

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3227–3247, S. Res. 484–487, and S. Con. Res. 35.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce. (S. Rept. No. 116–208)

Report to accompany S. 2425, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the CHP Technical Assistance Partnership Program. (S. Rept. No. 116–209)

Report to accompany S. 2508, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a council to conduct a survey and analysis of the employment figures and demographics in the energy, energy efficiency, and motor vehicle sectors of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 116–210)

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Measures Considered:

Impeachment of President Trump: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against Donald John Trump, President of the United States. **Pages S619–27**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the question period for Senators start at approximately 1 p.m., on Wednesday, January 29, 2020; that the questions alternate between the Majority and the Minority sides for up to 8 hours during that session of the Senate; and that on Thursday, January 30, 2020, Senate continue time for Senators questions alternating between the sides for up to 8 hours during that session of the Senate. **Page S626**

Senate will continue consideration of the articles of impeachment against President Trump, on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. **Page S644**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles A. Stones, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Thomas M. Mistele, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Judy Shelton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010.

Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.

Finch Fulton, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Jenny A. McGee, of Texas, to be an Associate Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Julie Elizabeth Hocker, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years. **Page S644**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1:03 p.m. and adjourned at 2:54 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S644.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE IN AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a

hearing to examine building infrastructure in America, focusing on an overview of the Build America Bureau and the Department of Transportation Rural Transportation Initiatives, after receiving testimony from Joel Szabat, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, performing the duties of Under Secretary for Policy, and Morteza Farajian, Executive Director, Build America Bureau, both of the Department of Transportation; and John McCarthy, Port of Tacoma Commission, Tacoma, Washington, on behalf of The Northwest Seaport Alliance.

U.S.-IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on United States-Iran policy and authorities for the use of force from Brian H. Hook, Special Representative for Iran, Joey Hood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Marik String, Acting Legal Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, all of the Department of State.

AMERICA'S FISCAL PATH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's fiscal path, including S. 2733, to save and strengthen critical social contract programs of the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; Charles P. Blahous, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Rockville, Maryland; and Brian Riedl, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5685–5698; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 86; and H. Res. 815–817, were introduced. **Pages H632–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H633–34**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H571**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H576–77**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Jeffrey F. Kirby, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Indian Land, SC. **Page H577**

Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act and Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 811, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3621) to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to remove adverse information for certain defaulted or delinquent private education loan borrowers who demonstrate a history of loan repayment, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 550) to award a Congressional Gold

Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 26, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 25. **Pages H579–88, H605–06**

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

Global Hope Act: H.R. 5338, amended, to authorize the Secretary of State to pursue public-private partnerships, innovative financing mechanisms, research partnerships, and coordination with international and multilateral organizations to address childhood cancer globally; **Pages H588–90**

Supporting the rights of the people of Iran to free expression, condemning the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests: H. Res. 752, amended, supporting the rights of the people of Iran to free expression, condemning the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests; **Pages H590–94**

Tibetan Policy and Support Act: H.R. 4331, amended, to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 27; and

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Keeping Girls in School Act: H.R. 2153, amended, to support empowerment, economic security, and educational opportunities for adolescent girls around the world.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 86, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H605–06, H606, and H606–07. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF FARM BILL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “To Review Implementation of Farm Bill Conservation Programs”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Lohr, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; and Richard Fordyce, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture.

SECURITY UPDATE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Security Update on the Korean Peninsula”. Testimony was heard from John C. Rood, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant Gen. David W. Allvin, Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy—J5, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

EXPECTING MORE: ADDRESSING AMERICA’S MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH CRISIS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a joint hearing entitled “Expecting More: Addressing America’s Maternal and Infant Health Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OUT OF CONTROL: THE IMPACT OF WILDFIRES ON OUR POWER SECTOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a joint hearing entitled “Out of Control: The Impact of Wildfires on our Power Sec-

tor and the Environment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATION TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF RACEHORSES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Promote the Health and Safety of Racehorses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ESCALATION WITH IRAN: OUTCOMES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. INTERESTS AND REGIONAL STABILITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “Escalation with Iran: Outcomes and Implications for U.S. Interests and Regional Stability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENDING GLOBAL RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform held a joint hearing entitled “Ending Global Religious Persecution”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FENTANYL ANALOGUES: PERSPECTIVES ON CLASSWIDE SCHEDULING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Fentanyl Analogues: Perspectives on Classwide Scheduling”. Testimony was heard from Brett P. Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Amanda Liskamm, Director of Opioid Enforcement and Prevention Efforts, Department of Justice; Kevin L. Butler, Federal Public Defender, Northern District, Alabama; and public witnesses.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTECTING HUMAN HEALTH, THE CLIMATE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “The Importance of Public Disclosure Requirements for Protecting Human Health, the Climate, and the Environment”. Testimony was heard from Victor Snover, Mayor, Aztec, New Mexico; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R.

4891, the “Western Water Security Act of 2019”; H.R. 5316, the “Move Water Now Act”; and H.R. 5347, the “Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Assistance Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Torres Small of New Mexico and Cox of California; Grayford Payne, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Administration, and Budget, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Examining the Trump Administration’s Afghanistan Strategy”. Testimony was heard from John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

PROTECTING THOSE WHO BLOW THE WHISTLE ON GOVERNMENT WRONGDOING

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Protecting Those Who Blow the Whistle on Government Wrongdoing”. Testimony was heard from Glenn A. Fine, Principal Deputy Inspector General Performing the Duties of the Inspector General, Department of Defense; Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

GSA OUTLEASES AND THE TRUMP OLD POST OFFICE HOTEL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “GSA Outleases and the Trump Old Post Office Hotel”. Testimony was heard from Emily W. Murphy, Administrator, General Services Administration.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for Paid Family and Medical Leave”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wagner, DeLauro, and Stefanik; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CRIMEA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the state of human rights in Crimea, after receiving testimony from Oleg Sentsov, Ukrainian writer and filmmaker,

and Tamila Tasheva, Deputy Permanent Representative of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, both of Kyiv, Ukraine; and Melinda Haring, Atlantic Council Eurasia Center, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D82)

H.R. 263, to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Signed on January 27, 2020. (Public Law 116–110)

H.R. 434, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail. Signed on January 27, 2020. (Public Law 116–111)

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. Signed on January 27, 2020. (Public Law 116–112)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine stakeholder perspectives on the importance of the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2336, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2864, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on information sharing between the Department of Veterans Affairs and designated relatives and friends of veterans regarding the assistance and benefits available to the veterans, S. 524, to establish the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, S. 2594, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify certain requirements with respect to service and retirement for the purposes of veterans' preference for Federal hiring, S. 850, to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans, S. 3110, 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, S. 123, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review

appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, S. 450, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expedite the onboarding process for new medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the duration of the hiring process for such medical providers, S. 3182, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and the nomination of Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from the Social Security Impersonation Scam, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Improving Safety and Transparency in America's Food and Drugs", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Empowering and Connecting Communities through Digital Equity and Internet Adoption", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Community Reinvestment Act: Is the OCC Undermining the Law's Purpose and Intent", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled "Examining the Availability of Insurance for Nonprofits", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled "Resisting Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia in Europe", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1140, the "Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act"; H.R. 5273, the "Securing America's Ports Act"; H.R. 1494, the "HBCU Homeland Security Partnerships Act"; H.R. 5680, the "Cybersecurity Vul-

nerability Identification and Notification Act of 2020"; H.R. 5670, the "Transportation Security Transparency Improvement Act"; H.R. 5678, the "Privacy Office Enhancement Act"; and H.R. 5679, the "CISA Director Reform Act", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled "Courts in Crisis: The State of Judicial Independence and Due Process in U.S. Immigration Courts", 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1049, the "National Heritage Area Act of 2019"; H.R. 1240, the "Young Fishermen's Development Act of 2019"; H.R. 2748, the "Safeguarding America's Future and Environment Act"; H.R. 2795, the "Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019"; H.R. 2956, to provide for the establishment of the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes; H.R. 4348, the "Protect America's Wildlife and Fish In Need of Conservation Act of 2019"; H.R. 4679, the "Climate-Ready Fisheries Act of 2019"; and H.R. 5179, the "Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "75 Years After the Holocaust: The Ongoing Battle Against Hate", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Losing Ground: U.S. Competitiveness in Critical Technologies", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, markup on H.R. 5666, the "National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2020", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "SBA Management Review: Office of Field Operations", 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Caring for Veterans in Crisis: Ensuring a Comprehensive Health System Approach", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Paving the Way for Funding and Financing Infrastructure Investments", 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine human rights and democracy, focusing on obstacles and opportunities in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region, 10 a.m., 1334, Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Wednesday, January 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment to consider the articles of impeachment against President Trump.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3621—Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act. Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 550—Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act.

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