

appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility in accordance with title 10, U.S.C., sections 154 and 601: to be General. **Page S5659**

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 on Thursday, September 26, 2019. **Page S5659**

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 S5659**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 88 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 298), Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S5643, S5643–49, S5672**

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 299), Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu. **Pages S5636–42, S5649–50, S5672**

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

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 295), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5642**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 300), Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. **Pages S5642, S5650, S5672**

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

By 50 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5642**

By 68 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 301), David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2025. **Pages S5642–43, S5650–51, S5672**

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

By 66 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 297), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5642–43**

Messages from the House: **Page S5663**

Measures Referred: **Page S5663**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S5663**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5661–63**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5668**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—301) **Pages S5642, S5643, S5648–49, S5650, S5651**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5670.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

IMPROVING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation and Space concluded a hearing to examine improving air traffic control for the American people, focusing on examining the current system, after receiving testimony from Mark Baker, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Frederick, Maryland; and Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, Joe DePete, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Trish Gilbert, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, AFL–CIO, and Sharon Pinkerton, Airlines for America, all of Washington, D.C.

SYRIA STUDY GROUP REPORT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism

concluded a hearing to examine key findings from the Syria Study Group report, after receiving testimony from Michael Singh, and Dana Stroul, both of the Syria Study Group, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY MARKETS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine competition in digital

technology markets, focusing on acquisitions of nascent or potential competitors by digital platforms, after receiving testimony from Bruce Hoffman, Director of the Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; Diana Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Washington, D.C.; John M. Yun, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; and Patricia Nakache, Trinity Ventures, Menlo Park, California.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 4457–4483; and 14 resolutions, H. Res. 575–588 were introduced. **Pages H7900–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7903–05**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2781, to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to the health professions workforce, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–214);

H.R. 2296, to require reporting regarding certain drug price increases, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–215);

H.R. 728, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–216); and

H. Res. 577, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) to increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within the Department of Homeland Security, provide independent oversight of border security activities, improve training for agents and officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3525) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish uniform processes for medical screening of individuals interdicted between ports of entry, and for other purposes; providing for consider-

ation of the resolution (H. Res. 576) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–217). **Page H7900**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7871**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Wisconsin, Mr. Duffy, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H7871**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m. **Page H7873**

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

First Responders Passport Act of 2019: H.R. 2229, amended, to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster; **Pages H7874–75**

Southeast Asia Strategy Act: H.R. 1632, amended, to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); **Pages H7875–77**

Burma Political Prisoners Assistance Act: H.R. 2327, amended, to direct the Secretary of State to provide assistance to civil society organizations in Burma that work to secure the release of prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma, and assistance to current and former prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma;

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