

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2331–S2356*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3672–3684, S.J. Res. 72–73, and S. Res. 568–569.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 3590, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize certain provisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3591, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to provide for water pollution control activities and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Measures Passed:

*Observer Status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization:* Senate passed S. 249, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S2345–47**

McConnell (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1582, in the nature of a substitute.

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*Contributions of the Teachers of the United States:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 568, recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States.

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*Public Service Recognition Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 569, expressing the sense of the Senate that, during Public Service Recognition Week, public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States.

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**Montgomery Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Brian D.

Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S2332–39**

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

By 60 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 85), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2338–39**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 12, 2020; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote at 12 noon, on confirmation of the nomination; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Troy D. Edgar, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, at 2:15 p.m. **Page S2347**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2347–56**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S2342**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S2343**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2341–42**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2344–45**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—85) **Pages S2338–39**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2347.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Brian D. Miller, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery, Department of the Treasury, and Dana T. Wade, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine COVID-19, focusing on safely getting back to work and back to school, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine liability during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 12 through May 15, 2020

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 noon.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Troy D. Edgar, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* May 12, to hold an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

May 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Brian D. Miller, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery, Department of the Treasury, and Dana T. Wade, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* May 13, to hold hearings to examine the state of broadband amid the COVID-19 pandemic, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Natalie E. Brown, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Sandra E. Clark, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Burkina Faso, William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Henry T. Wooster, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, all of the Department of State, and Ramsey Coats Day, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2:30 p.m., VTC.

May 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3667, to require the establishment of a repatriation task force during major infectious disease outbreaks, to authorize additional paid leave for employees of certain independent agencies involved in the conduct of foreign affairs, and to extend the application period and use of certain special immigrant visas, S. 238, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, S. 712, to provide assistance for United States citizens and nationals taken hostage or unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad, S. 2743, to establish the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group, S. 2953, to provide congressional oversight of United States talks with Taliban officials and Afghanistan's comprehensive peace process, S. 3176, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, H.R. 192, to establish an interagency program to assist countries in North and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats, H.R. 4331, to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, S. Res. 567, commending career professionals at the Department of State for their extensive efforts to repatriate United States citizens and legal permanent residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, S. Res. 148, supporting efforts by

the Government of Colombia to pursue peace and regional stability, S. Res. 215, calling for greater religious and political freedoms in Cuba, S. Res. 392, recognizing the importance of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative to the relationship between the United States and the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and to advancing the policy of the United States in the Indo-Pacific region, S. Res. 406, recognizing that for 50 years, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its ten members, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, have worked with the United States toward stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia, and expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States will continue to remain a strong, reliable, and active partner in the ASEAN region, S. Res. 454, calling for the immediate release of Cuban democracy activist Jose Daniel Ferrer and commending the efforts of Jose Daniel Ferrer to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cuba, S. Res. 502, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II and the raisings of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi, S. Res. 511, supporting the role of the United States in helping save the lives of children and protecting the health of people in developing countries with vaccines and immunization through GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, S. Res. 523, recognizing the 199th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, S. Res. 525, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should continue to support the people of Nicaragua in their peaceful efforts to promote the restoration of democracy and the defense of human rights, and use the tools under United States law to increase political and economic pressure on the government of Daniel Ortega, S. Res. 533, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, S. Res. 542, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp during World War II, the nominations of Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board

of Governors, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* May 12, to hold hearings to examine COVID-19, focusing on safely getting back to work and back to school, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* May 13, to hold hearings to examine evolving the United States Cybersecurity strategy and posture, focusing on reviewing the Cyberspace Solarium Commission Report, 9:30 a.m., WEBEX.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 12, to hold hearings to examine liability during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

May 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, David Cleveland Joseph, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Drew B. Tipton, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, John Peter Cronan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Thomas T. Cullen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Jennifer P. Togliatti, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, and Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Peter M. McCoy, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina, and Vincent F. DeMarco, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

### House Committees

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* May 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Protecting Scientific Integrity in the COVID-19 Response", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 12

## Senate Chamber

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At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Troy D. Edgar, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

*(Senate will recess following disposition of the nomination of Brian D. Montgomery until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, May 12

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 noon.



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