

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4923–S4955

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3199–3212, and S. Res. 573–575. **Pages S4950–51**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 965, to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park”. (S. Rept. No. 115–299)

H.R. 995, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–300)

S. 2946, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms “act of war” and “blocked asset”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4950**

Measures Passed:

National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 558, designating July 30, 2018, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4955**

Collector Car Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 574, designating July 13, 2018, as Collector Car Appreciation Day and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States. **Page S4955**

Honoring the Memory of the 5 Victims of the Attack at the Capital Gazette: Senate agreed to S. Res. 575, honoring the memory of the 5 victims of the attack at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland, on June 28, 2018. **Page S4955**

Quarles Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S4933**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provi-

sions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. **Page S4933**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4933**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4933**

Oldham Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S4933**

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 Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S4933**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4933**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4933**

Bounds Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S4933–43**

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 Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S4934**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4933**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4933**

Stump Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that

at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 16, 2018, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Scott Stump, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education; that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees; and that Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate. **Page S4955**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 70 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. EX. 154), Paul C. Ney, Jr., of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense. **Pages S4924–33, S4955**

Kelly Higashi, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Emory A. Rounds III, of Maine, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of five years.

Georgette Mosbacher, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland. **Pages S4943, S4955**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—154) **Page S4933**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:11 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4955.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the credit bureaus and the Fair Credit Reporting Act, including S. 2188, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide protections for consumers after a data breach at a consumer reporting agency, S. 2362, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require that

a consumer authorize the release of certain information, S. 3040, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting certain positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies, S. 2289, to create an Office of Cybersecurity at the Federal Trade Commission for supervision of data security at consumer reporting agencies, to require the promulgation of regulations establishing standards for effective cybersecurity at consumer reporting agencies, to impose penalties on credit reporting agencies for cybersecurity breaches that put sensitive consumer data at risk, and H.R. 3626, to amend the Bank Service Company Act to provide improvements with respect to State banking agencies, after receiving testimony from Peggy Twohig, Assistant Director, Office of Supervision Policy, Supervision, Enforcement and Fair Lending Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection; and Maneesha Mithal, Associate Director, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Federal Trade Commission.

INTERSTATE DELIVERY NETWORKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the policy issues facing interstate delivery networks for natural gas and electricity, after receiving testimony from James J. Hoecker, Husch Blackwell LLP, and Joseph T. Kelliher, NextEra Energy, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; J. Curtis Moffatt, Kinder Morgan, Inc., Houston, Texas; and James J. Murchie, Energy Income Partners, LLC, Westport, Connecticut.

TARIFFS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tariffs, focusing on implications for United States foreign policy and the international economy, after receiving testimony from Manisha Singh, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs; and Joshua Bolten, Business Roundtable, and Michael H. Fuchs, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2946, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms “act of war” and “blocked asset”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Maria Chapa Lopez, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and Richard E. Taylor, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas, both of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 6342–6364; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 991–992, were introduced. **Pages H6172–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6175**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative DesJarlais to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6115**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6120**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. J. Josh Smith, Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, GA. **Page H6120**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:01 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H6160**

Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act: The House passed H.R. 3281, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 325. **Pages H6154–60, H6161–62**

Rejected the Huffman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 324. **Pages H6160–61**

H. Res. 985, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 50) and (H.R. 3281) was agreed to yesterday, July 11th.

Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019: The House passed H.R. 6237, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a yea-and-nay vote of 363 yeas to 54 nays, Roll No. 326. **Pages H6129–54, H6162–63**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–80, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill. **Page H6133**

Agreed to:

Schiff amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that adds Russian to the list of the languages in Sec. 1501; **Pages H6144–45**

Schneider amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that amends Sec. 1503 to include a list of foreign state or foreign nonstate actors involved in the threats to election campaigns for Federal offices; **Page H6145**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that amends the Sense of Congress already in the bill on the importance of re-review of security clearances held by individuals by adding consideration of whether the security clearance holder's association or sympathy with persons or organizations that advocate, threaten, or use force or violence, or any other illegal or unconstitutional means, in an effort to prevent others from exercising their rights under the Constitution or laws of the United States or of any state, including but not limited to race, religion, national origin, or disability; **Pages H6145–47**

Vargas amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that adds "the use of virtual currencies" to "section 1505" to ensure it is included in the assessment of threat finance; **Pages H6147–48**

Torres amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that directs Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research and the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis, to produce a national intelligence estimate of the revenue sources of the North Korean regime; **Pages H6148–49**

Hastings amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that directs the Director of National Intelligence to create and implement a plan that expands the recruitment efforts of all intelligence agencies geographic parameters used in recruitment efforts so

that rural and other underserved regions across the nation are more fully represented in such efforts;

Pages H6149–50

Schneider amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that directs the DNI to report on Iran’s support for proxy forces in Syria and Lebanon, including Hizballah, and an assessment of the threat posed to Israel and other U.S. regional allies;

Pages H6150–51

Bera amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that requires a briefing to relevant Congressional committees on the anticipated geopolitical effects of emerging infectious disease and pandemics, and their implications on the national security of the United States;

Pages H6151–52

Kennedy amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report on the potential establishment of the “Foreign Malign Influence Response Center” comprised of analysts from all elements of the intelligence community, to provide comprehensive assessment of foreign efforts to influence United States political processes and elections;

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Rice (NY) amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to report on the possible exploitation of virtual currencies by terrorist actors;

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Lipinski amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that requires an annual report from the Director of National Intelligence describing Iranian expenditures on military and terrorist activities outside the country, such as on Hezbollah, Houthi rebels in Yemen, Hamas, and proxy forces in Iraq and Syria; and

Pages H6153–54

Davidson amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 115–815) that enhances oversight by augmenting existing semiannual reporting requirements regarding disciplinary actions.

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H. Res. 989, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6237) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 323, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 322.

Pages H6122–29

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6128, H6128–29, H6161, H6161–62, and H6162–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 959, the “Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 1676, the “Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act”; H.R. 3728, the “Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency Readiness Act of 2017”; H.R. 5385, the “Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018”; H. Res. 982, of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to transmit, respectively, certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the separation of children from their parents or guardians as a result of the President’s “zero tolerance” policy; H.R. 2278, the “Responsible Disposal Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 2389, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, and for other purposes; H.R. 1320, the “Nuclear Utilization of Keynote Energy Act”; H.R. 6140, the “Advanced Nuclear Fuel Availability Act”; H.R. 6032, the “State of Modern Application, Research, and Trends of IoT Act”; H.R. 2345, the “National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 3994, the “ACCESS BROADBAND Act”; H.R. 4881, the “Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act of 2018”; H.R. 5709, the “Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement Act”. H. Res. 982 and H.R. 6032 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 959, H.R. 1676, H.R. 3728, H.R. 5385, H.R. 2278, H.R. 2389, H.R. 1320, H.R. 6140, H.R. 2345, H.R. 3994, H.R. 4881 and H.R. 5709 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

COUNTERING THE FINANCIAL NETWORKS OF WEAPONS PROLIFERATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance held a hearing entitled “Countering the Financial Networks of Weapons Proliferation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NICARAGUAN CRISIS: NEXT STEPS TO ADVANCING DEMOCRACY; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Nicaraguan Crisis: Next Steps to Advancing Democracy”; and held a markup on H. Res. 981, condemning the violence, persecution, intimidation, and murders committed by the Government of Nicaragua against its citizens. H. Res 981 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. Testimony was heard from Carlos Trujillo, U.S. Permanent Representative, Organization of American States; Michael Kozak, Senior Advisor and Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and Barbara Feinstein, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

COMBATING TUBERCULOSIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Combating Tuberculosis in Southern Africa”. Testimony was heard from Deborah L. Birx, M.D., U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, Department of State; Irene Koek, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Global Health Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Rebecca Martin, Director, Center for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACCESS DENIED: KEEPING ADVERSARIES AWAY FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a joint hearing entitled “Access Denied: Keeping Adversaries Away from the Homeland Security Supply Chain”. Testimony was heard from Gregory Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office, and the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Soraya Correa, Chief Procurement Officer, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer; John Zangardi, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer; Jeanette Manfra, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and Tina W. Gabbrielli, (Acting) Deputy Under Secretary for In-

telligence Enterprise Operations. A portion of this hearing was closed.

OVERSIGHT OF FBI AND DOJ ACTIONS SURROUNDING THE 2016 ELECTION: TESTIMONY BY FBI DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PETER STRZOK

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee; and full Committee of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a hearing entitled “Oversight of FBI and DOJ Actions Surrounding the 2016 Election: Testimony by FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok”. Testimony was heard from Peter Strzok, Deputy Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF LIVESTOCK GRAZING ON FEDERAL LANDS AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “The Essential Role of Livestock Grazing on Federal Lands and its Importance to Rural America”. Testimony was heard from Brad Little, Lieutenant Governor, Idaho; and public witnesses.

BIG DATA CHALLENGES AND ADVANCED COMPUTING SOLUTIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Big Data Challenges and Advanced Computing Solutions”. Testimony was heard from Bobby Kasthuri, Researcher, Argonne National Laboratory; Katherine Yelick, Associate Laboratory Director for Computing Sciences, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting to assign Representative Bill Flores of Texas to subcommittees; amend the Committee Rules to establish a Subcommittee on Technology Modernization; set the membership ratio of the subcommittee; assign a chair and ranking member of the subcommittee; assign majority and minority members of the subcommittee; and for other purposes. The resolutions to assign Representative Bill Flores of Texas to the Subcommittees on Health and Economic Opportunity; to amend Rule 5 of the Committee Rules for the 115th Congress to establish a new Subcommittee on Technology Modernization; to approve the ratio of the Subcommittee on Technology Modernization; to appoint the Chairman and Majority Members of the Subcommittee on Technology Modernization; and to appoint the Ranking

Member and Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Technology Modernization were adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2409, to allow servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed; H.R. 2787, the "VET MD Act"; H.R. 5538, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain additional periods of active duty service for purposes of suspending charges to veterans' entitlement to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs during periods of suspended participation in vocational rehabilitation programs; H.R. 5649, the "Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William 'Bill' Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2018"; H.R. 5693, the "Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act"; H.R. 5864, the "VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act"; H.R. 5882, the "Gold Star Spouses Leasing Relief Act"; H.R. 5938, the "Veterans Serving Veterans Act of 2018"; H.R. 5974, the "VA COST SAVINGS Enhancements Act"; and H.R. 6066, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the productivity of the management of Department of Veterans Affairs health care, and for other purposes. H.R. 2787, H.R. 5649, H.R. 5693, H.R. 6066 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2409, H.R. 5538, H.R. 5864, H.R. 5882, H.R. 5938, H.R. 5974 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee concluded markup on H.R. 6301, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide high deductible health plans with first dollar coverage flexibility; H.R. 6317, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that direct primary care service arrangements do not disqualify deductible health savings account contributions, and for other purposes; H.R. 6305, the "Bipartisan HSA Improvement Act of 2018"; H.R. 6312, the "PHIT Act"; H.R. 6309, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals entitled to Medicare Part A by rea-

son of being over age 65 to contribute to health savings accounts; H.R. 6199, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include certain over-the-counter medical products as qualified medical expenses; H.R. 6306, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the contribution limitation for health savings accounts, and for other purposes; H.R. 6313, the "Responsible Additions and Increases to Sustain Employee Health Benefits Act of 2018"; H.R. 4616, to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a temporary moratorium on the employer mandate and to provide for a delay in the implementation of the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; H.R. 6314, the "Health Savings Act of 2018"; and H.R. 6311, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to modify the definition of qualified health plan for purposes of the health insurance premium tax credit and to allow individuals purchasing health insurance in the individual market to purchase a lower premium copper plan. H.R. 6301, H.R. 6317, H.R. 6305, H.R. 6309, H.R. 6199, H.R. 6312, H.R. 4616, H.R. 6306, H.R. 6313, H.R. 6314, and H.R. 6311 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS CHALLENGES

Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current challenges facing the appropriations process in Congress and discuss possibilities for improvement, after receiving testimony from former Representatives Leon Panetta and David Obey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, July 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Scott Stump, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 13

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 50—Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act.

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