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Miley Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, July 25, 2019, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of General Mark A. Milley, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate, and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 225), Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

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By 54 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 228), Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

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

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 226), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 51 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 229), Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

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

By 52 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 227), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—229)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5072.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 496, to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen;

S. 893, to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1148, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to give preferential consideration to individuals who have successfully completed air traffic controller training and veterans when hiring air traffic control specialists, with amendments;

S. 1341, to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, with amendments;

S. 1349, to expand enrollment in TSA PreCheck to expedite commercial travel screening and improve airport security;

S. 1625, to promote the deployment of commercial fifth-generation mobile networks and the sharing of information with communications providers in the United States regarding security risks to the networks of those providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1822, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, with an amendment in the nature of substitute;

S. 1858, to ensure the Chief Information Office of the Consumer Product Safety Commission has a significant role in decisions related to information technology, proposed legislation entitled, “Regional Ocean Partnership Act”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2035, to require the Transportation Security Administration to develop a strategic plan to expand eligibility for the PreCheck Program to individuals with Transportation Worker Identification Credentials or Hazardous Materials Endorsements;

S. 2203, to extend the transfer of Electronic Travel Authorization System fees from the Travel Promotion Fund to the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Brand USA) through fiscal year 2027, with amendments;

S. 2166, to designate Regional Ocean Partnerships of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

A promotion list in the Coast Guard.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, and Michael Graham, of Kansas, who was introduced by Senator Moran, both to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Michael J.K. Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, who was introduced by Senator Young, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REDUCING HUMAN-PREDATOR CONFLICT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize, focusing on innovative solutions to reduce human-predator conflict, including S. 2194, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize for reducing human-predator conflict, after receiving testimony from Brad S. Hovinga, Wyoming Game and Fish Department Jackson Regional Wildlife Supervisor, Jackson Hole; Forrest Galante, Animal Planet, New York, New York; and Nick Whitney, New England Aquarium Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life, Boston, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary, Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years, who was introduced by Senator Blackburn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AUTHORITIES FOR THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine authorities for the use of military force, after receiving testimony from David Hale, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and Marik String, Acting Legal Adviser, Office of Legal Adviser, both of the Department of State.

CONFRONTING EBOLA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine confronting Ebola, focusing on addressing a 21st century global health crisis, after receiving testimony from Tibor Nagy, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Marcia S. Bernicat, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, both of the Department of State; Rear Admiral Tim Ziemer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; and Mitch Wolfe, Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1976, to amend the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2065, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish an annual report on the use of deepfake technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2183, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze certain legislation in order prevent duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, with amendments;

S. 2177, to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory;

S. 2169, to amend section 3116 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the appointment limitations for students appointed under the expedited hiring authority for post-secondary students, with an amendment;

S. 2107, to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support staff in the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection;

S. 2193, to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, with an amendment;

S. 764, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 439, to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan;

S. 2119, to amend title 5, United States Code, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to Federal employees;

H.R. 2590, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3305, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and William Bryan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2159, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation”.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

GPO OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Government Publishing Office, Office of the Inspector General, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Leary, Inspector General, Government Publishing Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 3927–3930, 3932–3956; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 54–55; and H. Res. 515–518, 520–521 were introduced. **Pages H7376–77**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7378–79**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2385, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for

the Veterans Legacy Program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–179);

H.R. 3931, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–180);

H.R. 3352, to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–181);

H.R. 2336, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “family farmer” (H. Rept. 116–182); and