

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S99–S149

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3170–3181, S.J. Res. 65–68, S. Res. 466–467, and S. Con. Res. 33.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 876, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to prepare veterans for careers in the energy industry, including the solar, wind, cybersecurity, and other low-carbon emissions sectors or zero-emissions sectors of the energy industry. (S. Rept. No. 116–201)

Report to accompany S. 2668, to establish a program for research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies. (S. Rept. No. 116–202)

Report to accompany S. 2368, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to support licensing and relicensing of certain nuclear facilities and nuclear energy research, demonstration, and development. (S. Rept. No. 116–203)

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Measures Passed:

United States Public Health Service Modernization Act: Senate passed S. 2629, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Public Health Service Corps, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 263, to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge, and the bill was then passed.

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Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Senate passed S.J. Res. 65, providing for the reappointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Senate passed S.J. Res. 66, providing for the appointment of Denise O’Leary as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Senate passed S.J. Res. 67, providing for the reappointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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America’s Conservation Enhancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 925, to improve protections for wildlife, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 1276, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 1277, to amend the title.

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Save Our Seas 2.0 Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1982, to improve efforts to combat marine debris, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 1278, in the nature of a substitute.

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Gaynor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, January 9, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motion to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, January 9, 2020, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2020.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 10), Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

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

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 9), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Cynthia L. Attwood, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2025.

Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for the remainder of a term expiring April 27, 2023.

Crosby Kemper III, of Missouri, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a term of four years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Stanley Blumenfeld, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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

Mark C. Scarsi, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Scott J. Laurer, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

J. David Patterson, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

109 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—10) **Pages S104, S115**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:36 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S149.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5563–5573; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 782–787, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H149–50**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1230, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify