

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, November 18, 2019.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 5114–5132; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 706–707 were introduced. **Pages H8908–09**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8909–10**

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

H.R. 1472, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park (H. Rept. 116–292);

H.R. 1487, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of portions of the Los Angeles coastal area in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting the resources of the coastal area, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–293);

H.R. 3541, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation preparedness and response program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–294); and

H.R. 3596, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfronts grant program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–295). **Page H8908**

**United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019:** The House passed H.R. 4863, to promote the competitiveness of the United States, to reform and reauthorize the United States Export Finance Agency, by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 184 noes, Roll

No. 624. Consideration began yesterday, November 14th. **Pages H8885–H8902**

Rejected the Rigglesman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 623.

**Pages H8899–H8901**

Agreed to:

Meng amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that includes Asian American-and Native American Pacific Islander-serving Institutions in recruitment efforts to diversify the United States Export Finance Agency workforce; **Pages H8885–86**

Meng amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that includes paid internships in recruitment efforts; **Page H8886**

Meng amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that includes community colleges in recruitment efforts to diversify the United States Export Finance Agency; **Pages H8886–87**

Meng amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that amends 12 USC 635a(d) to add 2 additional advisory committee members—one who represent higher education of 4-year institutions and one who represent community colleges; **Page H8887**

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires Agency employees to make available appropriate inclusion and diversity training and retraining to ensure employees understand the specific challenges facing minority- and women-owned businesses; **Pages H8887–88**

Lamb amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires the Agency to detail the effects of exports and projects financed by the Agency on American jobs in the energy, and related technologies, industries; **Pages H8888–90**

Rouda amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires the Director of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion to develop standards to ensure diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity; **Page H8890**

Rouda amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that adds businesses owned by LGBTQ individuals to the Agency’s small business outreach plan; **Pages H8890–91**

Kendra S. Horn (OK) amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires the GAO to submit to Congress within one year of the bill’s enactment a report on the effect that closure of the U.S. Export Finance Agency would have on businesses that utilize the Agency’s services; **Pages H8892–93**

Levin (MI) amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that clarifies that the Agency’s duty to consult with potentially impacted communities includes affected workers and that any Agency accountability mechanism should include consideration of effects on workers, and requires the Agency’s annual report to include the steps taken to consult with impacted communities (including affected workers); **Page H8893**

Torres (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that was debated on November 14th that ensures that the Bank will not provide credit to any individual who is subject to sanctions related to serious violations of human rights or free speech, including in China and Burma (by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 617); **Page H8895**

McAdams amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that was debated on November 14th that expands the prohibition of the Board of Directors from approving a transaction unless the person receiving the Agency’s support certifies that the person does not engage in any activity in contravention of any U.S. law, regulation, or order concerning sanctions relating to the illegal trafficking of synthetic opioids, including any sanctions imposed pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (by a recorded vote of 414 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 619); **Pages H8896–97**

Stevens amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires the United States Export Finance Agency to emphasize outreach to small businesses in sectors that have been impacted by retaliatory tariffs (by a recorded vote of 396 ayes to 27 noes, Roll No. 621); and **Pages H8891–92, H8897–98**

Torres Small (NM) amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that prohibits the Bank from providing financing to a person involved in sanctionable activity relating to human rights abuses, specifically human trafficking including sex trafficking (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 622). **Pages H8893–95, H8898–99**

Rejected:

Flores amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that was debated on November 14th that sought to strike Section 13 and create the office of energy efficiency and clean energy exports which advises the EXIM board on ways to improve the export of goods and services that increase energy efficiency and clean energy abroad; requires the EXIM bank to consider energy affordability as well as environmental impacts before approving transactions, and requires the EXIM bank to include in its annual report the impacts of any transaction backed by the Bank on the cost of energy in the importing country and the estimated emissions reductions caused by exports financed by the Bank (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 618); and **Pages H8895–96**

Davidson (OH) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that was debated on November 14th that sought to prohibit Agency assistance for the governments of certain countries (including China and Mexico) unless the President certifies that the government is cooperating with the U.S. to prevent illegal trafficking of synthetic opioids (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 620). **Page H8897**

H. Res. 695, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4863) was agreed to yesterday, November 14th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, November 18th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H8904**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8895, H8895–96, H8896–97, H8897, H8897–98, H8898–99, H8900–01, and H8901–02. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY: AMBASSADOR MARIE ‘MASHA’ YOVANOVITCH**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Impeachment Inquiry: Ambassador Marie ‘Masha’ Yovanovitch”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCIES: EXPLORING OPTIONS TO STREAMLINE OPERATIONS IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Administrative Efficiencies: Exploring Options to Streamline Operations in the U.S. House of Representatives”. Testimony was heard from R. Eric Petersen, Specialist in American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Michael

Ptasienski, Inspector General, House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, 5:45 p.m., S-219, Capitol.

#### **House**

No hearings are scheduled.