

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:42 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:01:20 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 72 public bills, H.R. 7499–7566 and H.R. 7568–7571; 1 private bill, H.R. 7572; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1041–1044, were introduced. **Pages H3072–76, H3076**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3078–79**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 139, to establish the Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–439);

H.R. 1904, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–440);

S. 832, to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865 (H. Rept. 116–441); and

H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–442). **Page H3072**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3071**

Protecting Nonprofits from Catastrophic Cash Flow Strain Act of 2020: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 4209, to amend

title IX of the Social Security Act to improve emergency unemployment relief for governmental entities and nonprofit organizations. **Page H3071**

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Bergman, Burchett, Hagedorn, and Stauber. **Page H3071**

British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Aderholt, Cole, Latta, and Thornberry. **Pages H3071–72**

Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following member to the Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board: Mr. Stefan Marculewicz of Severna Park, Maryland. **Page H3072**

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 7, 2020, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a markup on the FY 2021 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 7, 2020, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a markup on the FY 2021 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 7, 2020, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on the FY 2021 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 7, 2020, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on the FY 2021 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 7, 2020, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a markup on the FY 2021 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 8, 2020, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a markup on the FY 2021 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 8, 2020, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on the FY 2021 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 8, 2020, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a markup on the FY 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: On July 8, 2020, Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on the FY 2021 Defense Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Defense Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

BUSINESS MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2021; and a markup on the FY 2021 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill; the FY 2021 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2021 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2021 was approved. The FY 2021 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill; the FY 2021 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2021 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill were ordered reported, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORITIES AND ROLES RELATED TO CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Authorities and Roles Related to Civilian Law Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Mark T. Esper, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Mark A. Milley, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

FUELING AMERICAN INNOVATION AND RECOVERY: THE FEDERAL ROLE IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on the Budget: On July 8, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fueling American Innovation and Recovery: The Federal Role in Research and Development”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A MAJOR TEST: EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: On July 7, 2020, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “A Major Test: Examining the Impact of COVID-19 on the Future of Higher Education”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADDRESSING THE URGENT NEEDS OF OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: On July 8, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Addressing the Urgent Needs of Our Tribal Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSUMERS BEWARE: INCREASED RISKS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Consumers Beware: Increased Risks During the COVID-19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PAYCHECK SECURITY: ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES ON ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO PROTECTING WORKERS’ PAY DURING COVID-19

Committee on Financial Services: On July 7, 2020, Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Paycheck Security: Economic Perspectives on Alternative Approaches to Protecting Workers’ Pay During COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION AND CONTACT TRACING: HOW AI HELPS LOCALITIES REOPEN SAFELY AND RESEARCHERS FIND A CURE

Committee on Financial Services: On July 8, 2020, Task Force on Artificial Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Exposure Notification and Contact Tracing: How AI Helps Localities Reopen Safely and Researchers Find a Cure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACCESS DENIED: CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES ACCESSING CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Access Denied: Challenges for Women and Minority-Owned Businesses Accessing Capital and Financial Services During the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPOSING AND DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR KREMLIN CRIMES ABROAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: On July 7, 2020, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a hearing entitled “Exposing and Demanding Accountability for Kremlin Crimes Abroad”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RUSSIAN BOUNTIES ON U.S. TROOPS: WHY HASN’T THE ADMINISTRATION RESPONDED?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Russian Bounties on U.S. Troops: Why Hasn’t the Administration Responded?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE WORSENING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Committee on Homeland Security: On July 8, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the National Response to the Worsening Coronavirus Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Jay Robert Pritzker, Governor, Illinois; Jason Shelton, Mayor, Tupelo, Mississippi; Umair A. Shah, M.D., Executive Director and Local Health Authority, Harris County Public Health, Texas; and Colonel (Ret.) Brian Hastings, Director, Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

**STUCK IN RED TAPE: HOW VA'S
REGULATORY POLICIES PREVENT BAD
PAPER VETERANS FROM ACCESSING
CRITICAL BENEFITS**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On July 8, 2020, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Stuck in Red Tape: How VA's Regulatory Policies Prevent Bad Paper Veterans from Accessing Critical Benefits". Testimony was heard from Laurine Carson, Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Procedures, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
JULY 13, 2020**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on the FY 2021 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2021 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled "With American Lives on the Line, Lessons for Managing the Russia Threat", 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, hearing entitled "Pandemic Response: Confronting the Unequal Impacts of COVID-19", 12 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

5:30 p.m., Monday, July 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, July 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

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

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