

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity for May 2020.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4068–4090. **Pages S3311–12**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3675, to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs. (S. Rept. No. 116–237) **Page S3311**

Measures Passed:

Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 2163, to establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3281–82**

Hawley (for Lankford) Amendment No. 1809, to require an equal number of Republicans and Democrats to serve on the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys. **Page S3281**

COVID–19: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 579, encouraging the international community to remain committed to collaboration and coordination to mitigate and prevent the further spread of COVID–19 and urging renewed United States leadership and participation in global efforts on therapeutics and vaccine development and delivery to address COVID–19 and prevent further deaths, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3282–83**

Toomey (for Lee/Durbin) Amendment No. 1810, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3282**

Toomey (for Lee/Durbin) Amendment No. 1811, to amend the preamble. **Pages S3282–83**

Toomey (for Lee/Durbin) Amendment No. 1812, to amend the title. **Page S3283**

Hong Kong: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 596, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Hong Kong national security law proposed by the Government of the People’s Republic of China would violate the obligations of that government under the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration and the Hong Kong Basic Law and calling upon all free nations of the world to stand with the people of Hong Kong, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3283–89**

Hong Kong Autonomy Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3798, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons involved in the erosion of certain obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3283–99**

Van Hollen (for Toomey/Van Hollen) Amendment No. 1821, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3285–89**

National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 618, designating June 2020 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month” and June 27, 2020, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3625**

Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Permanent Extension Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3377, to amend the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to repeal the sunset provision, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S3625–26**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities 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 S3278–81, S3290–S3303

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

By 90 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 127), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, June 29, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill expire at 5:30 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A routine list in the Coast Guard.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Deven J. Parekh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation for a term of three years.

John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Vijay Shanker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Routine lists in the Army.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3625**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—127) **Page S3296**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:14 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3626.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CBP OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Customs and Border Protection, focusing on evolving challenges facing the agency, after receiving testimony from Mark A. Morgan, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.685, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General; and

The nominations of Owen McCurdy Cypher, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan, Thomas L. Foster, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Virginia, and Tyreece L. Miller, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 7326–7379; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; and H. Res. 1023–1024, were introduced.

Pages H2513–16

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 9:49 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 1:29 p.m.

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Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Permanent Extension Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7036, to amend the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to repeal the sunset provision.

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

Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act: H.R. 7259, to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable.

Pages H2503–04

George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020: The House passed H.R. 7120, to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 119.

Pages H2439–H2503, H2504–06

Rejected the Stauber motion to recommit to the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 180 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 118.

Pages H2491–H2503, H2504–05

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part D of H. Rept. 116–434, shall be considered as adopted.

Pages H2440–53

H. Res. 1017, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 51), (H.R. 1425), (H.R. 5332), (H.R. 7120), (H.R. 7301), and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 90) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote

of 230 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 117, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 116. **Pages H2430–39**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2438, H2438–39, H2504–05, and H2505–06.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CAPITAL MARKETS AND EMERGENCY LENDING IN THE COVID–19 ERA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Capital Markets and Emergency Lending in the COVID–19 Era”. Testimony was heard from Jay Clayton, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

FEDERAL COURTS DURING THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC: BEST PRACTICES, OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION, AND LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Federal Courts During the Covid–19 Pandemic: Best Practices, Opportunities for Innovation, and Lessons for the Future”. Testimony was heard from David G. Campbell, Senior Judge, United States District Court for the District of Arizona, and Chair, Committee on Rules and Practice and Procedure, Judicial Conference of the United States; Bridget M. McCormack, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 1776, the “Captive Primate Safety Act”; H.R. 2264, the “Bear Protection Act of 2019”; H.R. 2492, the “St. Mary’s Reinvestment Act”; H.R. 2871, the “Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act”; H.R. 3937, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at Highway-155, Coulee Dam, WA 99116, as the “Nathaniel ‘Nat’ Washington Power Plant”; and H.R. 6761, the “Murder Hornet Eradication Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva, and Representatives Blumenauer, Gianforte, Fulcher, and Newhouse; and public witnesses.

FRONTLINE FEDS: SERVING THE PUBLIC DURING A PANDEMIC

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Frontline Feds: Serving the Public During a Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director for Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE COVID-19 NURSING HOME CRISIS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the COVID-19 Nursing Home Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 26, 2020**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Accountability in Crisis: GAO’s Recommendations to Improve the Federal Coronavirus Response”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through May 31, 2020

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	78	71	..
Time in session	390 hrs, 3'	193 hrs, 50'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,621	2,360	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	503	..
Public bills enacted into law	14	22	36
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	1	..
Measures passed, total	138	149	287
Senate bills	33	15	..
House bills	24	84	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	4	..
House joint resolutions	2	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	3	4	..
Simple resolutions	71	39	..
Measures reported, total	*45	59	104
Senate bills	34	1	..
House bills	11	43	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	..	14	..
Special reports	3	3	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	301	33	..
Measures introduced, total	853	1,763	2,616
Bills	696	1,526	..
Joint resolutions	12	8	..
Concurrent resolutions	7	17	..
Simple resolutions	138	212	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	102	80	..
Recorded votes .....	..	34	..
Bills vetoed	1	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through May 31, 2020

Civilian nominees, totaling 277 (including 87 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		48
Unconfirmed		222
Withdrawn		7
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 745 (including 1 nominee carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		455
Unconfirmed		290
Air Force nominees, totaling 4,151, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		3,994
Unconfirmed		157
Army nominees, totaling 3,364 (including 3 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,594
Unconfirmed		770
Navy nominees, totaling 582 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		293
Unconfirmed		289
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,442, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,436
Unconfirmed		6
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominees carried over from the First Session		93
Total nominees received this Session		10,468
Total confirmed		8,820
Total unconfirmed		1,734
Total withdrawn		7
Total returned to the White House		0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 35 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 62 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, June 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4049, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture, and vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 26

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 51—Washington, D.C. Admission Act.

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