

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

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 4), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S69**

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 8), Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand. **Pages S69–70, S88–89, S97**

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

By 64 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 5), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S69–70**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—8) **Pages S69–70, S88–89**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S97.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nonpoint Source Management Program under the Clean Water Act, focusing on perspectives from states, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Zygmunt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne; and Ben Grumbles, Maryland Secretary of the Environment, Baltimore.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Toomey, John F. Heil III, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senators Inhofe and Lankford, David Cleveland Joseph, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, Cory T. Wilson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, and Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5552–5562; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 83; and H. Res. 780, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H64–65**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2932, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–370, Part 1); and

H. Res. 781, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers

Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran (H. Rept. 116–371). **Pages H62–63**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H15**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H21**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:19 p.m. **Page H30**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:26 p.m. **Page H30**

PFAS Action Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 779, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, by a ye-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 3, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 2.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Promoting United States International Leadership in 5G Act: H.R. 3763, amended, to direct the Secretary of State to provide assistance and technical expertise to enhance the representation and leadership of the United States at international standards-setting bodies that set standards for 5th and future generations mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Federal Government to provide assistance and technical expertise to enhance the representation and leadership of the United States at international standards-setting bodies that set standards for equipment, systems, software, and virtually-defined networks that support 5th and future generations mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure, and for other purposes.”;

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Prison to Proprietorship for Formerly Incarcerated Act: H.R. 5065, to amend the Small Business Act to provide re-entry entrepreneurship counseling and training services for formerly incarcerated individuals;

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Capturing All Small Businesses Act: H.R. 5130, to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the employment size standard requirements for determining whether a manufacturing concern is a small business concern;

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Unlocking Opportunities for Small Businesses Act: H.R. 5146, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to require contracting officers to take a small business concern’s past performance as part of a joint venture into account when evaluating the small business concern;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all stakeholders in the deployment of 5G communications infrastructure should carefully consider and adhere to the recommendations of “The Prague Proposals”: H. Res. 575, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all stakeholders in the deployment of 5G communications infrastructure should carefully consider

and adhere to the recommendations of “The Prague Proposals”;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all stakeholders in the deployment of 5G communications infrastructure should carefully consider adherence to the recommendations of ‘The Prague Proposals’.”;

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Secure 5G and Beyond Act: H.R. 2881, amended, to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 4; and

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Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act: H.R. 4500, amended, to direct the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Prison to Proprietorship Act: H.R. 5078, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to provide re-entry entrepreneurship counseling and training services for incarcerated individuals.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H49–50, H50, and H51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE AMERICANS’ HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND OUTCOMES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Improve Americans’ Health Care Coverage and Outcomes”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICANS AT RISK: MANIPULATION AND DECEPTION IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Americans at Risk: Manipulation and Deception in the