

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7197–S7249

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3675–3697, S.J. Res. 66–68, S. Res. 711–712, and S. Con. Res. 53–54. **Pages S7241–42**

Measures Reported:

S. 3277, to reduce regulatory burdens and streamline processes related to commercial space activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–397)

H.R. 2606, to amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma. (S. Rept. No. 115–398)

H.R. 4032, to confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community. (S. Rept. No. 115–399)

S. 3119, to allow for the taking of sea lions on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other nonlisted fish species, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–400)

S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–401)

H.R. 315, to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.

H.R. 1872, to promote access for United States diplomats and other officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China.

H.R. 2075, to adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls and Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study Areas in the State of Or-

egon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities to protect private property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 2646, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 4819, to promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater Okavango River Basin of southern Africa.

H.R. 4989, to require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities.

H.R. 5655, to establish the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 562, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) continues to make an invaluable contribution to United States and international security, 50 years after it opened for signature on July 1, 1968, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas.

S. 941, to withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States.

S. 1219, to provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1787, to reauthorize the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

S. 2076, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2249, to permanently reauthorize the Rio Puerco Management Committee and the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3482, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

S. 3657, to reauthorize the Traumatic Brain Injury program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7240–41**

Measures Passed:

National Flood Insurance Program Extension: Senate passed H.R. 7187, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 7, 2018. **Page S7246**

National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3628, to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7246**

Disappearance of David Sneddon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon. **Pages S7246–47**

National Family Service Learning Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 688, expressing support for the designation of the week of November 19 through November 23, 2018, as “National Family Service Learning Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7247**

Condemning Russia’s actions against the Ukrainian Navy: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 709, condemning Russia’s provocative actions in the Kerch Strait against the Ukrainian navy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7247**

Printing of the pocket version of the U.S. Constitution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 54, authorizing the printing of the 26th edition of the pocket version of the Constitution of the United States. **Page S7247**

Authorizing use of official office funds: Senate agreed to S. Res. 712, authorizing the use of official office funds to purchase the pocket version of the Constitution of the United States. **Pages S7247–48**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader and Senator Murkowski be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Friday, November 30, 2018. **Page S7248**

Farr Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S7199**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Wednesday, November 28, 2018, with respect to the nomination, be vitiated and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, it be in order to move to proceed to the nomination the week of December 3, 2018, and that if the motion is agreed to, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate.

Kobes Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Pages S7199–S7210**
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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 251), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7210**

Kraninger Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S7213–21**

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 252), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7213–14**

McNamee Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S7222**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 29, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018. **Pages S7222–25**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7221**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7222**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture vote on the nomination occur at 5:30 p.m. **Page S7248**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 10 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S7248–49**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—252) **Pages S7210, S7213–14**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7248.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas McCaffery, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and William Bookless, of California, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMBATING FORMS OF ILLICIT FINANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating money laundering and other forms of illicit finance, focusing on regulator and law enforcement perspectives on reform, after receiving testimony from Kenneth A. Blanco, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and Grovetta N. Gardineer, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Compliance and Community Affairs, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Steven M. D'Antuono, Section Chief, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine S. 1089, to require the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil, S. 1713, to require certain financial assistance under the State energy program and the Weatherization Assistance Program to be distributed without undue delay to support State and local high-impact energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives, S. 1875, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the flexibility, efficiency, and reliability of the electric grid, to increase the competitiveness of the United States economy, to protect consumers, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, S. 2257, to establish the IMPACT for Energy Foundation, S. 2803, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels, S. 2968, to amend the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 to clarify whistleblower rights and protections, S. 3088, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to prepare veterans for careers in the energy industry, including the solar, wind, cybersecurity, and other low-carbon emissions sectors or zero-emissions sectors of the energy industry, S. 3295, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 3376, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, a demonstration and deployment program, and a technical assistance and grant program, S. 3422, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, S. 3495, to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, S. 3618 and H.R. 6511, bills to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to lease underutilized Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities, H.R. 6398, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, and an original bill entitled, "Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act", after receiving testimony from Representative Barton; and Mark W. Menezes, Under Secretary of Energy.