

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5931–S6050

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2655–2668, S.J. Res. 59, and S. Res. 369–373. **Pages S5965–66**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Falls Prevention: National, State, and Local Solutions to Better Support Seniors”. (S. Rept. No. 116–138)

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocations to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 116–139)

S. 1317, to facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–131)

S. 2071, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians. (S. Rept. No. 116–132)

S. 334, to authorize the construction of the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System and study of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the States of Montana and North Dakota. (S. Rept. No. 116–133)

S. 607, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–134)

S. 1602, to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–135)

S. 2094, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement State energy security plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–136)

H.R. 2114, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State en-

ergy security plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–137)

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Measures Passed:

RAWR Act: Senate passed S. 1590, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime. **Page S6047**

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 373, expressing support for the designation of September 2019 as “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month” in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease. **Page S6047**

Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5944–46, S5951**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5951**

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction. **Page S5951**

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

By 92 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 330), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5946–47**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5947**

Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 50, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of

the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, relating to “Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 23, 2019; that the debate time on the joint resolution expire at 2:45 p.m., and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

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Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2740, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, ripen at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in concurrence with the Democratic Leader.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–33)

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Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to by a vote of 91 yeas to 2 nays, (Vote No. 327): Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116–1), after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 946, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 947 (to Amendment No. 946), of a perfecting nature.

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Walker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Justin Reed Walker,

of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

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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 H.R. 2740, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

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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.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 329), Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

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

By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 328), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—330)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6050.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSOLIDATED AUDIT TRAIL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Consolidated Audit Trail, after receiving testimony from Shelly Bohlin, FINRA CAT, LLC, Rockville, Maryland; Judy McDonald, Susquehanna International Group, LLP, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the CAT NMS LLC Advisory Committee; and Michael J. Simon, Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC, New York, New York.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather concluded a hearing to examine research and innovation, focusing on ensuring America's economic and strategic leadership, after receiving testimony from Diane Souvaine, National Science Board, Alexandria, Virginia; David Shaw, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State; Sethuraman Panchanathan, Arizona State University, Tempe; and Rebecca M. Blank, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international efforts to increase energy efficiency and opportunities to advance energy efficiency in the United States, after receiving testimony from Daniel Bresette, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, and Jennifer Layke, World Resources Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Brian Motherway, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; and W. Scott Tew, Ingersoll Rand Center for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability, Davidson, North Carolina.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Turkey's offensive in northeast Syria, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, and Matthew A. Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, both of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joshua A. Deahl, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Deborah J. Israel and Andrea L. Hertzfeld, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Robert Anthony Dixon, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Department of Justice, after the nominees, who were introduced by Representative Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SANCTUARY JURISDICTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sanctuary jurisdictions, focusing on the impact on public safety and victims, after receiving testimony from Timothy S. Robbins, Acting Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; R. Andrew Murray, United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, Department of Justice; Mary Ann Mendoza, Angelfamilies.com, Mesa, Arizona; and Andy Harvey, Palestine Police Department, Palestine, Texas.

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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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4778–4800; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 651 were introduced. **Pages H8386–87**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: