

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7037–S7058

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3052–3061. **Page S7048**

Measures Reported:

S. 2513, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–175)

H.R. 135, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–176)

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Measures Passed:

President George H.W. Bush and First Spouse Barbara Bush Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 457, to require that \$1 coins issued during 2019 honor President George H. W. Bush and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bullion coins during 2019 in honor of Barbara Bush, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1257, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7057**

Artistic Recognition for Talented Students Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2824, to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7058**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military ac-

tivities 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. **Pages S7037–38, S7042–46**

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

By 76 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 398), 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 conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S7042**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, at 11:45 a.m., on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, all post-cloture time be considered expired on the conference report to accompany the bill, and that Senate vote on the pending motion to waive the budget act, if applicable, prior to a vote on adoption of the conference report. **Pages S7045–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. **Page S7058**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, received during adjournment of the Senate on December 13, 2019; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–39) **Pages S7047–48**

McFarland Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Matthew Walden McFarland, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S7038**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. **Page S7038**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7038**

Singhal Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anuraag Singhal, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S7038**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Matthew Walden McFarland, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S7038**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7038**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7038**

Marston Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7038**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Anuraag Singhal, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S7038–39**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7038**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7038**

Traynor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. **Page S7039**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7039**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Dishman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S7039**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. **Page S7039**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Gallagher Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John M. Gallagher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7039**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S7039**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Jones II Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Bernard Maurice Jones II, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S7039**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John M. Gallagher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7039**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Vyskocil Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary Kay Vyskocil,

of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S7039–40**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Bernard Maurice Jones II, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Riggs Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kea Whetzal Riggs, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Page S7040**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mary Kay Vyskocil, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Colville Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert J. Colville, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7040**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Kea Whetzal Riggs, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Liman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lewis J. Liman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S7040**

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

of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert J. Colville, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Brown Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gary Richard Brown, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S7040**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lewis J. Liman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Davis Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephanie Dawkins Davis, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S7040–41**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Gary Richard Brown, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S7041**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Vote Correction—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator King be permitted to change his vote from nay to yea on Vote No. 397 since it will not affect the outcome. **Page S7042**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—398) Page S7042

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7058.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5434–5443; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 81, were introduced. Pages H10305–06

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H10306–07

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2474, to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–347);

H.R. 2647, to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–348);

H.R. 4227, to prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map (H. Rept. 116–349);

H.R. 4229, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–350);

H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–351);

H.R. 4998, to prohibit certain Federal loans, grants, and subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such

risks, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–352); and

H. Res. 765, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1158) to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1865) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 761) permitting individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center (H. Rept. 116–353). Page H10305

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McCollum to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10269

Recess: The House recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H10269

Order of Business—Consideration of H.R. 5430: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 5430), to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, that the bill be considered as read, that the bill be debatable for two hours equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees, and that, pursuant to section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question

be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion. **Page H10269**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m. **Pages H10269–70**

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

Department of Veterans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act: H.R. 4920, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an exception to certain small business contracting requirements applicable to the Department of Veterans Affairs procurement of certain goods and services covered under the Ability One program; **Pages H10270–71**

Small Airport Mothers' Rooms Act of 2019: H.R. 3362, to amend title 49, United State Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers; **Pages H10280–82**

Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019: H.R. 4998, amended, to prohibit certain Federal loans, grants, and subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such risks; **Pages H10282–86**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To prohibit certain Federal subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such risks, and for other purposes."

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Extending the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006: H.R. 4779, amended, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006; **Pages H10286–87**

Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act: H.R. 4229, amended, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services; **Pages H10287–91**

Mapping Accuracy Promotes Services Act: H.R. 4227, to prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map; **Pages H10291–92**

Safer Occupancy Furniture Flammability Act: H.R. 2647, amended, to adopt a certain California

flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability; **Pages H10292–94**

Safe Sleep for Babies Act of 2019: H.R. 3172, amended, to prohibit the manufacture for sale, offer for sale, distribution in commerce, or importation into the United States of any inclined sleeper for infants; **Pages H10294–95**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide that inclined sleepers for infants and crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes."; **Page H10295**

Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2019: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 150, to modernize Federal grant reporting; **Pages H10295–98**

Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act: S. 216, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam; **Pages H10298–H10300**

Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act: S. 50, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions; and **Pages H10301–02**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act: H.R. 453, amended, to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. **Pages H10302–04**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:46 p.m. and reconvened at 12:46 a.m. **Pages H10304–05**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act: H.R. 4183, amended, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H10271–72**

Improving Confidence in Veterans' Care Act: H.R. 3530, amended, to amend title 38, United

States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirement for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Pages H10272–75

Banning Smoking on Amtrak Act of 2019: H.R. 2726, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains; **Pages H10275–76**

Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act: H.R. 2548, amended, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs;

Pages H10276–80

Funding Instruction for Safety, Health, and Security Avoids Fishing Emergencies Act: H.R. 4719, amended, to amend the Federal share of the fishing safety standards grants; and

Pages H10278–80

Miracle Mountain Designation Act: H.R. 722, to designate a mountain in the State of Utah as “Miracle Mountain”.

Pages H10300–01

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:48 a.m.

Committee Meetings

RESTORING TAX FAIRNESS FOR STATES AND LOCALITIES ACT; SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE DHS CYBER HUNT AND INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAMS ACT OF 2019; SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5377, the “Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act”, Senate Amendment to H.R. 1158, the “DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Teams Act of 2019” [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020]; and Senate Amendment to H.R. 1865, the “National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act” [Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020]. The Committee granted, by nonrecord vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1158, the “DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Teams Act of 2019” [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020], and the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1865, the “National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act” [Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020]. The rule provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1158, the “DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Teams Act of 2019” [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020]. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the

Committee on Appropriations or her designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–43. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule also provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1865, the “National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act”. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–44, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that it shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record not later than December 17, 2019, such material as she may deem explanatory of the Senate amendments and the motions specified in the first two sections of the rule. The rule provides that House Resolution 761 is hereby adopted. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey, and Representatives Rogers of Kentucky, Kaptur, Simpson, Visclosky, Calvert, Aderholt, DeLauro, Cole, Price of North Carolina, Diaz-Balart, Roybal-Allard, Fleischmann, Bishop of Georgia, McCollum, Joyce of Ohio, Ryan, and Herrera Beutler.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1341)

H.R. 887, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 877 East 1200 South in Orem, Utah, as the “Jerry C. Washburn Post Office Building”. Signed on December 12, 2019. (Public Law 116–79)

H.R. 1252, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6531 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the “Marilyn Monroe Post Office”. Signed on December 12, 2019. (Public Law 116–80)

H.R. 1253, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13507 Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima, California, as the “Ritchie Valens Post Office Building”. Signed on December 12, 2019. (Public Law 116–81)

H.R. 1526, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Israel Road Southeast in Tumwater, Washington, as the “Eva G. Hewitt Post Office”. Signed on December 12, 2019. (Public Law 116–82)

H.R. 1844, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Grove Court in Elgin, Illinois, as the “Corporal Alex Martinez Memorial Post Office Building”. Signed on December 12, 2019. (Public Law 116–83)

H.R. 1972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 West Kent Avenue in Missoula, Montana, as the “Jeannette Rankin Post Office Building”. Signed on December 13, 2019. (Public Law 116–84)

H.R. 2151, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7722 South Main Street in Pine Plains, New York, as the “Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office”. Signed on December 13, 2019. (Public Law 116–85)

H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Calle Alondra in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “65th Infantry Regiment Post Office Building”. Signed on December 13, 2019. (Public Law 116–86)

H.R. 2334, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Odessa, Texas, as the “Wilson and Young Medal of Honor VA Clinic”. Signed on December 13, 2019. (Public Law 116–87)

H.R. 2451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 575 Dexter Street in Central Falls, Rhode Island, as the “Elizabeth Buffum Chace Post Office”. Signed on December 13, 2019. (Public Law 116–88)

H.R. 3144, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8520 Michigan Avenue in Whittier, California, as the “Jose Ramos Post Office Building”. Signed on December 13, 2019. (Public Law 116–89)

H.R. 3314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 McCulloch Boulevard North in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, as the “Lake Havasu City Combat Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”. Signed on December 13, 2019. (Public Law 116–90)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider S. 2695, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for the defense of United States agriculture and food through the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, and an original bill to release a federal reversionary interest in Chester County, Tennessee, to manage certain Federal land in Bath County, Virginia, 10:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 3051, to improve protections for wildlife, the nomination of Robert J. Feitel, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and 19 General Services Administration resolutions, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Hennessey-Niland, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Dorothy Shea, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, and Donald Wright, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine tackling the opioid crisis, focusing on a whole-of-government approach, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “Access to Conservation Programs by Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “U.S. Counterterrorism Priorities and Challenges in Africa”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H. Res. 755, Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors, 11 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 746, a Resolution to Support and Reform the World Trade Organization (WTO); and H.R. 5430, to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached

as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 17 through
December 20, 2019

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1790, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture, and vote on adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill at 11:45 a.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: December 17, business meeting to consider S. 2695, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for the defense of United States agriculture and food through the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, and an original bill to release a federal reversionary interest in Chester County, Tennessee, to manage certain Federal land in Bath County, Virginia, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: December 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

December 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of wildfire on electric grid reliability and efforts to mitigate wildfire risk and increase grid resiliency, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: December 17, business meeting to consider S. 3051, to improve protections for wildlife, the nomination of Robert J. Feitel, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and 19 General Services Administration resolutions, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Hennessey-Niland, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Dorothy Shea, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, and Donald Wright, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 17, business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

December 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act report, focusing on methodology, scope, and findings, 10 a.m., SD-342.

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Committee on Oversight and Reform, December 19, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2575, the “AI in Government Act of 2019”; H.R. 3830, the “Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act”; H.R. 3883, the “Restore the Partnership Act”; H.R. 3941, the “Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program Authorization Act”; H.R. 5214, the “Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act of 2019”; S. 375, the “Payment Integrity Information Act

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December 19, Full Committee, continue hearing entitled “H.R. 51: Making D.C. the 51st State”, 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 19, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Climate Change, Part IV: Current Economic Ef-

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, December 18, Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 2986, the “BEST Act”; H.R. 5374, the “Advanced Geothermal Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 5428, the “Grid Modernization Research and Development Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1158—DHS Cyber Incident Response Teams Act of 2019 (Subject to a Rule).

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