

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5931–S6050*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2655–2668, S.J. Res. 59, and S. Res. 369–373. **Pages S5965–66**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Falls Prevention: National, State, and Local Solutions to Better Support Seniors”. (S. Rept. No. 116–138)

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocations to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 116–139)

S. 1317, to facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–131)

S. 2071, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians. (S. Rept. No. 116–132)

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. Rept. No. 116–133)

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, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–134)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–135)

S. 2094, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement State energy security plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–136)

H.R. 2114, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State en-

ergy security plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–137)

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#### Measures Passed:

**RAWR Act:** Senate passed S. 1590, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime. **Page S6047**

**Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 373, expressing support for the designation of September 2019 as “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month” in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease. **Page S6047**

#### Measures Considered:

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5944–46, S5951**

#### Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5951**

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction. **Page S5951**

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

By 92 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 330), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5946–47**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5947**

**Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 50, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of

the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, relating to “Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

**Pages S5952–60**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 23, 2019; that the debate time on the joint resolution expire at 2:45 p.m., and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

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**Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2740, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, ripen at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in concurrence with the Democratic Leader.

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**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 originally declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–33)

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**Treaty Approved:** The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to by a vote of 91 yeas to 2 nays, (Vote No. 327): Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116–1), after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 946, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 947 (to Amendment No. 946), of a perfecting nature.

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**Walker Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Justin Reed Walker,

of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

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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, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 2740, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

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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.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 329), Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

**Pages S5941, S5943–44, S5945**

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

By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 328), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S5961–62**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5962**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Page S5962**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S5962**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S5961**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5977–S6046**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S6047**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S6047**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—330) **Pages S5943–45, S5947**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6050.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### CONSOLIDATED AUDIT TRAIL OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Consolidated Audit Trail, after receiving testimony from Shelly Bohlin, FINRA CAT, LLC, Rockville, Maryland; Judy McDonald, Susquehanna International Group, LLP, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the CAT NMS LLC Advisory Committee; and Michael J. Simon, Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC, New York, New York.

### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather concluded a hearing to examine research and innovation, focusing on ensuring America's economic and strategic leadership, after receiving testimony from Diane Souvaine, National Science Board, Alexandria, Virginia; David Shaw, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State; Sethuraman Panchanathan, Arizona State University, Tempe; and Rebecca M. Blank, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

### EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine international efforts to increase energy efficiency and opportunities to advance energy efficiency in the United States, after receiving testimony from Daniel Bresette, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, and Jennifer Layke, World Resources Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Brian Motherway, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; and W. Scott Tew, Ingersoll Rand Center for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability, Davidson, North Carolina.

### SYRIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Turkey's offensive in northeast Syria, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, and Matthew A. Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, both of the Department of State.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joshua A. Deahl, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Deborah J. Israel and Andrea L. Hertzfeld, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Robert Anthony Dixon, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Department of Justice, after the nominees, who were introduced by Representative Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### SANCTUARY JURISDICTIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine sanctuary jurisdictions, focusing on the impact on public safety and victims, after receiving testimony from Timothy S. Robbins, Acting Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; R. Andrew Murray, United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, Department of Justice; Mary Ann Mendoza, Angelfamilies.com, Mesa, Arizona; and Andy Harvey, Palestine Police Department, Palestine, Texas.

### 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.*

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4778–4800; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 651 were introduced. **Pages H8386–87**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H8388–89**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1123, to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the eastern judicial district of Arkansas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–248);

H.R. 1305, to implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–249, Part 1);

H.R. 1225, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Education, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–250, Part 1);

H.R. 835, to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–251, Part 1);

H.R. 2426, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–252); and

H. Res. 650, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4617) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–253).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Marilyn Monroe Harris, First Baptist Church of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ.

**Pages H8304–05**

**Corporate Transparency Act of 2019:** The House passed H.R. 2513, to ensure that persons who form corporations or limited liability companies in the United States disclose the beneficial owners of those corporations or limited liability companies, in order to prevent wrongdoers from exploiting United States corporations and limited liability companies for criminal gain, to assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and punishing terrorism, money laundering, and other misconduct involving United States corporations and limited liability companies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 577.

**Pages H8307–15, H8316–39, H8365–70**

Rejected the Davidson (OH) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with

instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 576. **Pages H8368–70**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–247, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

**Pages H8325–35**

Agreed to:

Hill (AR) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that requires FinCEN to develop a regime by which entities may gain access to the beneficial ownership database. Amendment also requires FinCEN to report to Congress annually on: the number of times law enforcement, banks, or other third parties have accessed the beneficial ownership database; the number of times the database was inappropriately accessed; and the number of subpoenas obtained to gain access to the database;

**Pages H8335–36**

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that adds refresher training no less than every 2 years for local, Tribal, State, or Federal law enforcement agencies who have access to beneficial ownership information to ensure the privacy of beneficial owners;

**Pages H8336–37**

Burgess amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that requires an annual report to Congress of anonymized data on the number of beneficial owners per reporting corporation or LLC, the industry of each reporting corporation or LLC, and the location of the beneficial owners (by a recorded vote of 395 yeas to 23 noes, Roll No. 573); and

**Pages H8335, H8365–66**

Carolyn B. Maloney (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that ensures FinCEN may use the information obtained by this bill to notify industry and the public about criminal trends, while maintaining safeguards on personal privacy (by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 574).

**Pages H8337–38, H8365–67**

Rejected:

Davidson (OH) amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that sought to strike the bill's reporting mandate on small businesses, terminates the Customer Due Diligence Rule, and requires Treasury to conduct a study about all existing federal information databases available to law enforcement to discern the beneficial ownership of companies (by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 258 noes, Roll No. 575).

**Pages H8338–39, H8365–68**

H. Res. 646, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2513) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 572,

after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 571.

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

**Rodchenkov Anti-Doping Act of 2019:** H.R. 835, amended, to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping; **Pages H8339–45**

**Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act of 2019:** H.R. 2426, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 578; **Pages H8345–53, H8370–71**

**National POW/MIA Flag Act:** S. 693, to amend title 36, United States Code, to require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property; **Pages H8354–55**

**Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act:** H.R. 724, amended, to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code; **Pages H8355–57**

**Divisional Realignment for the Eastern District of Arkansas Act of 2019:** H.R. 1123, to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the eastern judicial district of Arkansas; **Pages H8357–58**

**Georgia Support Act:** H.R. 598, amended, to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Georgia; **Pages H8358–62**

**Calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan:** H. Res. 552, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; and **Pages H8362–64**

**Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999:** H. Con. Res. 32, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999. **Pages H8364–65**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of

Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representative Cunningham. **Page H8358**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–75). **Page H8315**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8307.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8314–15, H8315, H8366, H8366–67, H8367–68, H8369–70, H8370, and H8370–71. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REALIZING THE CONSERVATION BENEFITS OF PRECISION AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Realizing the Conservation Benefits of Precision Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SHIP AND SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE: COST AND SCHEDULE CHALLENGES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Ship and Submarine Maintenance: Cost and Schedule Challenges”. Testimony was heard from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, U.S. Department of the Navy; and Vice Admiral Thomas J. Moore, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, U.S. Department of the Navy.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Long Over Due: Exploring the Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act (H.R. 2694)”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nadler and public witnesses.

### THE END OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING? A REVIEW OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS TO CHANGE HOUSING FINANCE IN AMERICA

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The End of Affordable Housing? A Review of the Trump Administration's Plans to

Change Housing Finance in America”. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Benjamin S. Carson, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Mark A. Calabria, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

#### **AN EXAMINATION OF THE DECLINE OF MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS AND THE IMPACT ON UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “An Examination of the Decline of Minority Depository Institutions and the Impact on Underserved Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH ASIA: VIEWS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE REGION**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Human Rights in South Asia: Views from the State Department and the Region”. Testimony was heard from Alice G. Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Robert A. Destro, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **PROTECTING THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT FROM BREXIT**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Good Friday Agreement from Brexit”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: AN ASSESSMENT OF EMERGING CYBER THREATS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Preparing for the Future: An Assessment of Emerging Cyber Threats”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SECURING AMERICA’S ELECTIONS PART II: OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Securing America’s Elections Part II: Oversight of Government Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Masterson, Senior Cybersecurity Advisor, Department of Homeland Security; Nikki Floris, Deputy Assistant Director for Counterterrorism, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Adam

Hickey, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and Ben Hovland, Vice Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing on legislation to amend the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act or ‘PROMESA,’ and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Omar Marrero, Executive Director, Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority; Natalie Jaresko, Executive Director, Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico; Carmelo Ríos, Majority Leader, Senate of Puerto Rico; Eduardo Bhatia Gautier, Minority Leader, Senate of Puerto Rico; Antonio L. Soto Torres, Member, Puerto Rico House of Representatives; Rafael Hernández, Minority Leader, Puerto Rico House of Representatives; and Carmen Yulín Cruz Soto, Mayor, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

#### **NO MORE STANDOFFS: PROTECTING FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND ENDING THE CULTURE OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT ATTACKS AND ABUSE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing entitled “No More Standoffs: Protecting Federal Employees and Ending the Culture of Anti-Government Attacks and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **METRO: REPORT CARD FOR AMERICA’S SUBWAY**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Metro: Report Card for America’s Subway”. Testimony was heard from David L Mayer, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, and the following Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority officials: Geoffrey Cherrington, Inspector General; Paul Smedberg, Chair, Board of Directors; and Paul Wiedefeld, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **STOPPING HARMFUL INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS FOR A LASTING DEMOCRACY ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4617, the “Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–2, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4617, the “Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a

Lasting Democracy Act”. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–35, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lofgren and Representative Rodney Davis of Illinois.

#### **NATIVE 8(A) CONTRACTING: EMERGING ISSUES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Native 8(a) Contracting: Emerging Issues”. Testimony was heard from Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **AN ASSESSMENT OF FEDERAL RECOVERY EFFORTS FROM RECENT DISASTERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency held a hearing entitled “An Assessment of Federal Recovery Efforts from Recent Disasters”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Byard, Associate Administrator for Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Dennis Alvord, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development and Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; Chris P. Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Fernando Gil-Enseñat, Secretary, Departamento de la Vivienda (Department of Housing), Puerto Rico; Rhonda Wiley, Emergency Management/911 Director and

Floodplain Manager, Atchison County, Missouri; and public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 4360, the “VA Overpayment Accountability Act”; H.R. 592, the “Protect Veterans from Financial Fraud Act of 2019”; H.R. 1030, the “Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act”; H.R. 4165, the “Improving Benefits for Underserved Veterans Act”; H.R. 4183, the “Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act”; H.R. 628, the “WINGMAN Act”; H.R. 1424, the “Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act”; H.R. 1911, the “SFC Brian Woods Gold Star and Military Survivors Act”; legislation to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from ALS; and legislation to permit appellants to appear before the Board of Veterans’ Appeals via picture and voice transmission from locations outside the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Testimony was heard from Representatives Cisneros, Brownley of California, Delgado, Gonzalez of Ohio, Yoho, and Waltz; Ronald Burke, Executive Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kimberly McLeod, Deputy Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3398, the “Pathways to Health Careers Act of 2019”; H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Act Now Act of 2019”; H.R. 4650, the “Medicare Dental Act of 2019”; H.R. 4665, the “Medicare Vision Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4618, the “Medicare Hearing Act of 2019”. H.R. 3398, H.R. 3, H.R. 4650, H.R. 4665, and H.R. 4618 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: NATURAL SOLUTIONS TO CUTTING POLLUTION AND BUILDING RESILIENCE**

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Natural Solutions to Cutting Pollution and Building Resilience”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **ARMENIA**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine reform in Armenia, after receiving testimony from Hamazasp



Danielyan, National Assembly of Armenia, and Daniel Ioannisian, Union of Informed Citizens, both of Yerevan, Armenia; and Arsen Kharatyan, Aliq Media, Miriam Lansky, National Endowment for Democracy, and Jonathan D. Katz, German Marshall Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy and assistance in Syria, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the Navy's "Spectrum of Conflict" strategic framework, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine successes and unfinished business in the Western Balkans, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* to hold hearings to examine marijuana and America's health, focusing on questions and issues for policy makers, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

### House

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing entitled "The Future of Work: Preserving Worker Protections in the Modern Economy", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Sabotage: The Trump Administration's Attack on Health Care", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled "Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for Planes, Trains and Everything Beyond Automobiles", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Examination of Facebook and Its Impact on the Financial Services and Housing Sectors", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Betrayal of our Syrian Kurdish Partners:

How Will American Foreign Policy and Leadership Recover?", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled "The Trump Administration's FY 2020 Budget and U.S. Policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2932, the "Homeland Security for Children Act"; H.R. 3469, the "Covert Testing and Risk Mitigation Improvement Act of 2019"; H.R. 3787, the "DHS Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act"; H.R. 4237, the "Advancing Cybersecurity Diagnostics and Mitigation Act"; H.R. 4402, the "Inland Waters Security Review Act"; H.R. 4713, the "Department of Homeland Security Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Authorization Act"; H.R. 4727, the "Department of Homeland Security Mentor Protégé Program Act of 2019"; H.R. 4739, the "Synthetic Opioid Exposure Prevention and Training Act"; H.R. 4737, the "Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act"; H.R. 4753, the "Drone Origin Security Enhancement Act"; H.R. 4761, the "DHS Opioid Detention Resilience Act of 2019"; and legislation on the National Commission on Online Platforms and Homeland Security Act, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4, the "Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019"; and H.R. 565, the "AMIGOS Act", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 934, the "Health Benefits for Miners Act of 2019"; H.R. 935, the "Miners Pension Protection Act"; and H.R. 2579, the "Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform,* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled "Examining the Oil Industry's Efforts to Suppress the Truth about Climate Change", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "The Trump Administration's Syria Policy: Perspectives from the Field", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, joint hearing entitled "Space Weather: Advancing Research, Monitoring, and Forecasting Capabilities", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Prison to Proprietorship: Entrepreneurship Opportunities for the Formerly Incarcerated", 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "The Pebble Mine Project: Process and Potential Impacts", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled "Protecting Benefits for All Servicemembers", 10 a.m., HVC-210.



*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4742, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on nicotine used in vaping, etc.; H.R. 4716, the “Inhaler Coverage and Access Now Act”;

H.R. 1922, the “Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3708, the “Primary Care Enhancement Act of 2019”, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 50, Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits, and vote on passage of the joint resolution at 2:45 p.m.

Following disposition of S.J. Res. 50, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3055, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 23

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**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 4617—Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act (Subject to a Rule).

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