

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-elect Rick Scott, of Florida, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

See Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S35–76

Measures Introduced: Thirty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 30–59, and S. Res. 10–11. **Pages S67–68**

Measures Considered:

Strengthening America’s Security in the Middle East Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people. **Pages S38–49**

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

By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 1), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S48**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S48**

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, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, January 10, 2019. **Page S48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. **Page S72**

Swearing in of Senator Rick Scott: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-elect Rick Scott, of the State of Florida, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S38**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S66**

Measures Read the First Time: **Page S66**

Executive Communications: **Pages S66–67**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S68–72**

Additional Statements: **Pages S65–66**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S48**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S72.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 83 public bills, H.R. 8, 264–355; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 22; H. Con. Res. 3; and H. Res. 26–27, 29–30, were introduced. **Pages H280–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H288–89**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 28, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 264) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 265) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 266) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 267) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 116–1). **Page H280**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H231**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H233**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 161 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 15. **Pages H233, H277**

Oath of Office Designation—Communication: Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 22, 116th Congress, the Chair laid down a communication from the Honorable G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina reporting the administration of the oath of office to the Honorable Walter Jones of North Carolina on January 4, 2019, and stating that two copies of the oath, signed by Representative Jones, had been delivered to the Clerk of the House. **Page H233**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the adminis-

tration of the oath to the gentleman from North Carolina, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H233**

United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Representative Evans. **Page H234**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H234**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 26, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H234**

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

Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019: H.R. 259, amended, to extend the Medicaid Money Follows the Person Rebalancing demonstration, to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment; **Pages H234–37**

Reauthorizing certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved drug application: H.R. 269, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved drug application, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 13; **Pages H237–66, H275–76**

Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act: H.R. 251, to extend by two years the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 14; **Pages H266–70, H276–77**

Incentivizing Fairness in Subcontracting Act: H.R. 227, to amend the Small Business Act to specify what credit is given for certain subcontractors and to provide a dispute process for non-payment to subcontractors; and **Pages H271–73**

Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act of 2019: H.R. 128, to clarify the primary functions and

duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration. **Pages H273–75**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H275**

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

Clarity on Small Business Participation in Category Management Act of 2019: H.R. 226, to amend the Small Business Act to include best in class designations in the annual report on small business goals prepared by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Pages H270–71**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H275–76, H276–77, and H277. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019; TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019; AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019; DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 116th Congress; and a hearing on H.R. 264, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019”; H.R. 267, the “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”; H.R. 265, the “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”; and H.R. 266, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”. The Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 116th Congress and subcommittee ratios, and Rep-

resentative Hastings was designated the Vice Chair of the Committee. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 264, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019”; H.R. 265, the “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”; H.R. 266, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”; and H.R. 267, the “Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019”; each under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate on each bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of each bill. The rule provides that each bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in each bill. The rule provides each bill one motion to recommit. The rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of January 15, 2019, relating to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Testimony was heard from Representatives Quigley, Graves of Georgia, Bishop of Georgia, Aderholt, McCollum, Calvert, Price of North Carolina, Diaz-Balart, and Newhouse.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3, 2018 through January 3, 2019

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	191	174	..
Time in session	1,015 hrs., 29'	657 hrs., 46'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	8,065	10,612	..
Extension of remarks .....	..	1,751	..
Public bills enacted into law	73	165	238
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	1	1
Bills in conference	1	1	..
Measures passed, total	641	816	1,457
Senate bills	145	105	..
House bills	224	557	..
Senate joint resolutions	7	2	..
House joint resolutions	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	14	10	..
House concurrent resolutions	15	18	..
Simple resolutions	235	123	..
Measures reported, total	* 385	* 610	995
Senate bills	252	11	..
House bills	114	529	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	18	68	..
Special reports	14	33	..
Conference reports	4	4	..
Measures pending on calendar	405	217	..
Measures introduced, total	1,967	3,259	5,226
Bills	1,540	2,672	..
Joint resolutions	18	22	..
Concurrent resolutions	28	52	..
Simple resolutions	381	513	..
Quorum calls	2	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	274	326	..
Recorded votes .....	..	172	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3, 2018 through January 3, 2019

Civilian nominations, totaling 710 (including 146 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		392
Unconfirmed		296
Withdrawn		22
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,025 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,015
Unconfirmed		9
Withdrawn		1
Air Force nominations, totaling 6,274 (including 76 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		6,264
Unconfirmed		9
Withdrawn		1
Army nominations, totaling 7,283 (including 12 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		7,273
Unconfirmed		10
Navy nominations, totaling 4,463 (including 11 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		4,462
Unconfirmed		1
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,347, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,345
Unconfirmed		2
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session		247
Total nominations received this Session		21,855
Total confirmed		21,751
Total unconfirmed		327
Total withdrawn		24
Total returned to the White House		0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 256 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 647 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:15 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

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