

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6261–S6308*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2735–2755, and S. Res. 386–390. **Pages S6299–S6300**

#### Measures Failed:

**State Relief and Empowerment Waivers:** By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 337), Senate failed to pass S.J. Res. 52, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to “State Relief and Empowerment Waivers”.

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#### Measures Passed:

**National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 377, designating October 30, 2019, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**National Dyslexia Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 389, calling on Congress, schools, and State and local educational agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of dyslexia that must be addressed, and designating October 2019 as “National Dyslexia Awareness Month”.

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**Honoring Senator Kay Hagan:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 390, honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Senator Kay Hagan.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued 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:

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#### Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6271**

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction. **Page S6271**

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

By 88 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 338), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Shelby Amendment No. 948 (listed above). **Page S6271**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order to offer the following amendments: Lee Amendment No. 1209, and Jones Modified Amendment No. 1141; that no second-degree amendments be in order to these amendments prior to the votes, and that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 31, 2019, Senate vote on or in relation to these amendments in the order listed; that upon resumption of the bill on Thursday, October 31, 2019, the following amendments be called up and agreed to en bloc: Tester Amendment No. 953, Smith Amendment No. 1023, Hirono Amendment No. 1037, Brown Modified Amendment No. 1088, Baldwin Amendment No. 1099, Murkowski Amendment No. 1121, Thune Amendment No. 1133, Capito Amendment No. 1143, Smith Amendment No. 1149, Rosen Amendment No. 1161, McSally Amendment No. 1163, Reed Amendment No. 1217, Stabenow Amendment No. 1223, Cornyn Amendment No. 1224, Warner Amendment No. 951, Capito Amendment No. 1077, Cantwell Amendment No. 1094, Toomey Amendment No. 1129, Durbin Amendment No. 1146, Gardner Amendment No. 1150, McSally Amendment No. 1234, Sinema Amendment No. 1025, Ernst Amendment No. 1079, Ernst Amendment No. 1081, Cornyn Amendment No. 1151, Cardin Amendment No. 1159, Rosen Amendment No. 1160, Thune Amendment No. 1162, Peters Amendment No. 1182, Cornyn Amendment No. 1193, Menendez Amendment No. 1199, Blunt Amendment No. 1211, McSally Amendment No. 1215, Collins Amendment No. 1220, Schumer Amendment No. 1227, Hassan Amendment No. 956, Collins Amendment No.

1002, Shaheen Amendment No. 1005, Kaine Amendment No. 1010, Cortez Masto Amendment No. 1061, Cortez Masto Amendment No. 1062, Heinrich Amendment No. 1114, Shaheen Amendment No. 1130, Hoeven Amendment No. 1214, and Portman Amendment No. 1235. **Page S6293**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following disposition of Jones Modified Amendment No. 1141, the post-cloture time on Shelby Amendment No. 948 (listed above), expire; McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950 (listed above), be withdrawn, and Shelby Amendment No. 948, as amended, be agreed to; that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be withdrawn, there be two minutes of debate, equally divided, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with a 60 affirmative vote threshold required for passage; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on 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, occur at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 31, 2019. **Page S6294**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 31, 2019. **Page S6307**

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

Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

Robert J. Feitel, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S6297**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S6307**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today.  
(Total—338) **Page S6271**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Kay Hagan, in accordance with S. Res. 390, at 7:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6307.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS ACT

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

### WATER SECURITY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the use of technology and innovation to increase water security and enable economic development in the West, after receiving testimony from John Louis Sabo, Arizona State University Future H2O, Tempe; Amit Lang, EMS Mekorot Projects Ltd., Holon, Israel; Margi Hoffmann, Farmers Conservation Alliance, Hood River, Oregon; Mary Beth Sewald, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Stephen Harper, Intel Corporation, Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sean O'Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.