

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2740, Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6909–S6956*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3003–3014, and S. Res. 449–452. **Pages S6949–50**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1342, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–170) **Page S6949**

#### Measures Passed:

**Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act:** By 91 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 389), Senate passed 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. **Pages S6921–30**

**Virginia Beach Strong Act:** Pursuant to the order of November 21, 2019, and the text being identical to S. 2592, Senate passed H.R. 4566, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 31, 2019. **Page S6956**

**Historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions funding:** Senate passed H.R. 5363, to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions. **Page S6956**

**Congratulating astronauts Dr. Jessica U. Meir and Christina H. Koch:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 451, congratulating astronauts Dr. Jessica U. Meir

and Christina H. Koch for the historic accomplishment of completing the first all-female spacewalk. **Page S6956**

**VanDyke Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S6920, S6930–43**

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

By 53 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 388), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6920**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 11, 2019; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S6956**

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

By 53 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 387), Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S6910–20**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Sean O'Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on October 15, 2019, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S6956**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6947**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S6947–48**

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## Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.  
(Total—389) Pages S6920–21

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6956.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mitchell A. Silk, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and David Carey Woll, Jr., of Connecticut, and John Bobbitt, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

### SEC OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, including S. 945, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to require certain issuers to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission information regarding foreign jurisdictions that prevent the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from performing inspections under that Act, after receiving testimony from Jay Clayton, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

### IMO 2020 MARINE SULFUR STANDARD

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the upcoming implementation of the International Maritime Organization's new global sulfur standard for marine fuels, which is set to take effect on January 1, 2020, after receiving testimony from Linda Capuano, Administrator, Energy Information Agency, Department of Energy; and John W. Butler, World Shipping Council, Derrick Morgan, American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, Neelesh Nerurkar, ClearView Energy Partners, LLC, and Jamie Webster, Boston Consulting Group, all of Washington, D.C.

### ENCRYPTION AND LAWFUL ACCESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine encryption and lawful access, focusing on evaluating benefits and risks to public safety and privacy, after receiving testimony from Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., New York County District Attorney, New York, New York; Matt Tait, University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, Austin; Erik Neuenschwander, Apple Inc., Cupertino, California; and Jay Sullivan, Facebook, Menlo Park, California.

### U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded an oversight hearing to examine modernization of the United States Copyright Office, after receiving testimony from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, and Bernard A. Barton, Jr., Chief Information Officer, both of the Library of Congress; and Jody A. Harry, Chief Financial Officer and Acting Chief of Operations, United States Copyright Office.

### 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:** 15 public bills, H.R. 5374–5388; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 755–757, 759 were introduced. Pages H10015–16

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H10016–17

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 758, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3) to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other

purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5038) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1790) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–334).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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

**Television Viewer Protection Act of 2019:** H.R. 5035, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations; and

**Pages H9960–61**

**Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act:** H.R. 5363, amended, to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 319 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 659.

**Pages H9961–67, H9969**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 12:59 p.m.

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**Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act:** The House passed H.R. 729, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, by a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 667.

**Pages H9956–60, H9969–H10005**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–40 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

**Pages H9978–89**

Agreed to:

Huizenga amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that requires no less than 10 percent of the funds awarded under the Living Shoreline grant program be available to projects located within the Great Lakes;

**Pages H9993–94**

Katko amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that adds research on harmful algal bloom

development to U.S. Geological Survey research conducted under H.R. 729;

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Katko amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that provides grant eligibility under H.R. 729 to projects that assess the impact of water level regulating practices on the Great Lakes on coastal resiliency;

**Pages H9994–95**

Case en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 116–330: Hastings (No. 1) that expands the list of eligible activities for the award of Coastal Climate Change Adaptation Project Implementation Grants to include projects to address the immediate and long-term degradation or loss of coral and coral reefs; Hastings (No. 2) that includes coral reefs as eligible under the National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships program; Morelle (No. 3) that ensure that up to 5 percent of the funds appropriated under this section will be used by the Secretary to provide technical assistance, which will help accelerate early-stage resources and planning assistance for communities; McEachin (No. 5) that includes communities that may not have the resources necessary to prepare for or respond to coastal hazards to the list of priority areas the NOAA Administrator shall consider when determining living shoreline projects to receive federal grants; these communities include low-income communities, communities of color, Tribal communities, and rural communities; Lipinski (No. 7) that requires that climate change adaptation plans for Great Lakes coastal states shall include adaptive management strategies for Great Lakes ecosystems and resources; Moore (No. 10) that amends the Climate Change Adaption program to add invasive species as a target of the adaptive management strategies to be included in the plans and to require such proposals to describe how they will involve and address concerns regarding the impact of climate change in coastal communities on nearby tribes and low-income and low-resource communities; Moore (No. 11) that amends the Living Shoreline Grant Program to require plans to include an education and outreach component for the community stakeholders most affected by the proposal and to add tribes and tribal organizations to the list that the Administrator may consult with in developing program standards; Higgins (NY) (No. 13) that directs USGS research to include the impacts of harmful algal blooms, nutrient pollution, and dead zones on Great Lakes fisheries; Speier (No. 15) that specifies that “built and natural environments” in terms of infrastructure would include sea walls and living shorelines; Bonamici (No. 16) that adds studying coastal acidification and hypoxia as allowable activities through the Coastal Climate Change Adaptation Project Implementation Grant program;

Bonamici (No. 17) that directs NOAA to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to assess the need for and feasibility of establishing an Advanced Research Projects Agency-Oceans (ARPA-O); Kildee (No. 18) that requires NOAA to update the Environmental Sensitivity Index for the Great Lakes every seven years; Plaskett (No. 19) that permits a waiver of certain non-Federal contribution requirements for a fish habitat conservation project at the discretion of the Secretary; Jayapal (No. 20) that amends the legislation to increase the membership of the Fish Habitat Board by one seat to provide an additional seat for tribal representation; Jayapal (No. 21) that amends the legislation to ensure that grant funds awarded through the Living Shoreline Grant Program may be used to incentivize landowners to engage in living shoreline projects; Jayapal (No. 22) that amends the legislation to ensure that in developing minimum standards to be used in selecting eligible entities to receive grants under the Living Shoreline Grant Program, the Administrator considers entities with systems to disburse funding from a single grant to support multiple small-scale projects; Levin (MI) (No. 24) that specifies avian habitat protection and restoration projects as eligible activities to be considered for the Coastal Climate Change Adaptation Project Implementation grants in this bill; Rouda (No. 27) that adds a new section to the bill for a prize competition to stimulate innovation to advance coastal risk and resilience measures; and Rouda (No. 28) that adds a new section to the bill that would require the development of a catalog of research on applicable coastal risk reduction and resilience measures (by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 166 noes, Roll No. 660);

**Pages H9989–92, H10000**

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that authorizes the NOAA Administrator to award grants to eligible entities for collaborative research projects on the conservation, restoration, or management of oysters in the Chesapeake Bay (by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 661);

**Pages H9992–93, H10000–01**

Crist amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that clarifies that Section 323, the Climate Change Adaptation Preparedness and Response Program, includes projects to address harmful algal blooms (by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 121 noes, Roll No. 662);

**Pages H9995–96, H10001–02**

Panetta amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that adds a finding that collaborations and partnerships between institutions of higher education and Federal agencies help ensure digital data focused on coastal management issues are communicated ef-

fectively between such entities (by a recorded vote of 389 ayes to 29 noes, Roll No. 663);

**Pages H9996, H10002**

Mucarsel-Powell amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that ensures that corals are included as a natural element eligible for grants provided for by the Living Shoreline Grant Program (by a recorded vote of 285 ayes to 134 noes, Roll No. 664); and

**Pages H9996–97, H10002–03**

Luria amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that directs NOAA to consider the potential of a living shoreline project to support the resiliency of military communities when developing criteria for grant applications (by a recorded vote of 368 ayes to 51 noes, Roll No. 665).

**Pages H9997, H10003**

Rejected:

Johnson (LA) amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 116–330) that sought to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to limit the scope of the moratorium on taking and importing marine mammals and marine mammal products, and revises the requirements for obtaining an authorization for incidentally taking by harassment marine mammals (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 666).

**Pages H9997–99, H10004**

H. Res. 748, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 729) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 658, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 657.

**Pages H9968–69**

**Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act—Motion to Reconsider:** Representative Himes moved to reconsider the vote on passage of H.R. 729, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives. Representative McCollum moved to table the motion to reconsider. Further proceedings were postponed.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:16 p.m. and reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9968, H9968–69, H9969, H10000, H10000–01, H10001–02, H10002, H10002–03, H10003, H10004, and H10004–05. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FARM BILL INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “The Implementation of Farm Bill International Food Assistance and Development Programs”. Testimony was heard from Ken Isley, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; and Trey Hicks, Director, Office of Food for Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### DIVERSITY IN RECRUITING AND RETENTION: INCREASING DIVERSITY IN THE MILITARY—WHAT THE MILITARY SERVICES ARE DOING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Diversity in Recruiting and Retention: Increasing Diversity in the Military—What the Military Services are Doing”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Thomas C. Seamands, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral John B. Nowell, Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Brian T. Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, U.S. Air Force; and Lieutenant General Michael A. Rocco, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps.

### SECURING THE U.S. DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN: OVERSIGHT OF FDA’S FOREIGN INSPECTION PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Securing the U.S. Drug Supply Chain: Oversight of FDA’s Foreign Inspection Program”. Testimony was heard from Mary Denigan-Macauley, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Janet Woodcock, M.D., Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### PROPOSALS TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Proposals to Achieve Universal Health Care Coverage”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jayapal, DeLauro, Higgins of New York, Delgado, and Malinowski; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1731, the “Cybersecurity Disclosure Act of 2019”; H.R. 2445, the “Self-Employed Mortgage Access Act of 2019”; H.R. 4545, the “Private Loan Disability Discharge Act of 2019”; H.R. 5287, the “Fair Student Loan Debt Collection Practices Act”; H.R. 5294, the “Student Borrowers Protections Act”; H.R. 5332, the “Protecting Your Credit Score Act of 2019”; H.R. 5330, the “Consumer Protections for Medical Debt Collections Act”; H.R. 5322, the “Ensuring Diversity in Community Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 5315, the “Expanding Opportunities for Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs) Act”; a resolution electing majority members to the Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets; a resolution establishing the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence; and a resolution establishing the Task Force on Financial Technology.

### HAITI ON THE BRINK: ASSESSING U.S. POLICY TOWARD A COUNTRY IN CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Haiti on the Brink: Assessing U.S. Policy Toward a Country in Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AUTHORITARIANISM WITH CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS: POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES IN CHINA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Authoritarianism with Chinese Characteristics: Political and Religious Human Rights Challenges in China”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE WAY FORWARD IN IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “The Way Forward in Iraq”. Testimony was heard from Joey Hood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

### EXAMINING THE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Need for Comprehensive National Paid Family and Medical Leave”. Testimony was heard from Representative DeLauro; Robert Asaro-Angelo, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and public witnesses.

**EXAMINING CARCINOGENS IN TALC AND THE BEST METHODS FOR ASBESTOS DETECTION**

*Committee on Oversight And Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Examining Carcinogens in Talc and the Best Methods for Asbestos Detection”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW ACT OF 2019; FARM WORKFORCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2019; CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019” [Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019]; H.R. 5038, the “Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2019”; and the Conference report to accompany S. 1790, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020” (H. Rept. 116–333). The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019”, H.R. 5038, the “Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2019”, and the Conference report to accompany S. 1790, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020” (H. Rept. 116–333). The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019”, under a structured rule. The rule provides four hours of general debate, with three hours equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, and one hour equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–41, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such further 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. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5038, the “Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2019”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–42, modified by the amendment printed in Part C of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1790, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020”. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the conference report, divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. The rule provides one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule provides that the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence may insert in the Congressional Record not later than December 13, 2019, such material as he may deem explanatory of intelligence authorization measures for the fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of December 20, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV, and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 20, 2019. Section 7 of the rule provides that on any legislative day of the first session of the 116th Congress after December 12, 2019: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Section 8 of the rule provides that on any legislative

day of the second session of the 116th Congress before January 7, 2020: the Speaker may dispense with organizational and legislative business; the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved if applicable; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the periods addressed by sections 7 and 8. The rule provides that each day during the periods addressed by sections 7 and 8: shall not constitute calendar days for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution; shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII; and shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lofgren, Chairman Scott of Virginia, Chairman Pallone, Chairman Neal, Chairman Smith of Washington, and Representatives Walden, Brady, Foxx, Doggett, Titus, Collins of Georgia, Newhouse, and Thornberry.

#### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL MATERIALS CHALLENGE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Research and Innovation to Address the Critical Materials Challenge”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### REVIEW OF THE SBA’S 504/CDC LOAN PROGRAM

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Review of the SBA’s 504/CDC Loan Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

On Monday, December 9, 2019, *Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold closed hearings to examine an update on the situation and United States strategy in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 2204, to allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, S. 2363, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a Telecommunications Workforce Development Advisory Council within the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2381, to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula, S. 2638, to amend title 49, United State Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, S. 2786, to establish a Federal advisory committee to provide policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on positioning the United States to take advantage of emerging opportunities for Arctic maritime transportation, S. 2802, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, S. 2881, to require the Federal Communications Commission to make not less than 280 megahertz of spectrum available for terrestrial use, S. 2898, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, S. 2909, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration, S. 2964, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to issue non-premium aviation insurance, S. 2979, to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities, and S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 2641, to promote United States national security and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, S. 2547, to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People’s Republic of China, S. 2977, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of

Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, S. 1830, to enhance the security of the United States and its allies, S. 704, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, S. 1189, to require the Secretary of State to determine whether the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism and whether Russian-sponsored armed entities in Ukraine should be designated as foreign terrorist organizations, S. 482, to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, S. J.Res. 4, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, S. Con. Res. 23, honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II, recognizing the valiant efforts of the Allied Forces in December 1944, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, all of which contributed to the Allied victory in the European Theater, S. Res. 142, condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, S. Res. 152, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States, S. Res. 260, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy, S. Res. 297, commending the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for its significant accomplishments and contributions to the economic and social development of the Americas, S. Res. 343, congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the people of the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the 26th anniversary of the formation of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and the 101st anniversary of the declaration of independence of Czechoslovakia, S. Res. 371, reaffirming the support of the United States for the people of the Republic of South Sudan and calling on all parties to uphold their commitments to peace and dialogue as outlined in the 2018 revitalized peace agreement, S. Res. 374, expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2019, as a national day of remembrance of the tragic terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983, S. Res. 375, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 385, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of both Germany and Europe, and the spread of democracy around

the world, S. Res. 395, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis, H.R. 2744, to authorize the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prescribe the manner in which programs of the agency are identified overseas, H.R. 133, to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, an original resolution expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date, the nomination of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1853, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and S. 2365, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the Inspector General's report on alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

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*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1731, the "Cybersecurity Disclosure Act of 2019"; H.R. 2445, the "Self-Employed Mortgage Access Act of 2019"; H.R. 4545, the "Private Loan Disability Discharge Act of 2019"; H.R. 5287, the "Fair Student Loan Debt Collection Practices Act"; H.R. 5294, the "Student Borrowers Protections Act"; H.R. 5332, the "Protecting Your Credit Score Act of 2019"; H.R. 5330, the "Consumer Protections for Medical Debt Collections Act"; H.R. 5322, the "Ensuring Diversity in Community Banking Act of 2019"; H.R. 5315, the "Expanding Opportunities for Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs) Act"; a resolution electing majority members to the Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets; a resolution establishing the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence; and a resolution establishing



the Task Force on Financial Technology, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, begin markup on H. Res. 755, the “Articles of Impeachment Against President Donald J. Trump”, 7 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled “Righting the Ship: The Coast Guard Must Improve its Processes for Addressing Harassment, Bullying, and Retaliation”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “FITARA 9.0”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing entitled “Solving an Epidemic: Addressing Human Trafficking Around Major Events like the Super Bowl and the Need for

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Boeing 737 MAX: Examining the Federal Aviation Administration’s Oversight of the Aircraft’s Certification”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5306, the “Know Your Social Security Act”; and legislation on Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Creating a Climate Resilient America: Smart Finance for Strong Communities”, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

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*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to receive a briefing on Albania’s leadership in Europe, 2 p.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 11

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture.

At 12 noon, Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 2333, Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 11

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 5038—Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2019 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3—Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1790—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Subject to a Rule).

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