

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1713–S1746

Measures Introduced: Fifty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3451–3500, and S. Res. 542–543. **Pages S1740–41**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1833, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the “Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Mill Street in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3317, to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones.

H.R. 3329, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5186 Benito Street in Montclair, California, as the “Paul Eaton Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the “Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 5037, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the “Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office”.

S. 2847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the “Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office”.

S. 2945, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the Ernest “Ernie” T. Pyle Post Office.

S. 3257, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin

Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the “Einar ‘Sarge’ H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building”.

S. 3365, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the “Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office”.

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Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 87, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Pages S1745–46**

Department of Veterans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4920, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an exception to certain small business contracting requirements applicable to the Department of Veterans Affairs procurement of certain goods and services covered under the Ability One program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murkowski (for Tester) Amendment No. 1555, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1746**

Measures Considered:

USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6172, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records. **Page S1735**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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, March 12, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2020. **Page S1735**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motion filed during the Thursday, March 12, 2020, session

of the Senate ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2020. **Page S1746**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-52) **Page S1738**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 72), James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2023. **Pages S1714-22, S1746**

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

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 71), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1717**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. **Page S1746**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—72) **Pages S1717, S1722**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:53 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1746.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE INNOVATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine agriculture innovation and the Federal biotechnology regulatory framework, after receiving testimony from Patrick Johnson, National Cotton Council Environmental Task Force, Tunica, Mississippi; Wayne Parrott, University of Georgia, Athens; Michael Paustian, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Walcott, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; and Gregory A. Jaffe, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Washington, D.C.

APPROPRIATIONS: USDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,775 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

GAO ANNUAL REPORT ON FISCAL HEALTH

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office's annual report on the nation's fiscal health, including action needed to address the Federal government's fiscal future, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John Leonard Badalamenti, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, John F. Heil III, to be United States District Judge for the Northern,