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Sullivan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State. **Page S6877**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S6877**

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Hahn Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S6877–78**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State. **Page S6878**

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Skipwith Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. **Pages S6878–83**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 68 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 383), Richard Ernest Myers II, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Pages S6865–73**

By 76 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 384), Sherri A. Lydon, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S6873**

By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. EX. 385), Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2025. **Pages S6873–77**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6895**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—385) **Pages S6873, S6877**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:57 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6896.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategic threats, ongoing challenges, and National Defense Strategy implementation, after receiving testimony from John C. Rood, Under Secretary for Policy, and Lieutenant General David W. Allvin, USAF, Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL REGULATORS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators, including S. 2563, to improve laws relating to money laundering, and S. 2839, to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 to regulate industrial bank holding companies, after receiving testimony from Randal K. Quarles, Vice Chair for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Jelena McWilliams, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Rodney E. Hood, Chairman, National Credit Union Association.

IMPLEMENTING MOBILE NOW

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the evolution of next-generation technologies, focusing on implementing MOBILE NOW, after receiving testimony from Mayor Paul TenHaken, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Jonathan Adelstein, Wireless Infrastructure Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Scott Bergmann, CTIA, Mary Brown, Cisco Systems, Inc., and Sarah Morris, New America's Open Technology Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

ILLICIT MINING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine illicit mining, focusing on threats to United States national security and international human rights, after receiving testimony from Patrick J. Lechleitner, Assistant Director, International Operations, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Jeffrey Haeni, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and the Environment, United States Agency for International Development; Carrie Filipetti, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Richard H. Glenn, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, both of the Department of State; and Regina E. Thompson, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 5305–5330; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 742–744 were introduced. **Pages H9293–94**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9295–96**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 2405, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–323). **Page H9293**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9259**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9263**

Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019 and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve

the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 741, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 326) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution, by a yeand-nay vote of 226 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 651, after the previous question was ordered by a yeand-nay vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 650.

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Insider Trading Prohibition Act: The House passed H.R. 2534, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit certain securities trading and related communications by those who possess