

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5635–S5672

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2531–2542, S.J. Res. 55, and S. Res. 324–329. **Pages S5663–64**

Measures Reported:

S. 903, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–114)

S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology. (S. Rept. No. 116–115)

S. 1706, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities. (S. Rept. No. 116–116) **Page S5663**

Measures Passed:

Whistleblower Complaint: Senate agreed to S. Res. 325, expressing the sense of the Senate that the whistleblower complaint received on August 12, 2019, by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community should be transmitted immediately to the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives. **Pages S5649, S5666**

Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act: Senate passed H.R. 1590, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel. **Page S5669**

DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Teams Act: Senate passed H.R. 1158, to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5669**

McConnell (for Hassan) Amendment No. 941, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5669**

Gold Star Families Remembrance Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 313, designating the week of September 22 through September 28, 2019, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5669**

AmeriCorps 25th anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 326, recognizing the 25th anniversary of AmeriCorps. **Page S5666**

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 327, designating September 23, 2019, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Pages S5666–67**

Honoring Marca Bristo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 328, honoring the life, legacy, and achievements of Marca Bristo. **Page S5667**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, designating September 2019 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S5667**

National Defense Legislation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President of February 15, 2019, be discharged from the Committee on Armed Services, and Senate begin consideration of the joint resolution; that the time until 12:15 p.m. be equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, on the joint resolution, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the joint resolution; and that following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate begin consideration of resolutions to instruct conferees to be submitted pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2019; that they be made pending and reported by number with concurrent consideration until 3:45 p.m., equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, and that at 3:45 p.m., Senate vote on the resolutions in the order listed with two minutes of debate equally divided prior to the votes. **Pages S5668–69**

Hyten Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gen. John E. Hyten for

appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility in accordance with title 10, U.S.C., sections 154 and 601: to be General. **Page S5659**

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 on Thursday, September 26, 2019. **Page S5659**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5659**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 88 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 298), Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S5643, S5643–49, S5672**

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 299), 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. **Pages S5636–42, S5649–50, S5672**

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

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 295), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5642**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 300), Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. **Pages S5642, S5650, S5672**

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

By 50 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5642**

By 68 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 301), David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2025. **Pages S5642–43, S5650–51, S5672**

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

By 66 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 297), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5642–43**

Messages from the House: **Page S5663**

Measures Referred: **Page S5663**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S5663**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5661–63**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5667–68**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5668**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—301) **Pages S5642, S5643, S5648–49, S5650, S5651**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5670.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

IMPROVING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation and Space concluded a hearing to examine improving air traffic control for the American people, focusing on examining the current system, after receiving testimony from Mark Baker, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Frederick, Maryland; and Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, Joe DePete, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Trish Gilbert, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, AFL–CIO, and Sharon Pinkerton, Airlines for America, all of Washington, D.C.

SYRIA STUDY GROUP REPORT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism

concluded a hearing to examine key findings from the Syria Study Group report, after receiving testimony from Michael Singh, and Dana Stroul, both of the Syria Study Group, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY MARKETS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine competition in digital

technology markets, focusing on acquisitions of nascent or potential competitors by digital platforms, after receiving testimony from Bruce Hoffman, Director of the Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; Diana Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Washington, D.C.; John M. Yun, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; and Patricia Nakache, Trinity Ventures, Menlo Park, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 4457–4483; and 14 resolutions, H. Res. 575–588 were introduced. **Pages H7900–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7903–05**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2781, to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to the health professions workforce, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–214);

H.R. 2296, to require reporting regarding certain drug price increases, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–215);

H.R. 728, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–216); and

H. Res. 577, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) to increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within the Department of Homeland Security, provide independent oversight of border security activities, improve training for agents and officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3525) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish uniform processes for medical screening of individuals interdicted between ports of entry, and for other purposes; providing for consider-

ation of the resolution (H. Res. 576) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–217). **Page H7900**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7871**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Wisconsin, Mr. Duffy, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H7871**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m. **Page H7873**

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

First Responders Passport Act of 2019: H.R. 2229, amended, to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster; **Pages H7874–75**

Southeast Asia Strategy Act: H.R. 1632, amended, to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); **Pages H7875–77**

Burma Political Prisoners Assistance Act: H.R. 2327, amended, to direct the Secretary of State to provide assistance to civil society organizations in Burma that work to secure the release of prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma, and assistance to current and former prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma;

Pages H7877–78

Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2019: H.R. 3190, amended, to authorize humanitarian assistance and impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuses in Burma, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 541; **Pages H7878–85, H7888–89**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests: H. Res. 127, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests; and **Pages H7885–86**

Reaffirming the importance of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons: H. Res. 444, amended, reaffirming the importance of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons. **Pages H7886–88**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. **Page H7888**

Senate Referral: S. 1340 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H7898**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7873.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H7888–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION: WALL STREET'S COP ON THE BEAT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission: Wall Street’s Cop on the Beat”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission officials: Jay Clayton, Chairman; Robert J. Jackson, Jr., Commissioner; Hester M. Peirce, Commissioner; Elad L. Roisman, Commissioner; and Allison Herren Lee, Commissioner.

EXAMINING THE RACIAL AND GENDER WEALTH GAP IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Exam-

ining the Racial and Gender Wealth Gap in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S MUSLIM BAN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Oversight of the Trump Administration’s Muslim Ban”. Testimony was heard from Edward Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Elizabeth Neumann, Assistant Secretary for Threat Prevention and Security Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security; Todd Hoffman, Executive Director, Admissions and Passenger Programs, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS AFTER SHELBY COUNTY V. HOLDER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Congressional Authority to Protect Voting Rights After Shelby County v. Holder”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOSSIL FUEL DEVELOPMENT: PROTECTING TAXPAYERS AND ELIMINATING INDUSTRY GIVEAWAYS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Fossil Fuel Development: Protecting Taxpayers and Eliminating Industry Giveaways”. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeGette, Cartwright, and McAdams; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; John Putnam, Director of Environmental Programs, Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 925, the “NAWCA”; H.R. 1747, the “National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act”; H.R. 2748, the “Safeguarding America’s Future and Environment Act”; H.R. 2854, the “Protect Our Refuges Act of 2019”; H.R. 2918, the “Extinction Prevention Act”; H.R. 2956, to provide for the establishment of the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes; H.R. 4340,

the “SALAMANDER Act of 2019”; H.R. 4341, the “Critically Endangered Animals Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4348, the “PAW and FIN Conservation Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva, and Representatives Thompson of California, Harder, Cartwright, Wittman, and Huffman; Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; David G. Smith, Administrator, Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and public witnesses.

DON'T VAPE: EXAMINING THE OUTBREAK OF LUNG DISEASE AND CDC'S URGENT WARNING NOT TO USE E-CIGARETTES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Don't Vape: Examining the Outbreak of Lung Disease and CDC's Urgent Warning Not to Use E-Cigarettes”. Testimony was heard from Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Ngozi O. Ezike, Director, Illinois Department of Public Health; and public witnesses.

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing entitled “Building Resilient Communities for America's Future [Original Jurisdiction Hearing]”. Testimony was heard from Bill Johnson, Director of Emergency Management, Palm Beach County, Florida; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT; U.S. BORDER PATROL MEDICAL SCREENING STANDARDS ACT; EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT OF AUGUST 12, 2019, MADE TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act” [Further consideration]; H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”, H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”, and H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistle-

blower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–27, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–33 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 26, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 30, 2019, through October 14, 2019: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair

for the duration of the period addressed by section 5. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 5 shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution; shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII; shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII; and shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. Testimony was heard from Chairman Schiff, and Representatives Wenstrup and Lesko.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF WORK

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work”. Testimony was heard from Arthur Lupia, Assistant Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUTER RAILROADS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Opportunities for Commuter Railroads”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the livestock and poultry sectors, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine facilitating faster payments in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine fishery failures, focusing on improving the disaster declaration and relief process, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 334, to authorize the construction of the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System and study of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, S. 607, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management

Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1570, to provide flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, S. 1602, to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, S. 1751, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, S. 1758, to extend a repayment contract relating to the Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District and to authorize the District to develop an excess capacity contract to offset repayment costs, S. 1821, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide for research on, and the development and deployment of, marine energy, S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, S. 1931, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, S. 2044, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to provide additional funds under that Act, to establish a review of flood control rule curves pilot project within the Bureau of Reclamation, S. 2094 and H.R. 2114, bills to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans, S. 2095, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threat to, the electric grid, S. 2137, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 2300, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a program to incentivize innovation and to enhance the industrial competitiveness of the United States by developing technologies to reduce emissions of nonpower industrial sectors, S. 2332, to provide for the modernization of the electric grid, S. 2333, to provide for enhanced energy grid security, S. 2334, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish the 21st Century Energy Workforce Advisory Board, S. 2335, to accelerate smart building development, and H.R. 1420, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2260, to provide for the improvement of domestic infrastructure in order to prevent marine debris, S. 2099, to redesignate the Sullys Hill National Game Preserve in the State of North Dakota as the White Horse Hill National Game Preserve, the nominations of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department

of the Interior, and Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and 8 General Services Administration resolutions, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States policy in Mexico and Central America, focusing on ensuring effective policies to address the crisis at the border, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1590, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime, S. 1678, to express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world, S. 1838, to amend the Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, S. 2372, to enhance global engagement to combat marine debris, S. 2503, to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, S. Res. 183, reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond, S. Res. 236, reaffirming the strong partnership between Tunisia and the United States and supporting the people of Tunisia in their continued pursuit of democratic reforms, S. Res. 277, remembering the 25th Anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the 85 victims of the attacks, S. Res. 318, to support the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the Sixth Replenishment, the nominations of Adam Seth Boehler, of Louisiana, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and Adrian Zuckerman, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Romania, Department of State, a routine list in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business, 1:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine countering domestic terrorism, focusing on the evolving threat, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of 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, Jodi W. Dishman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Daniel Mack Traynor, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine toxic exposure, focusing on examining the Department of Veterans Affairs's presumptive disability decision-making process, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine promoting healthy aging, focusing on living your best life long into your golden years, 10:15 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "International Food Assistance Programs at USDA and USAID", 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled "Federal Trade Commission: Protecting Consumers and Fostering Competition in the 21st Century", 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Investments in Medical Research at Five Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health", 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: FAA Aviation Certification", 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Status of the B61-12 Life Extension and W88 Alteration-370 Programs", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "America's Infrastructure: Today's Gaps, Tomorrow's Opportunities, and the Need for Federal Investment", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2474, the "Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Sounding the Alarm: The Public Health Threats of E-Cigarettes", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Making Prescription Drugs More Affordable: Legislation to Negotiate a Better Deal for Americans", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled "Promoting Financial Stability: Assessing Threats to the U.S. Financial System", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled "Protecting Seniors: A Review of the FHA's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Program", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 543, recognizing Hong Kong's bilateral relationship with the United States, condemning the interference of the People's Republic of China in Hong Kong's affairs, and supporting the people of Hong Kong's right to protest; H.R. 3289, the "Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019"; H. Res. 517, supporting the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and its Sixth Replenishment; H. Res. 387, condemning continued violence against civilians by armed groups in the Central African Republic and supporting efforts to achieve a lasting political solution to the conflict; H. Res. 552, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; H.R. 4270,

the “PROTECT Hong Kong Act”; and H. Res. 521, commending the Government of Canada for upholding the rule of law and expressing concern over actions by the Government of the People’s Republic of China in response to a request from the United States Government to the Government of Canada for the extradition of a Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., executive, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled “Assessing the Impact of Cutting Foreign Assistance to Central America”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R.1975, the “Cybersecurity Advisory Committee Authorization Act of 2019”; H.R.4432, the “Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

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