

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2691–2711, and S. Res. 376–385. **Pages S6155–56**

Measures Reported:

S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin. (S. Rept. No. 116–146)

S. 2095, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threat to, the electric grid. (S. Rept. No. 116–147)

S. 2300, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a program to incentivize innovation and to enhance the industrial competitiveness of the United States by developing technologies to reduce emissions of nonpower industrial sectors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–148)

S. 2332, to provide for the modernization of the electric grid. (S. Rept. No. 116–149)

S. 2334, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish the 21st Century Energy Workforce Advisory Board. (S. Rept. No. 116–150)

S. 2335, to accelerate smart building development. (S. Rept. No. 116–151)

S. 2119, to amend title 5, United States Code, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to Federal employees. (S. Rept. No. 116–152)

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Measures Passed:

Deepfake Report Act: Senate passed S. 2065, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish an annual report on the use of deepfake technology, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6176**

Protecting America's Food and Agriculture Act: Senate passed 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. **Pages S6176–77**

National Wildlife Refuge Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 362, designating the week beginning on October 13, 2019, as “National Wildlife Refuge Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 379, supporting the designation of September 2019 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”.

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National Retirement Security Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 380, supporting the goal and ideals of National Retirement Security Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles, increasing personal financial literacy, and engaging the people of the United States on the keys to success in achieving and maintaining retirement security throughout their lifetimes.

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Day of the Deployed: Senate agreed to S. Res. 381, designating October 26, 2019, as the “Day of the Deployed”.

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National Principals Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 382, recognizing the month of October 2019 as “National Principals Month”.

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Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 383, supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 24, 2019.

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Authorizing testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 384, to authorize testimony in *United States v. Margaret Murphy*.

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Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order to offer the following amendments to H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020: Amendment No. 961, Amendment No.

1019, and Amendment No. 1067; that no second-degree amendments be in order to these amendments prior to the votes, and that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 28, 2019, Senate vote on or in relation to these amendments in the order listed. **Page S6146**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, October 28, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S6177**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 333), Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

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

By 50 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 332), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6138**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—333) **Pages S6138, S6142**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:01 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6177.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Vice Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, to be Admiral and Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DATA OWNERSHIP

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine data

ownership, focusing on exploring implications for data privacy rights and data valuation, including S. 1951, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to promulgate regulations relating to the disclosure of certain commercial data, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Ritter, American Bar Association, Durham, North Carolina; Chad A. Marlow, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, New York; Will Rinehart, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.; and Michelle Dennedy, DrumWave Inc., Palo Alto, California.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN AMERICA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine treating substance misuse in America, focusing on scams, shortfalls, and solutions, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, Surgeon General, and Gary Cantrell, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Mary Denigan-Macauley, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Gary Mendell, Shatterproof, New York, New York.

E-RULEMAKING COMMENT SYSTEMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management to examine E-Rulemaking comment systems, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Angerman, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Government-Wide Policy, General Services Administration; Dominic Mancini, Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, on behalf of the eRulemaking Executive Steering Committee; Ashley Boizelle, Deputy General Counsel, Federal Communications Commission; and Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director of Audits, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Danielle J. Hunsaker, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, William Joseph Nardini, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and David M. DeVillers, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Department of Justice.