

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4679–S4882

Measures Introduced: Thirty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4406–4437, S.J. Res. 75, and S. Res. 666. **Pages S4728–29**

Measures Passed:

Empowering Olympic and Amateur Athletes Act: Senate passed S. 2330, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to provide for congressional oversight of the board of directors of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and to protect amateur athletes from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4688–99**

Moran/Blumenthal Amendment No. 2512, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4696**

Composite Technology in Infrastructure: Senate passed S. 384, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to help facilitate the adoption of composite technology in infrastructure in the United States, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4881–82**

McConnell (for Capito/Peters) Amendment No. 2567, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4881–82**

Cronan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Peter Cronan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S4724**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, August 6, 2020. **Page S4724**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4724**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 155), Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. **Pages S4680–88, S4882**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—155) **Page S4688**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4882.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 99 nominations in the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John E. Whitley, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Michele A. Pearce, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of

Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CYBERSPACE SOLARIUM COMMISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, after receiving testimony from Senator King and Representative Gallagher, both a Co-Chair, and Brigadier General John Cy. Inglis, ANG (Ret.), Commissioner, all of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

VENEZUELA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Venezuela, focusing on security and humanitarian situation, after receiving testimony from Elliott Abrams, Special Representative for Venezuela, Department of State; and Joshua Hodges, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development.

RIGHT OF PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine the right

of the people peaceably to assemble, focusing on protecting speech by stopping violence, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Merkley; Erin Neely Cox, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, Department of Justice; Ken Cuccinelli, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Andrew Ngo, The Post Millennial, and Nkenge Harmon Johnson, Portland Urban League, both of Portland, Oregon; and Michael German, Brennan Center for Justice, Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, and Kevin Shideler, Center for Security Policy, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 7922–7946, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3465, to authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–466); and

H.R. 2579, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–467).

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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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

SECURE, SAFE, AND AUDITABLE: PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE 2020 ELECTIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Secure, Safe, and Auditable: Protecting the Integrity of the 2020 Elections”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District

of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine Federal and industry efforts to improve cybersecurity for the energy sector, focusing on how to improve collaboration on various cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection initiatives, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “American Nuclear Infrastructure Act of 2020”, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer Yue Barber, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Keith W. Dayton, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, and Alex Nelson Wong, of New Jersey, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, Edward A. Burrier, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and other pending nominations, 9 a.m., VTC.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Erik Paul Bethel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Jonathan Pratt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Barbera Hale Thornhill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Thomas Laszlo Vajda, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, and Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Japan, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 11:15 a.m., VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane investigation, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 3282, to amend title 38, United States Code, to

improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, S. 2558, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain grants to assist nursing homes for veterans located on tribal lands, S. 3643, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain postgraduate health care employees and health professions trainees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide treatment via telemedicine, S. 2950, to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, S. 4384, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to address exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances at Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, S. 4393, to improve the provision of health care and other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances, S. 711, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for mental health services from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, S. 332, to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove the manifestation period required for the presumptions of service connection for chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda, and acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents, S. 805, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to such recovery, S. 514, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, S. 629, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the processes and requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs for scheduling appointments for health care and conducting consultations under the laws administered by the Secretary, S. 2216, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally recognize caregivers of veterans, notify veterans and caregivers of clinical determinations relating to eligibility for caregiver programs, and temporarily extend benefits for veterans who are determined ineligible for the family caregiver program, S. 3235, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program on posttraumatic growth, and an original bill entitled, “Veterans Benefit Improvement Act of 2020”, 3 p.m., SR–325.

House

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Devastating Health Impacts of Climate Change”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, August 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, August 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

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

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