

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate passed H.R. 4378, Continuing Appropriations Act and Health Extenders Act.
- Senate confirmed the nomination of General John E. Hyten for appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- Senate confirmed the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5713–S5763*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-five bills and seventeen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2550–2594, S.J. Res. 56, S. Res. 343–357, and S. Con. Res. 26. **Pages S5747–49**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 116–122)

S. 2580, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–123)

S. 2581, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–124)

S. 2582, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–125)

S. 2583, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–126)

S. 2584, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–127)

S. 384, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to help facilitate the adoption of composite technology in infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–128)

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, and with an amended preamble.

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, with amendments.

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1838, to amend the Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2297, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, with amendments.

S. 2372, to enhance global engagement to combat marine debris, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5746–47**

#### Measures Passed:

*Continuing Appropriations Act and Health Extenders Act:* By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 311)

Senate passed H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S5713–23**

Rejected:

By 24 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 310), Paul Amendment No. 942, to reduce the amount appropriated by 2 percent. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 25, 2019, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

**Pages S5722–23**

**National Democracy Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 252, designating September 2019 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world, and the resolution was then agreed to.

**Pages S5759–60**

**National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 346, designating October 8, 2019, as “National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day”.

**Pages S5753–54, S5760**

**Energy Efficiency Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 347, designating October 2, 2019, as “Energy Efficiency Day” in celebration of the economic and environmental benefits that have been driven by private sector innovation and Federal energy efficiency policies.

**Pages S5754, S5760**

**National Clean Energy Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 348, proclaiming the week of September 23 through September 27, 2019, as “National Clean Energy Week”.

**Pages S5754, S5760**

**National Concussion Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 349, supporting the designation of September 20, 2019, as “National Concussion Awareness Day”.

**Pages S5754–55, S5760**

**National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 350, designating September 2019 as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”.

**Pages S5755, S5760**

**National Community Policing Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 351, designating the week of September 29 through October 5, 2019, as “National Community Policing Week”.

**Pages S5755, S5760**

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 352, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.

**Pages S5755–56, S5760**

**National Voter Registration Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, recognizing September 24, 2019, as “National Voter Registration Day”.

**Pages S5756, S5760**

**National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 354, designating September 2019 as “National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month”.

**Pages S5756, S5760**

**National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 355, designating the week of September 22 through 28, 2019, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”.

**Pages S5756–57, S5760**

**Building Blocks of STEM Act:** Senate passed S. 737, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S5760–61**

McConnell (for Rosen/Capito) Amendment No. 944, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Thursday, September 26, 2019, and Friday, September 27, 2019.

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**Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Democratic Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, September 27, 2019, at 11:40 a.m.; Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 12 noon; Friday, October 4, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 12 noon; Friday, October 11, 2019, at 2:15 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, October 11, 2019, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

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**Barrett Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 26, 2019, a vote

on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. **Page S5726**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5726**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5726**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15, 2019; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, September 26, 2019 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. **Page S5761**

**Volk Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Frank William Volk, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. **Page S5726**

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 Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense. **Page S5726**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5726**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5726**

**Eskridge Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Charles R. Eskridge III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Page S5726**

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 Frank William Volk, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. **Page S5726**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5726**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5726**

**Novak Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David John Novak, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S5726**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provi-

sions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Charles R. Eskridge III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Page S5726**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5726**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5726**

**Kovner Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rachel P. Kovner, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S5727**

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 David John Novak, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S5727**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5726**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5727**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 75 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 312), 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. **Pages S5723–25**

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 313), Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor. **Pages S5725–26**

Lana J. Marks, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Michael D. Baughman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

John Leslie Carwile, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Fernando L. G. Sablan, of Guam, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Anthony F. Godfrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Herro Mustafa, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

W. Stephen Muldrow, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

Kerry Lee Pettingill, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Adam Seth Boehler, of Louisiana, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Secretary of the Army.

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S5761–63**

**Messages from the House: Page S5746**

**Measures Referred: Page S5746**

**Measures Read the First Time: Pages S5746, S5761**

**Additional Cosponsors: Pages S5749–51**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Page S5751**

**Additional Statements: Pages S5744–46**

**Amendments Submitted: Pages S5758–59**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S5759**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—313) **Pages S5723, S5725, S5725–26**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:49 p.m., until 11:40 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page 5761.)

## 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. 2580) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020;

An original bill (S. 2583) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020;

An original bill (S. 2584) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020;

An original bill (S. 2582) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020; and

An original bill (S. 2581) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

### HONG KONG

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the Hong Kong emergency, focusing on securing freedom, autonomy, and human rights, after receiving testimony from Michael F. Martin, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Nathan Law Kwun-Chung, Demosisto, Hong Kong, China; and Stephen J. Yates, DC International Advisory, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed sessions to receive briefings on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 40 public bills, H.R. 4499–4538; 1 private bill, H.R. 4539; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76; H. Con. Res. 66–68; and H. Res. 596–602 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H8056–57**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Timmons wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Timmons wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education and Labor.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative González-Colón (PR) wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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

**STEM Opportunities Act of 2019:** H.R. 2528, amended, to direct the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to carry out programs and activities to ensure that Federal science agencies and institutions of higher education receiving Federal research and development funding are fully engaging their entire talent pool;

**Pages H8005–10**

**South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019:** H.R. 335, amended, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida;

**Pages H8010–13**

**Cybersecurity Vulnerability Remediation Act:** H.R. 3710, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for the remediation of cybersecurity vulnerabilities;

**Pages H8013–15**

**Unifying DHS Intelligence Enterprise Act:** H.R. 2589, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a homeland intelligence doctrine for the Department of Homeland Security;

**Pages H8015–19**

**TSA Reaching Across Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Traveler Education Act:** H.R. 3691, to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports;

**Pages H8019–20**

**Trusted Traveler Reconsideration and Restoration Act of 2019:** H.R. 3675, to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs;

**Pages H8020–21**

**Helping Families Fly Act of 2019:** H.R. 3694, to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement training for frontline Administration personnel regarding the screening of pregnant women and families with young children at passenger screening checkpoints;

**Pages H8021–22**

**Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act of 2019:** H.R. 3246, to require GAO review of certain TSA screening protocols;

**Pages H8024–25**

**Counter Terrorist Network Act:** H.R. 3526, to authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection;

**Pages H8025–27**

**Domestic and International Terrorism Documentation and Analysis of Threats in America Act:** H.R. 3106, amended, 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

**Pages H8027–32**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require a joint domestic and international terrorism report, authorize research within the Department of Homeland Security on current trends in domestic terrorism, and for other purposes.”

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**Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 591, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 54) relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, by a yeand-nay vote of 229 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 550, after the previous question was ordered by a yeand-nay vote of 230 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 549.

**Pages H7999–H8005, H8037–38**

**U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act:** The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 552. **Pages H8032–37, H8038–40**

Rejected the Green (TN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 551. **Page H8040**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–33 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 577, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2203) and (H.R. 3525) and the resolution (H. Res. 576) was agreed to yesterday, September 25th.

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act of 2019:** H.R. 3722, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a Joint Task Force to enhance integration of the Department of Homeland Security's border security operations to detect, interdict, disrupt, and prevent narcotics, such as fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, from entering the United States. **Pages H8022–24**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 596, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H8041**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8019.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8037–38, H8038, H8040, and H8040–41. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM: RESTORING OUR FOREST INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “The National Forest System: Restoring our Forest Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Lenise Lago, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### IRS OVERSIGHT: TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “IRS Oversight: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration”. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

### MISCLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES: EXAMINING THE COSTS TO WORKERS, BUSINESSES, AND THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Misclassification of Employees: Examining the Costs to Workers, Businesses, and the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Karl A. Racine, Attorney General, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

### MAKING HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE: LOWERING DRUG PRICES AND INCREASING TRANSPARENCY

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Making Health Care More Affordable: Lowering Drug Prices and Increasing Transparency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a markup on H.R. 1603, the “Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2019”; H.R. 535, the “PFAS Action Act of 2019”; H.R. 2377, the “Protect Drinking Water from PFAS Act of 2019”; H.R. 2533, the “Providing Financial Assistance for Safe Drinking Water Act”; H.R. 2566, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise the Safer Choice Standard to provide for a Safer Choice label for pots, pans, and cooking utensils that do not contain PFAS, and for other purposes; H.R. 2570, the “PFAS User Fee Act of 2019”; H.R. 2577, the “PFAS Right-To-Know Act”; H.R. 2591, the “PFAS Waste Incineration Ban Act of 2019”; H.R. 2596, the “Protecting Communities from New PFAS Act”; H.R. 2600, the “Toxic PFAS Control Act”; H.R. 2605, the “PROTECT Act of 2019”; H.R. 2608, the “PFAS Testing Act of 2019”; H.R. 2626, the “PFAS Accountability Act of 2019”; H.R. 2638, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2699, the “Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019”. H.R. 1603, H.R. 535, H.R. 2377, H.R. 2533, H.R. 2566, H.R. 2570, H.R. 2577, H.R. 2591, H.R.

2596, H.R. 2600, H.R. 2605, H.R. 2608, H.R. 2626, H.R. 2638, and H.R. 2699 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

#### **EXAMINING LEGISLATION TO PROTECT CONSUMERS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS FROM ABUSIVE DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Protect Consumers and Small Business Owners from Abusive Debt Collection Practices”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

#### **THE FUTURE OF REAL-TIME PAYMENTS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force on Financial Technology held a hearing entitled “The Future of Real-Time Payments”. Testimony was heard from Esther George, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; and public witnesses.

#### **SUSTAINING U.S. PACIFIC INSULAR RELATIONSHIPS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee; and Full Committee of the House Committee on Natural Resources held a joint hearing entitled “Sustaining U.S. Pacific Insular Relationships”. Testimony was heard from Randall G. Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense; Sandra Oudkirk, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; David Gootnick, Director of International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **U.S. NONPROLIFERATION POLICY AND THE FY 2020 BUDGET**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “U.S. Nonproliferation Policy and the FY 2020 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Ford, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.

#### **ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY: PERSPECTIVES ON SCHOOL SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery held a hearing entitled “Engaging the Community: Perspectives on School Security”. Testimony was heard from Jared Maples, Director, New Jersey Of-

fice of Homeland Security and Preparedness; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF ICE DETENTION FACILITIES: IS DHS DOING ENOUGH?**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Management and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Oversight of ICE Detention Facilities: Is DHS Doing Enough?”. Testimony was heard from Diana Shaw, Assistant Inspector General, Special Reviews and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Tae Johnson, Assistant Director for Custody Management, Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### **THE EXPANSION AND TROUBLING USE OF ICE DETENTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “The Expansion and Troubling Use of ICE Detention”. Testimony was heard from Charles A. Jenkins, Sheriff, Frederick County, Maryland; and public witnesses.

#### **COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR CITIES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Community Responses to Gun Violence in our Cities”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Clay and Kelly of Illinois; Reggie Moore, Director, Injury and Violence Prevention, Office of Violence Prevention, Milwaukee Department of Health, Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

#### **THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: ENSURING THE PUBLIC’S RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE COURTS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Federal Judiciary in the 21st Century: Ensuring the Public’s Right of Access to the Courts”. Testimony was heard from Audrey G. Fleissig, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Missouri; Richard W. Story, U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Georgia; and public witnesses.

#### **THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR’S FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT REQUESTS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior’s Failure to Cooperate with Congressional Oversight Requests”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Jorjani,

Principal Deputy Solicitor, Department of the Interior.

#### **UNDERSTANDING, FORECASTING, AND COMMUNICATING EXTREME WEATHER IN A CHANGING CLIMATE**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Understanding, Forecasting, and Communicating Extreme Weather in a Changing Climate”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ONLINE IMPOSTERS AND DISINFORMATION**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Online Imposters and Disinformation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SBA MANAGEMENT REVIEW: SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Small Business Investment Company Program”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Shepard, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **A WORK IN PROGRESS: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “A Work in Progress: Implementation of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018”. Testimony was heard from Daniel K. Elwell, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Joel Szabat, Acting Undersecretary for Policy, Department of Transportation; Lirio Liu, Executive Director, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **THE FUTURE OF VA SCHEDULING: IMPLEMENTING A COMMERCIAL OFF THE SHELF SCHEDULING SOLUTION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “The Future of VA Scheduling: Implementing a Commercial Off the Shelf Scheduling Solution at the Department of Veterans Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Dominic Cussatt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Larry Reinkemeyer, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evalua-

tions, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **THE PUBLIC HEALTH CONSEQUENCES AND COSTS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Public Health Consequences and Costs of Gun Violence”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Danny K. Davis of Illinois, McBeth, and Mike Thompson of California; Jennifer Longdon, Representative, District 24, House of Representatives, Arizona; and public witnesses.

#### **WHISTLEBLOWER DISCLOSURE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Whistleblower Disclosure”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Maguire, Acting Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

#### **SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: REDUCING INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS THROUGH U.S. INNOVATION**

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Reducing Industrial Emissions Through U.S. Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **PROMOTING CIVILITY AND BUILDING A MORE COLLABORATIVE CONGRESS**

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Promoting Civility and Building a More Collaborative Congress”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Legislating to Secure America’s Wireless Future”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Securing America’s Elections”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11:40 a.m., Friday, September 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, September 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of S.J. Res. 54—relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

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