

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S725–S754

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 249–268, and S. Res. 34. **Page S742**

Measures Considered:

Strengthening America’s Security in the Middle East Act—Agreement: Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S725–30, S730–36**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 65, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security. **Pages S732–33**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 65 (listed above), 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 31, 2019. **Page S736**

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

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S732**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, for debate only. **Page S754**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) **Page S732**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S754.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHINA AND RUSSIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine China and Russia, after receiving testimony from Elbridge Colby, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development, and Ely Ratner, former Deputy National Security Advisor to the Vice President, both of the Center for a New American Security; and Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 385 nominations in the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

CYBERSECURITY POLICIES AND ARCHITECTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense enterprise-wide cybersecurity policies and architecture, after receiving testimony from Dana Deasy, Chief Information Officer, Vice Admiral Nancy A. Norton, USN, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency, and Commander, Joint Force Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Network, and Brigadier General Dennis A. Crall,

USMC, Principal Deputy Cyber Advisor and Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy, all of the Department of Defense.

CBO BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office's budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2019–2029, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Nicole R. Nason, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

DRUG PRICING IN AMERICA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug pricing in America, after receiving testimony from Kathy Sego, American Diabetes Association, Madison, Indiana; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.; Mark Miller, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Houston, Texas; and Peter B. Bach, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York.

ACCESS TO CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine access to care, focusing on health centers and providers in underserved communities, after receiving testimony from Dennis Freeman, Cherokee Health Systems, Knoxville, Tennessee; John B. Waits, Cahaba Medical Care FQHC, Cahaba, Alabama; Andrea Anderson, Unity Health Care, and George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences National Family Medicine Residency Program, Washington, D.C.; and Thomas Trompeter, HealthPoint, Renton, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 116th Congress.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 46, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act;

S. 50, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to pro-

vide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions;

S. 51, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana;

S. 199, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe;

S. 207, to enhance tribal road safety;

S. 209, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes;

S. 210, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancement in public safety services to Indian communities;

S. 211, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime;

S. 212, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities;

S. 216, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam;

S. 224, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska; and

S. 226, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian Tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from former Senator Daniel R. Coats, Director of National Intelligence; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Gina Haspel, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and General Robert Ashley, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, General Paul Nakasone, USA, Director, National Security Agency, and Robert Cardillo, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 830–858; 1 private bill, H.R. 859; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 35; H. Con. Res. 8–9; and H. Res. 85, 86, and 88; were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 87, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 790) to provide for a pay increase in 2019 for certain civilian employees of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 116–5).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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

Department of Homeland Security Clearance Management and Administration Act: H.R. 424, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the management and administration of the security clearance processes throughout the Department of Homeland Security;

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Federal Information Resource to Strengthen Ties with State and Local Law Enforcement Act: H.R. 495, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require an annual report on the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement;

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Homeland Security Assessment of Terrorists' Use of Virtual Currencies Act: H.R. 428, to direct the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis to develop and disseminate a threat assessment regarding terrorist use of virtual currency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 422 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 56;

Pages H1259–60; H1267–68

Pathways to Improving Homeland Security at the Local Level Act: H.R. 449, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to direct the Assistant Secretary for State and Local Law Enforcement to produce and disseminate an annual catalog on Department of Homeland Security training, publications, programs, and services for State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 412 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 57;

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Department of Homeland Security Field Engagement Accountability Act: H.R. 504, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers;

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Counterterrorism Advisory Board Act of 2019: H.R. 769, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security a board to coordinate and integrate departmental intelligence, activities, and policy related to counterterrorism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 414 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 58; and

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Expressing the sense of Congress that financial institutions and other companies should work proactively with their customers affected by the shutdown of the Federal Government who may be facing short-term financial hardship and long-term damage to their creditworthiness through no fault of their own: H. Res. 77, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that financial institutions and other companies should work proactively with their customers affected by the shutdown of the Federal Government who may be facing short-term financial hardship and long-term damage to their creditworthiness through no fault of their own. Representative Hoyer moved to table the Waters motion to reconsider the vote after Representative Harris objected to the motion to reconsider laid on the table, by a yeas and nay vote of 240 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 59, and the Hoyer motion was agreed to. Subsequently, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of Congress that financial institutions and other entities should work proactively with their customers affected by the shutdown of the Federal Government who may be facing short-term financial hardship and long-term damage to their creditworthiness through no fault of their own.”.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Gosar motion to adjourn by a yeas and nay vote of 14 yeas to 395 nays, Roll No. 55.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 9, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 30th.

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Committee Election and Ranking: The House agreed to H. Res. 85, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives and ranking Members on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H1270**

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Price (NC), Chairman. **Page H1272**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Cuellar, Chairman. **Page H1272**

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Higgins, Chairman. **Page H1272**

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Connolly, Chairman. **Page H1272**

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Representative Kilmer, Chair; Representatives Cleaver, DelBene, Lofgren, Pocan, and Scanlon. **Pages H1279–80**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:41 p.m. and reconvened at 5:13 p.m. **Page H1280**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1258–59, H1267–68, H1268, H1268–69, and H1269–70. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S SUPPORT TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Department of Defense's Support to the Southern Border". Testimony was heard from John Rood, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy,

Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Vice Admiral Michael Gilday, U.S. Navy, Director of Operations (J3), Joint Staff.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Rules of the Committee on the Budget were adopted.

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook". Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress; and approved the House Foreign Affairs Committee Professional Staff Members, the Vice Chair of the Full Committee, the Subcommittee Membership, and the Subcommittee Chairs and Ranking Members.

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1, the "For the People Act of 2019". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules, without amendment.

EXAMINING THE ACTIONS OF DRUG COMPANIES IN RAISING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining the Actions of Drug Companies in Raising Prescription Drug Prices". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL CIVILIAN WORKFORCE PAY RAISE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 790, the "Federal Civilian Workforce Pay Raise Fairness Act of 2019". The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 790, the Federal Civilian Workforce Pay Raise Fairness Act of 2019. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally

divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in Part A of the report shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B of the report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of February 8, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV, and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Representatives Connolly and Meadows.

PROTECTING AMERICANS WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 210–HVC.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.J. Res. 31, making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, 1:30 p.m., HC-5, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, January 30

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 790—Federal Civilian Workforce Pay Raise Fairness Act of 2019 (Subject to a Rule).

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