

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6179–S6204*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2712–2721. **Page S6188–89**

#### Measures Reported:

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. Rept. No. 116–153)

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, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–154) **Page S6188**

#### Measures Passed:

**Combat Online Predators Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 134, to amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6204**

McConnell (for Toomey/Casey) Amendment No. 1196, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6204**

#### Measures Considered:

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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 motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6179–87**

##### Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 334), Cortez Masto/Lankford Amendment No. 961 (to Amendment No. 948), to require a report relating to the challenges that food distribution programs face in reaching underserved populations. **Pages S6183–84, S6186**

By 91 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 336), Jones Amendment No. 1067 (to Amendment No. 948), to

provide funding for the relending program to resolve ownership and succession on farmland. **Page S6187**

##### Rejected:

By 24 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 335), Paul Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 948), to reduce the amounts appropriated to be 2 percent less than the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2019. **Pages S6184–85, S6186–87**

##### Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6185–86**

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction. **Page S6179**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Shelby Amendment No. 948 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. **Page S6187**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, 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 Shelby Amendment No. 948. **Page S6187**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked, the following deadline for first-degree amendments to Shelby Amendment No. 948, and the bill, be 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. **Page S6204**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. **Page S6204**

**Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration 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. **Pages S6187–88**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. **Page S6187–88**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

David M. DeVillers, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years. **Pages S6188, S6204**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6188**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S6188**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S6189–91**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Page S6188**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S6193–S6204**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—336) **Pages S6186–87**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6204.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 34 public bills, H.R. 4860–4893; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 657–658, were introduced. **Pages H8538–39**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8540–42**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 359, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threats to, the electric grid, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–254);

H.R. 362, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act with respect to functions assigned to Assistant Secretaries, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–255);

H.R. 360, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a voluntary Cyber Sense program to test the cybersecurity of products and technologies intended for use in the bulk-power system, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–256);

H.R. 1781, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission with access to certain drug payment information, including certain rebate information, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–257, Part 1);

H.R. 4334, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2020 through 2024, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–258);

H.R. 886, to direct the Attorney General to establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program (H. Rept. 116–259);

H.R. 3942, to apply requirements relating to delivery sales of cigarettes to delivery sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–260);

H.R. 3111, to make administrative reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program to increase fairness and accuracy and protect the taxpayer from program fraud and abuse, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–261);

H.R. 3167, to reform and reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–262, Part 1);

H. Res. 655, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 296) affirming the United States record on Armenian Genocide (H. Rept. 116–263); and

H. Res. 656, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 823) to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2181) to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 1, 2019, through November 11, 2019 (H. Rept. 116–264).

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