

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time on Shelby Amendment No. 948 (listed above), expire; McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950 (listed above), be withdrawn, and Shelby Amendment No. 948, as amended, be agreed to; that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be withdrawn, there be two minutes of debate, equally divided, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended,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.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Page S6308**

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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.

MEDICAID

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine Medicaid, focusing on compliance with eligibility requirements, after receiving testimony from Brian P. Ritchie, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Daryl G. Purpera, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Baton Rouge; and Judith Solomon, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Cardin and Sullivan, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

UNAUTHORIZED AND UNACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine the unauthorized and unaccountable government, including H.R. 2505, to provide for a reauthorizing schedule for unauthorized Federal programs, after receiving testimony from Representative Rodgers; Kevin R. Kosar, R Street Institute, and James A. Thurber, American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, both of

Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan M. Bydlak, Institute for Spending Reform, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, and Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Philip M. Halpern, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Bernard Maurice Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senators Inhofe and Lankford, and Barbara Bailey Jongbloed, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROMOTING THE USEFUL ARTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine promoting the useful arts, focusing on how Congress can prevent the issuance of poor quality patents, after receiving testimony from Andrew Hirshfeld, Commissioner of Patents, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; R. Polk Wagner, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia; Melissa F. Wasserman, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Teresa Stanek Rea, Crowell and Moring LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Colleen Chien, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4913–4935; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 663–667, were introduced. **Pages H8677–78**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8677**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 660, directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–266). **Pages H8679–80**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8599**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8605**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Robert Barron, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, CA. **Page H8605**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:01 p.m. **Page H8618**

Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 2181, to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land