

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,

Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, Anna M. Manasco, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

CORONAVIRUS AND AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the coronavirus and America's small business supply chain, after receiving testimony from Rosemary Gibson, The Hastings Center, Arlington, Virginia; Gerard Anderson, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Hospital Finance and Management, Baltimore, Maryland; Tim Morri-

son, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Wynne S. Briscoe, Maryland Small Business Development Center—Southern Region, La Plata.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Scott J. Laurer, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 56 public bills, H.R. 6214–6270; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 897–901, were introduced. **Pages H1668–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1671–72**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 5332, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to ensure that consumer reporting agencies are providing fair and accurate information reporting in consumer reports, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–416).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DelBene to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1665**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1665, H1667**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m. **Page H1667**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2020—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–107). **Page H1667**

Senate Referrals: S. 227 was held at the desk. S. 982 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1667.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled "Public Witness Day". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled "Member Day". Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern, and Representatives Williams, Hudson, Fitzpatrick, Suozzi, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Arrington, Jackson Lee, González Colón of Puerto Rico, Wenstrup, and Heck.

FY21 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled "FY21 Navy and Marine Corps Readiness Posture". Testimony was heard from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Navy; Admiral Robert P. Burke, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; and General Gary Thomas, Assistant Commandant, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.