

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1957, Great American Outdoors Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3025–S3072

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3971–3993, and S. Res. 625–627. **Pages S3063–64**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 3905, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 116–233) **Page S3063**

Measures Passed:

Great American Outdoors Act: By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate passed H.R. 1957, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education, and to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3027–38**

McConnell (for Gardner) Amendment No. 1618, to amend the title. **Page S3038**

Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission in International Religious Freedom: Reverend Frederick A. Davie of New York. **Page S3068**

Walker Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S3038–57**

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

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 122), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3038**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 18, 2020; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 1:30 p.m. **Page S3068**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S3069–72**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S3062, S3068**

Executive Communications: **Pages S3062–63**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3060–62**

Notices of Intent: **Page S3067**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S3067–68**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—122) **Page S3038**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3068.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FAA AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's oversight of aircraft certification, after receiving testimony from Stephen M. Dickson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; and Michael Stumo, Sheffield, Massachusetts.

RECYCLING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine responding to the challenges facing recycling in the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Udall; Bridget Croke, Closed Loop Partners, Waterbury, Vermont; Meghan Stasz, Consumer Brands Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Nina Bellucci Butler, MORE Recycling, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2020 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

NEW START AND BEYOND

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on assessing arms control, focusing on

new START and beyond from Marshall Billingslea, Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control, Department of State.

TELEHEALTH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine telehealth, focusing on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, after receiving testimony from Karen S. Rheuban, University of Virginia Center for Telehealth, Charlottesville; Joseph C. Kvedar, American Telemedicine Association, Boston, Massachusetts; Sanjeev Arora, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Albuquerque; and Andrea Willis, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John W. Holcomb, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Brett H. Ludwig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, who was introduced by Senator Johnson, R. Shireen Matthews, and Todd Wallace Robinson, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Christy Criswell Wiegand, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senators Toomey and Casey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Committee Meetings

HEALTH CARE INEQUALITY: CONFRONTING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN COVID-19 AND THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Health Care Inequality: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 and the Health Care System". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy". Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

DIVERSITY AND DIPLOMACY: WHY AN INCLUSIVE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD STRENGTHEN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Diversity and Diplomacy: Why an Inclusive State Department Would Strengthen U.S. Foreign Policy". Testimony was heard from Jason Bair, Director,

International Affairs and Trade Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7120, the “Justice in Policing Act of 2020”. H.R. 7120 was ordered reported, as amended.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM: LOAN FORGIVENESS AND OTHER CHALLENGES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Paycheck Protection Program: Loan Forgiveness and Other Challenges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2, the “INVEST in America Act”.

THE 2020 TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The 2020 Trade Policy Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D473)

S. 2746, to require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide information on suicide rates in law enforcement. Signed on June 16, 2020. (Public Law 116–143)

S. 3414, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2020. Signed on June 16, 2020. (Public Law 116–144)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Daniel R. Hokanson, ARNG, to be general and Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and General Gustave F. Perna, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief Operating Officer, Project Warp Speed, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine COVID–19 and international pandemic preparedness, prevention, and response, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

House

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Climbing Again: Stakeholder Views on Resuming Air Travel in the COVID–19 Era”, 4 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 244, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act”; H.R. 1267, the “B–47 Ridge Designation Act”; H.R. 2611, the “Public Lands Telecommunications Act”; H.R. 3682, the “Land Grand and Acequia Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act”; H.R. 5040, the “Aerial Incursion Repercussion (AIR) Safety Act of 2019”; H.R. 7045, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on lands that could be included in a National Forest in Hawai‘i, and for other purposes; and H.R. 7099, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Coconino National Forest Land in the State of Arizona, 3:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “The Unemployment Pandemic: Addressing America’s Jobs Crisis”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 2, the “INVEST in America Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “Tax Relief to Support Workers and Families during the COVID–19 Recession”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Emerging Trends in Online Foreign Influence Operations: Social Media, COVID–19, and Election Security”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, June 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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