

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6261–S6308

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2735–2755, and S. Res. 386–390. **Pages S6299–S6300**

Measures Failed:

State Relief and Empowerment Waivers: By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 337), Senate failed to pass S.J. Res. 52, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to “State Relief and Empowerment Waivers”.

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Measures Passed:

National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 377, designating October 30, 2019, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Dyslexia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 389, calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed, and designating October 2019 as “National Dyslexia Awareness Month”.

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Honoring Senator Kay Hagan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 390, honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Senator Kay Hagan.

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Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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 S6271–81, S6281–94

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6271**

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction. **Page S6271**

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

By 88 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 338), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Shelby Amendment No. 948 (listed above). **Page S6271**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order to offer the following amendments: Lee Amendment No. 1209, and Jones Modified Amendment No. 1141; that no second-degree amendments be in order to these amendments prior to the votes, and that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 31, 2019, Senate vote on or in relation to these amendments in the order listed; that upon resumption of the bill on Thursday, October 31, 2019, the following amendments be called up and agreed to en bloc: Tester Amendment No. 953, Smith Amendment No. 1023, Hirono Amendment No. 1037, Brown Modified Amendment No. 1088, Baldwin Amendment No. 1099, Murkowski Amendment No. 1121, Thune Amendment No. 1133, Capito Amendment No. 1143, Smith Amendment No. 1149, Rosen Amendment No. 1161, McSally Amendment No. 1163, Reed Amendment No. 1217, Stabenow Amendment No. 1223, Cornyn Amendment No. 1224, Warner Amendment No. 951, Capito Amendment No. 1077, Cantwell Amendment No. 1094, Toomey Amendment No. 1129, Durbin Amendment No. 1146, Gardner Amendment No. 1150, McSally Amendment No. 1234, Sinema Amendment No. 1025, Ernst Amendment No. 1079, Ernst Amendment No. 1081, Cornyn Amendment No. 1151, Cardin Amendment No. 1159, Rosen Amendment No. 1160, Thune Amendment No. 1162, Peters Amendment No. 1182, Cornyn Amendment No. 1193, Menendez Amendment No. 1199, Blunt Amendment No. 1211, McSally Amendment No. 1215, Collins Amendment No. 1220, Schumer Amendment No. 1227, Hassan Amendment No. 956, Collins Amendment No.

1002, Shaheen Amendment No. 1005, Kaine Amendment No. 1010, Cortez Masto Amendment No. 1061, Cortez Masto Amendment No. 1062, Heinrich Amendment No. 1114, Shaheen Amendment No. 1130, Hoeven Amendment No. 1214, and Portman Amendment No. 1235. **Page S6293**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following disposition of Jones Modified Amendment No. 1141, the post-cloture time on Shelby Amendment No. 948 (listed above), expire; McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950 (listed above), be withdrawn, and Shelby Amendment No. 948, as amended, be agreed to; that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be withdrawn, there be two minutes of debate, equally divided, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with a 60 affirmative vote threshold required for passage; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration 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, occur at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 31, 2019. **Page S6294**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 31, 2019. **Page S6307**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Robert J. Feitel, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Page S6308**

Messages from the House: **Page S6297**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S6307**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
(Total—338) **Page S6271**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Kay Hagan, in accordance with S. Res. 390, at 7:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6307.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS ACT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

WATER SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the use of technology and innovation to increase water security and enable economic development in the West, after receiving testimony from John Louis Sabo, Arizona State University Future H2O, Tempe; Amit Lang, EMS Mekorot Projects Ltd., Holon, Israel; Margi Hoffmann, Farmers Conservation Alliance, Hood River, Oregon; Mary Beth Sewald, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Stephen Harper, Intel Corporation, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sean O'Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MEDICAID

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine Medicaid, focusing on compliance with eligibility requirements, after receiving testimony from Brian P. Ritchie, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Daryl G. Purpera, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Baton Rouge; and Judith Solomon, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Cardin and Sullivan, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

UNAUTHORIZED AND UNACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine the unauthorized and unaccountable government, including H.R. 2505, to provide for a reauthorizing schedule for unauthorized Federal programs, after receiving testimony from Representative Rodgers; Kevin R. Kosar, R Street Institute, and James A. Thurber, American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, both of

Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan M. Bydlak, Institute for Spending Reform, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, and Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Philip M. Halpern, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Bernard Maurice Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senators Inhofe and Lankford, and Barbara Bailey Jongbloed, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROMOTING THE USEFUL ARTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine promoting the useful arts, focusing on how Congress can prevent the issuance of poor quality patents, after receiving testimony from Andrew Hirshfeld, Commissioner of Patents, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; R. Polk Wagner, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia; Melissa F. Wasserman, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Teresa Stanek Rea, Crowell and Moring LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Colleen Chien, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4913–4935; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 663–667, were introduced. **Pages H8677–78**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8677**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 660, directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–266). **Pages H8679–80**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8599**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8605**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Robert Barron, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, CA. **Page H8605**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:01 p.m. **Page H8618**

Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 2181, to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land

in the State of New Mexico, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 597.

Pages H8622–40

Rejected the Arrington motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 596. **Pages H8638–39**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part D of H. Rept. 116–264 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H8631**

Agreed to:

Luján amendment (No. 1 printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–264) that amends a finding to further clarify that this legislation only impacts federal lands and federal minerals and has no impact on valid existing rights, including the development rights of any Indian Tribe or member of an Indian Tribe. **Pages H8632–33**

Rejected:

Gosar amendment (No. 2 printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to allow conveyance or exchange of federal land within the Withdrawal Area to or with State trust land entities, as well as Indian tribes (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 593); **Pages H8633–34, H8636**

Gosar amendment (No. 3 printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to delay permanent mineral withdrawal until Secretary of the Interior determines that the withdrawal won't impact the ability to develop or the economic value of mineral rights held by Native Americans in the withdrawal area or the great Chaco region (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 594); and **Pages H8634–35, H8636–37**

Arrington amendment (No. 4 printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to allow operators to continue new oil and gas development in the proposed exclusionary zone if operators have previously been in accordance with the "Historic Preservation Act" as well as existing rules and regulations for archaeological sites and areas of sensitivity in Chaco Canyon Historical Park (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 595).

Pages H8635–36, H8637–38

H. Res. 656, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 823), (H.R. 1373), and (H.R. 2181) was agreed to yesterday, October 29th.

Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 1373, to protect, for current and future generations, the watershed, ecosystem, and cultural heritage of the Grand Canyon region in the State of Arizona, by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 602.

Pages H8609–18, H8618–22, H8640–45

Rejected the Wittman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 601. **Pages H8642–44**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H8618**

Rejected:

Gosar amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to specify the Act shall not become effective until the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, finds that the withdrawal will not adversely affect jobs available to Native Americans, other minorities, and women (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 598); **Pages H8618–20, H8640–41**

Gosar amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to exclude lands in the 4th Congressional District of Arizona from the permanent mineral withdrawal under the Act (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 599); and **Pages H8620–21, H8641–42**

Gosar amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–264) that sought to delay permanent mineral withdrawal under the Act until the Secretary of the Interior completes a mineral survey of proposed withdrawal area (including uranium, rare earth elements, geothermal resources and oil and natural gas) and determine there are no mineral resources, geothermal resources, or critical minerals present other than uranium (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 600). **Pages H8621–22, H8642**

H. Res. 656, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 823), (H.R. 1373), and (H.R. 2181) was agreed to yesterday, October 29th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 31st. **Page H8645**

Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act: The House considered H.R. 823, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, October 31st. **Pages H8645–65**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–264, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H8652**

Agreed to:

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that adds veteran outreach and engagement activities in the management plan for the Camp Hale Historic Landscape;

Pages H8660–61

Tipton amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that states that regarding the Curecanti National Recreation Area, nothing in this Act constitutes an express or implied Federal reservation of any water or water rights; and

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Tipton amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that ensures grazing permitted at the time of enactment may continue in Thompson Divide.

Pages H8662–63

Proceedings Postponed:

Curtis amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that seeks to state that this bill shall not apply to any lands or waters within the Third Congressional District of Colorado;

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Tipton amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that seeks to limit lands being transferred from Forest Service to National Park Service based on management under a current memorandum of understanding; and

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Crow amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–264) that seeks to reaffirm the critical importance of Federal public lands to the Colorado High-Altitude Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (“HAATS”).

Pages H8664–65

H. Res. 656, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 823), (H.R. 1373), and (H.R. 2181) was agreed to yesterday, October 29th.

Recess: The House recessed at 9:27 p.m. and reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8636, H8636–37, H8637–38, H8639, H8640, H8640–41, H8641–42, H8642, H8644, and H8644–45. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4895, to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. H.R. 4895 was ordered reported, as amended.

REVIEWING THE STATE OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE—PRODUCER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the State of Organic Agriculture—Producer Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 4674, the “College Affordability Act”. H.R. 4674 was ordered reported, as amended.

SAFEGUARDING PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAINS IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding Pharmaceutical Supply Chains in a Global Economy”. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Wessel, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic Security Review Commission; and public witnesses.

BUILDING A 100 PERCENT CLEAN ECONOMY: SOLUTIONS FOR THE U.S. POWER SECTOR

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for the U.S. Power Sector”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 4458, the “Cybersecurity and Financial System Resilience Act”; H.R. 4634, the “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 4841, the “Prudential Regulator Oversight Act”; H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”; a resolution electing minority members to the taskforces on the Committee on Financial Services; and a resolution electing minority members to the subcommittees of the Committee on Financial Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2153, the “Keeping Girls in School Act”; H. Res. 189, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development’s commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy; H.

Res. 230, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States condemns all forms of violence against children globally and recognizes the harmful impacts of violence against children; H.R. 1771, the “Divided Families Reunification Act”; H. Res. 410, encouraging reunions of divided Korean-American families; H. Res. 349, reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond; H.R. 4754, the “Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019”; S. 178, the “Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019”; H. Res. 585, reaffirming support for the Good Friday Agreement and other agreements to ensure a lasting peace in Northern Ireland; H.R. 554, the “Saudi Educational Transparency and Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 2881, the “Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2019”; H.R. 3763, the “Promoting United States International Leadership in 5G Act of 2019”; H. Res. 446, reaffirming German-American friendship and cooperation under the Wunderbar Together-Germany and the U.S. initiative; H.R. 1819, the “War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act”; H.R. 4802, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards under the Department of State’s reward program relating to information regarding individuals or entities engaged in activities in contravention of United States or United Nations sanctions, and for other purposes; H.R. 4862, the “United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Extension Act”; H. Res. 649, expressing the support of the United States for the grassroots development programs the Inter-American Foundation has undertaken for the past 50 years; and H. Res. 546, disapproving the Russian Federation’s inclusion in future Group of Seven summits until it respects the territorial integrity of its neighbors and adheres to the standards of democratic societies. H. Res. 189, H. Res. 230, H. Res. 349, H. Res. 585, H.R. 1819, H.R. 4802, H.R. 4862, and H. Res. 546 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 554, H.R. 2881, H.R. 3763, H. Res. 446, H. Res. 649, H.R. 4754, S. 178, H.R. 1771, H. Res. 410, and H.R. 2153 were ordered reported, as amended.

GLOBAL TERRORISM: THREATS TO THE HOMELAND, PART II

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Global Terrorism: Threats to the Homeland, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Kevin K. McAleenan, Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Russell Travers, Acting Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of

National Intelligence; and David J. Glawe, Under Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Sexual Harassment at the Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from Mark Greenblatt, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior; Susan Combs, Senior Advisor, Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Discussion Draft Bill, Amendments to PROMESA Act of 2019—Day Two”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S DECISION TO DEPORT CRITICALLY ILL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s Decision to Deport Critically Ill Children and Their Families”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Albence, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Ken Cuccinelli, Acting Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

DIRECTING CERTAIN COMMITTEES TO CONTINUE THEIR ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS AS PART OF THE EXISTING HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INQUIRY INTO WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXERCISE ITS CONSTITUTIONAL POWER TO IMPEACH DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 660, directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America, and for other purposes [Original Jurisdiction Markup]. H. Res. 660 was ordered reported, without amendment.

FORCE OF NATURE: THE POWER OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN AMERICA'S RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Force of Nature: The Power of Small Businesses in America's Recreational Infrastructure". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE BOEING 737 MAX: EXAMINING THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND MARKETING OF THE AIRCRAFT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Boeing 737 MAX: Examining the Design, Development, and Marketing of the Aircraft". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIVE VETERANS' ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Native Veterans' Access to Healthcare". Testimony was heard from Kameron Matthews, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community Care, Veterans' Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Thomas Klobuchar, Executive Director, Office of Rural Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

PREPARING FOR BLUE WATER CLAIMS—VA STATUS UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Preparing for Blue Water Claims—VA Status Update on Implementation". Testimony was heard from Willie Clark, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Solving the Climate Crisis: Opportunities in Agriculture". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1665, to modify the procedures for issuing special recreation permits for certain public land units, S. 1723, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and S. 1967, to promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to increase opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Aneliz N. Castillo, of New York, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Alma L. Golden, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Peter M. Haymond, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Leslie Meredith Tsou, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1657, to provide assistance to combat the escalating burden of Lyme disease and other tick and vector-borne diseases and disorders, S. 2619, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Healthy Start program, S. 1399, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Services Act to revise and extend nursing workforce development programs, S. 995, to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care, S. 1130, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, S. 1608, to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans, S. 2629, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Public Health Service Corps, and S. 2740, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine supply chain security, global competitiveness, and 5G, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2511, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States and Supreme Court Police with the authority to protect the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and other individuals in any location, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Steven J. Menashi, 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, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Daniel Mack Traynor, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, Barbara Lagoa and Robert J. Luck, both of Florida, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Sylvia Carreno-Coll, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, John M. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee continue markup on H.R. 4674, the “College Affordability Act”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 4458, the “Cybersecurity and Financial System Resilience Act”; H.R. 4634, the “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 4841, the “Prudential Regulator Oversight Act”; H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”; a resolution electing minority members to the taskforces on the Committee on Financial Services; and a resolution electing minority members to the subcommittees of the Committee on Financial Services, 8:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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House Chamber

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