

Monday, November 9, 2020

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6615–S6626

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 4881. **Page S6625**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 542, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–285)

H.R. 2589, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a homeland intelligence doctrine for the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–286)

H.R. 4727, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a mentor-protégé program, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–287)

Report to accompany 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. (S. Rept. No. 116–288)

S. 2904, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on the outputs that may be generated by generative adversarial networks, otherwise known as deepfakes, and other comparable techniques that may be developed in the future, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–289) **Pages S6624–25**

Knepp II Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S6622**

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

By 62 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 225), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6622**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 12 noon on Tuesday, November 10, 2020; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m. **Page S6626**

Nominations Received: On Friday, October 30, 2020, Senate received the following nominations:

Shana M. Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

Sean J. Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2021. **Page S6626**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S6624**

Executive Communications: **Page S6624**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6625–26**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6623–24**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—225) **Page S6622**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6626.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 8732–8735, were introduced. **Page H5728**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5728**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

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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 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D941)

H.R. 561, 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. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–183)

H.R. 1952, to amend the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of State to report on intercountry adoptions from countries which have significantly reduced adoption rates involving immigration to the United States. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–184)

H.R. 2359, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Veterans Affairs advancing of whole health transformation. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–185)

H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–186)

H.R. 4183, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans

Affairs. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–187)

S. 3051, to improve protections for wildlife. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–188)

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. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–189)

S. 2638, to amend title 49, United State Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–190)

S. 3758, to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to make certain technical corrections. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–191)

S. 4075, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to provide for the release of certain Federal interests in connection with certain grants under that Act. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–192)

S. 4762, to designate the airport traffic control tower located at Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro, North Carolina, as the “Senator Kay Hagan Airport Traffic Control Tower”. Signed on October 30, 2020. (Public Law 116–193)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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, 2 p.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory Autry, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Daniel Huff, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and other pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane investigation, 11 a.m., SD–106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 10 through 13, 2020

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, at approximately 12 noon, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

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House Committees

Committee on Financial Services, November 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Prudential Regulators: Ensuring the Safety, Soundness, Diversity, and Accountability of Depository Institutions during the Pandemic”, 12 p.m., 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 October 31, 2020

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	156	133	..
Time in session	785 hrs, 33'	449 hrs, 51'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,609	5,717	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,002	..
Public bills enacted into law	47	41	88
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	1	..
Measures passed, total	289	380	669
Senate bills	86	46	..
House bills	38	249	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	4	..
House joint resolutions	4	6	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	6	8	..
Simple resolutions	146	64	..
Measures reported, total	*137	*189	326
Senate bills	106	2	..
House bills	20	160	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	11	24	..
Special reports	3	11	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	386	74	..
Measures introduced, total	2,069	3,683	5,752
Bills	1,732	3,191	..
Joint resolutions	14	18	..
Concurrent resolutions	18	40	..
Simple resolutions	305	434	..
Quorum calls	4	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	224	183	..
Recorded votes .....	..	34	..
Bills vetoed	1	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through October 31, 2020

Civilian nominees, totaling 355 (including 87 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	121	
Unconfirmed	218	
Withdrawn	16	
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,503 (including 1 nominee carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	1,148	
Unconfirmed	355	
Air Force nominees, totaling 4,330, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	4,310	
Unconfirmed	20	
Army nominees, totaling 6,216 (including 3 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	6,204	
Unconfirmed	10	
Withdrawn	2	
Navy nominees, totaling 2,683 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	1,884	
Unconfirmed	799	
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,453, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	1,446	
Unconfirmed	7	
Space Force nominees, totaling 652, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	652	
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	93	
Total nominees received this Session	17,099	
Total confirmed	15,765	
Total unconfirmed	1,409	
Total withdrawn	18	
Total returned to the White House	0	

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 95 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 200 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Tuesday, November 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

(Senate will recess after continuing consideration of the nomination of James Ray Knepp II until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

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

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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