

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 Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S5084**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5084**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5084**

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

By 89 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 230), Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. **Pages S5093, S5119**

Joseph V. Cuffari, of Arizona, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S5119**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Pages S5118–19**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5101**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S5113–14**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—230) **Page S5093**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5118.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HEMP PRODUCTION AND THE FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine hemp production and the 2018 farm bill, after receiving testimony from Greg Ibach, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Stephen Alexander Vaden, General Counsel, both of the Department of Agriculture; Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; Amy Abernethy, Principal Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Erica Stark, National Hemp Association, Reading, Pennsylvania; Darrell G. Seki, Sr., Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, Minnesota; and Brian Furnish, Cynthiana, Kentucky.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

### ENERGY INNOVATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the importance of energy innovation to economic growth and competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Brian Anderson, Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; John Deskins, West Virginia University Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Morgantown; David M. Hart, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Washington, D.C.; S. Lee Ragsdale, Jr., North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, Raleigh; and Isaac Vanderburg, Launch Alaska, Anchorage.

### THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING REDUCTION ACT OF 2019

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 398, to support the peaceful resolution of the civil war in Yemen, to address the resulting humanitarian crisis, and to hold the perpetrators responsible for murdering a Saudi dissident; and

The nominations of Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to

the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be 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 to the United Nations, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Libya, John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, Michelle A. Bekkering, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Richard K. Bell, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Jessica E. Lapenn, of

New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Lana J. Marks, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, and lists in the Foreign Service.

#### STATE AND FEDERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine state and Federal recommendations for enhancing school safety against targeted violence, after receiving testimony from Max Schachter, Safe Schools for Alex, and Tom Hoyer, Stand with Parkland-The National Association of Families for Safe Schools, both of Coral Springs, Florida; Bob Gualtieri, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, Largo, Florida; and Deborah Temkin, Child Trends, Bethesda, Maryland.

#### 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.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 123 public bills, H.R. 3957–4079; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 56; and H. Res. 522–529 were introduced. **Pages H7462–67**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7471–73**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7381**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7389**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Gershon Avtzon, Yeshivas Lubavitch Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. **Page H7389**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. **Page H7396**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measure. Consideration began Wednesday, July 24th.

***U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2019:*** H.R. 693, amended, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 333 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 510. **Pages H7397–98**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Department of State Authorization Act of 2019:*** H.R. 3352, amended, to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State; **Pages H7412–36**

***Short-Term Detention Standards Act:*** H.R. 3670, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure access to appropriate temporary shelter, food, and water for individuals apprehended by U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

**Pages H7436–38**