

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S645–S691

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 S645–91**

Senate will continue consideration of the articles of impeachment against President Trump, on Thursday, January 30, 2020. **Page S691**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1:13 p.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S691.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stakeholder perspectives on the importance of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after receiving testimony from Chris Jahn, American Chemistry Council, Washington, D.C.; Shakeel H. Kadri, Center for Chemical Process Safety, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers; and Steve Sallman, United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment; and

The nomination of Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

INTELLIGENCE

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

SOCIAL SECURITY IMPERSONATION SCAM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting seniors from the So-

cial Security Impersonation Scam, after receiving testimony from Andrew Saul, Commissioner, and Gail S. Ennis, Inspector General, both of the Social Security Administration; Justin Groshon, Saco Social Security Office, Saco, Maine, on behalf of the National Council of Social Security Management Associations; Nora Dowd Eisenhower, Mayor's Commission on Aging, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Machel Andersen, Ogden, Utah.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5699–5714, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Avraham Hakohen Romi Cohn, Congregation Adas Yereim Vien, Brooklyn, NY.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:59 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 30th.

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Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act: The House passed 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, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 31.

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Rejected the Hill (AR) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 30.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–47, modified by the amend-

ment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–383, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that requires the GAO to study how credit scores are used in rental housing and mortgage determinations, including information on treatment of different demographic populations;

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Shalala amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that requires the GAO to study how credit scores adversely impacted by a student borrowers defaulted or delinquent private education loan further impacts applying for future loans, including information on treatment of different demographic populations;

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Timmons amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that requires GAO to carry out a study of the compliance by consumer reporting agencies that compile and maintain files on consumers and the impact such compliance has on consumers;

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Steil amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that clarifies that a person's credit report may be used if the report is obtained in connection with a background check or related investigation of financial information that is required by a federal, state, or local law or regulation;

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Gottheimer amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that stipulates that if a credit scoring agency changes their model such that it may negatively impact the credit scores for a group of consumers, then the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has the option to review the new model and prohibit the change if they find the change is inappropriate;

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Kildee amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that expands those impacted by major disasters and emergencies to include those working in the areas; extends the grace period for individuals affected by a major disaster or emergency to up to 6 months; **Pages H687–88**

King (IA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that amends the date for relief on major disaster and emergency declarations to begin on the initial date of the incident period of the major disaster or emergency; **Pages H688–89**

Sánchez amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that allows for extended active duty uniformed consumers, including members of the National Guard, to dispute an adverse action or inaction on their credit report that occurred while they were in a combat zone or aboard a U.S. vessel; if a credit reporting agency has knowledge that the consumer was an extended active duty uniformed consumer at the time such action or inaction occurred, the credit reporting agency would have to promptly notify the consumer and inform them how to dispute the adverse information, and includes a budgetary offset; **Pages H689–91**

Cohen amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that creates a time period for their credit report to change after making the consecutive payments; **Pages H691–92**

Cohen amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that clarifies that credit reports cannot be used solely as the reason for denial of employment; **Pages H692–93**

Takano amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that prohibits the inclusion of arrest records on a consumer report if the consumer was not convicted for the arrest; **Pages H693–94**

Panetta amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that adds the term homelessness (as defined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development) as an unusual extenuating life circumstance or event that results in severe financial or personal barriers and demonstrates undue hardship; **Pages H695–97**

Clay amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that clarifies Federal law for reporting certain positive consumer credit information to CRAs, and seeks to expand access to credit through use of alternative data, (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 135 noes, Roll No. 28); and **Pages H683–85, H697–98**

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that reaffirms Congressional efforts to enhance cybersecurity and implement routine security updates of databases maintained by nationwide consumer reporting agencies that contain sensitive consumer data as critical to the national se-

curity of the United States; consumer reporting agencies will have to meet minimum training and ongoing certification requirements as established by the Director of The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and the amendment includes a budgetary offset (by a recorded vote of 376 ayes to 38 noes, Roll No. 29). **Pages H694–95, H698**

H. Res. 811, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3621) and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 550) was agreed to yesterday, January 28th.

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

Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act: S. 3201, to extend the temporary scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 320 yeas to 88 nays, Roll No. 32.

Pages H647–53, H701–02

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress in accordance with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement the designation of emergency requirements—referred to the Committee on the Budget and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–96).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings and appear on pages H697–98, H698, H700, H700–01, and H701–02. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

IMPROVING SAFETY AND TRANSPARENCY IN AMERICA’S FOOD AND DRUGS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Improving Safety and Transparency in America’s Food and Drugs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMPOWERING AND CONNECTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH DIGITAL EQUITY AND INTERNET ADOPTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Empowering and Connecting Communities through Digital Equity and Internet Adoption”. Testimony was heard from Joshua Edmonds, Director of Digital Inclusion, Detroit, Michigan; Jeffrey R. Sural, Director, Broadband Infrastructure Office, North Carolina Department of Information Technology; and public witnesses.

THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT: IS THE OCC UNDERMINING THE LAW’S PURPOSE AND INTENT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Community Reinvestment Act: Is the OCC Undermining the Law’s Purpose and Intent”. Testimony was heard from Joseph M. Otting, Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

EXAMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF INSURANCE FOR NONPROFITS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Examining the Availability of Insurance for Nonprofits”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESISTING ANTI-SEMITISM AND XENOPHOBIA IN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a hearing entitled “Resisting Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia in Europe”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a 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 Vulnerability 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”. H.R. 1140, H.R. 5273, H.R. 1494, H.R. 5670, H.R. 5678, and H.R. 5679 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5680 was ordered reported, without amendment.

COURTS IN CRISIS: THE STATE OF JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND DUE PROCESS IN U.S. IMMIGRATION COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “Courts in Crisis: The State of Judicial Independence and Due Process in U.S. Immigration Courts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a 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”. H.R. 1049, H.R. 1240, H.R. 2748, H.R. 2795, H.R. 2956, and H.R. 3399 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4348, H.R. 4679, and H.R. 5179 were ordered reported, without amendment.

75 YEARS AFTER THE HOLOCAUST: THE ONGOING BATTLE AGAINST HATE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “75 Years After the Holocaust: The Ongoing Battle Against Hate”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOSING GROUND: U.S. COMPETITIVENESS IN CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Losing Ground: U.S. Competitiveness in Critical Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Diane Souvaine, Chair, National Science Board; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a markup on H.R. 5666, the “National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2020”. H.R. 5666 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

SBA MANAGEMENT REVIEW: OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Office

of Field Operations”. Testimony was heard from Michael A. Vallante, Associate Administrator, Office of Field Operations, Small Business Administration.

**CARING FOR VETERANS IN CRISIS:
ENSURING A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH
SYSTEM APPROACH**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Caring for Veterans in Crisis: Ensuring a Comprehensive Health System Approach”. Testimony was heard from Renee Oshinski, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Julie Kroviak, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

**PAVING THE WAY FOR FUNDING AND
FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENTS**

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Paving the Way for Funding and Financing Infrastructure Investments”. Testimony was heard from Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

**HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN THE
OSCE REGION**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine human rights and democracy, focusing on obstacles and op-

portunities in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe region, after receiving testimony from Ingibjorg Solrun Gisladdottir, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw, Poland.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D90)

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. Signed on January 29, 2020. (Public Law 116–113)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JANUARY 30, 2020**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Africa Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled “Is Cash Still King? Reviewing the Rise of Mobile Payments”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Thursday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, January 30

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 550—Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act.

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