

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7453–S7472*

**Measures Introduced:** One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Con. Res. 52. **Page S7465**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 92, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law. (S. Rept. No. 116–311)

S. 2162, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to annually hire at least 600 new Border Patrol agents, to report quarterly to Congress on the status of the Border Patrol workforce, and to conduct a comprehensive staffing analysis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–312)

S. 2722, to prohibit agencies from using Federal funds for publicity or propaganda purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–313)

S. 2967, to establish the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations of the United States to facilitate the fullest cooperation, coordination, and mutual accountability among all levels of government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–314)

S. 3038, to promote innovative acquisition techniques and procurement strategies. (S. Rept. No. 116–315)

S. 3658, to establish an Office of Equal Rights and Community Inclusion at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–316)

S. 3997, to strengthen the security and integrity of the United States scientific and research enterprise, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–317)

S. 4153, to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to evaluate the National Response Framework based on lessons learned from the COVID–19 pandemic, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–318)

S. 4158, to examine the extent of the reliance of the United States on foreign producers for personal protective equipment during the COVID–19 pandemic and produce recommendations to secure the supply chain of personal protective equipment, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–319)

S. 4165, to repeal section 692 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–320)

S. 4210, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the transfer of certain equipment during a public health emergency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–321)

S. 4224, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess technology needs along the Southern border and develop a strategy for bridging such gaps, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–322)

H.R. 1313, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9 11 Commission Act of 2007 to clarify certain allowable uses of funds for public transportation security assistance grants and establish periods of performance for such grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–323) **Page S7465**

#### Measures Passed:

**Legend Act:** Senate passed S. 2597, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7468–69**

McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 2705, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7468–69**

**Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4704, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support multidisciplinary research on the science of suicide, and to advance the knowledge and understanding of issues that may be associated with several aspects of suicide including intrinsic and extrinsic factors related to areas such as wellbeing, resilience, and vulnerability, and the bill

was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7469–70**

McConnell (for Wicker) Amendment No. 2706, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7469–70**

**Ensuring Innovation Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 1636, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the scope of new chemical exclusivity, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7470**

McConnell (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2707, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7470**

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 52, to correct the enrollment of S. 3312. **Pages S7470–71**

**Kirsch II Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Pages S7456–63**

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

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7456–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, December 15, 2020; and that all time during recess, adjournment, Leader remarks, and morning business count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S7471**

**Dawson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph Dawson III, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S7454**

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 upon disposition of the nomination of Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Page S7454**

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 S7454**

**Atchley Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Charles Edward Atchley, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Page S7454**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provi-

sions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Joseph Dawson III, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S7454**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7454**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7454**

**Somers Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Zachary N. Somers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. **Page S7454**

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 upon disposition of the nomination of Charles Edward Atchley, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Pages S7454–55**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7454**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7454**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

79 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S7463–65**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S7465**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S7465**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S7465**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7465–66**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Additional Statements:**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7466–68**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—265) **Pages S7462–63**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7471.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 8952–8966; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1261–1262 were introduced. **Pages H7153–54**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H7155**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 244, to maximize land management efficiencies, promote land conservation, generate education funding, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–639);

H.R. 4135, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to remove the statue to the memory and in honor of Albert Pike erected near Judiciary Square in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–640);

H.R. 4139, to provide for the boundary of the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park to be adjusted, to authorize the donation of land to the United States for addition to that historic park, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–641);

H.R. 4679, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report examining efforts by the Regional Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the National Marine Fisheries Service to prepare and adapt United States fishery management for the impacts of climate change, and for other purposes (Rept. 116–642);

H.R. 5472, to redesignate the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site as the “Jimmy Carter National Historical Park” (H. Rept. 116–643);

H.R. 5852, to redesignate the Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut as the “Weir Farm National Historical Park” (H. Rept. 116–644); and

H.R. 6196, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for third-party submission of evidence relating to a trademark application, to establish expungement and ex parte proceedings relating to the validity of marks, to provide for a rebuttal presumption of irreparable harm in certain proceedings, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–645). **Page H7153**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2315 was held at the desk. S. 3418 was held at the desk. S. 3451 was held at the desk. S. 4996 was held at the desk. S. 1031 was held at the desk. S. 1310 was held at the desk. S. 633 was held at the desk. S. 2730 was held at the desk. **Page H7151**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7151–52.

**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 1:30 p.m. and adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1067)

H.R. 8900, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021. Signed on December 11, 2020. (Public Law 116–215)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the impact of COVID–19 on the live event entertainment industry, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine expanding American entrepreneurship outside traditional hubs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the role of private agreements and existing technology in curbing online piracy, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 15 through December 18,  
2020

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post-cloture.

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

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* December 15, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* December 16, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold

hearings to examine the United States and China, focusing on winning the economic competition, 9:30 a.m., WEBEX.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* December 15, Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the impact of COVID-19 on the live event entertainment industry, 10 a.m., SR-253.

December 15, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine expanding American entrepreneurship outside traditional hubs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* December 16, Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the Alzheimer's crisis, focusing on testing and treatment pipelines and fiscal implications, 2:30 p.m., WEBEX.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* December 16, to hold hearings to examine irregularities in the 2020 election, 10 a.m., SD-342/WEBEX.

*Committee on Judiciary:* December 15, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the role of private agreements and existing technology in curbing online piracy, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

December 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

December 16, Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement through United States refugee policy, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

### House Committees

*Committee on Oversight and Reform,* December 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Role of Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family in the Opioid Epidemic", 9 a.m., Webex.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 15

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

3 p.m. Tuesday, December 15

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post-cloture.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.

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