”. Testimony was heard from Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

HOW THE TAX CODE SUBSIDIZES HATE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “How the Tax Code Subsidizes Hate”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS: A LOOK AT THE WORK OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Recommendations for Improving the Budget and Appropriations Process: A Look at the Work of the Joint Select Committee”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey and Representative Womack; Megan Lynch, Specialist on Congress and the Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Conferees met in closed session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 1790, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for the U.S. Building Sector”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continue a markup on H.R. 123, the “FHA Additional Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 132, the “North America Development Bank Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4029, the “Tribal Eligibility for Homeless Assistance Grants Act of 2019”; H.R. 4067, the “Financial Inclusion in Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 4242, the “Greater Accountability in Pay Act of 2019”; H.R. 4300, the “Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019”; H.R. 4302, the “Facilitating Access to Homeless Assistance Act of 2019”; H.R. 4328, the “Protecting Innocent Consumers Affected by a Shutdown Act”; H.R. 4329, the “ESG Disclosure Simplification Act of 2019”; H.R. 4344, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the SEC to seek and Federal courts to grant restitution to investors and disgorgement of unjust enrichment; H.R. 4335, the

“8-K Trading Gap Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4320, the “Corporate Management Accountability Act of 2019”, 8:45 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on National Security; and the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, joint hearing entitled “Confronting Violent White Supremacy (Part III): Addressing the Transnational Terrorist Threat”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, September 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 1423—Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act.

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