

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1151–S1174

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 430–437, and S. Res. 62–66. **Pages S1165–66**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 62, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S. Res. 64, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Measures Considered:

Natural Resources Management Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1152, S1155–64**

Rejected:

Lee Amendment No. 187 (to Amendment No. 112), to limit the extension or establishment of national monuments in the State of Utah. (By 60 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 20), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S1160**

Pending:

Murkowski/Manchin Modified Amendment No. 111, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1152**

Murkowski Amendment No. 112 (to Amendment No. 111), to modify the authorization period for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program. **Page S1152**

Rubio/Scott (FL) Amendment No. 182 (to Amendment No. 112), to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Costal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping. **Page S1161**

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

By 87 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 21), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1161**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule

XXII, at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, all post-cloture time be considered expired on the bill; that following disposition of any pending amendments, the substitute amendment as amended, if amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Pages S1161–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 12, 2019; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the bill. **Page S1174**

Department Of Homeland Security Further Continuing Appropriations—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H. J. Res. 1, making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019. **Pages S1152–55**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, 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 William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice. **Page S1155**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1155**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—21) **Pages S1160–61**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

February 12, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1174.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 1137–1149; 1 private bill, H.R. 1150; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 17 and H. Res. 119–121 and 123–124, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 122, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 37) directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 116–8). **Page H1516**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1495**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Pages H1495–96**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Jones, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H1496**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:02 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H1496**

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

Presidential Library Donation Reform Act of 2019: H.R. 1063, amended, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations; **Pages H1496–97**

Social Media Use in Clearance Investigations Act of 2019: H.R. 1065, to provide for a study on the use of social media in security clearance investigations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 76; **Pages H1498–99, H1504–05**

Amending title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients: H.R. 1064, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients; and

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Creating Advanced Streamlined Electronic Services for Constituents Act of 2019: H.R. 1079, amended, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 77.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 p.m. **Page H1504**

Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Walter B. Jones: The House agreed to H. Res. 121, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Walter B. Jones. **Page H1504**

Honoring the life, achievements, and distinguished public service of John David Dingell, Jr., and expressing condolences to his family on his passing: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 120, honoring the life, achievements, and distinguished public service of John David Dingell, Jr., and expressing condolences to his family on his passing. **Page H1506**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 12th. **Page H1508**

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

Settlement Agreement Information Database Act of 2019: H.R. 995, amended, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of settlement agreements. **Pages H1500–02**

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representatives Sanchez, Larsen (WA), Davis (CA), Meeks, Brendan F. Boyle (PA), and Costa.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1504–05 and H1505. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and at 8:36 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 121, it stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 12th, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Walter B. Jones.

Committee Meetings

DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 37, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H. J. Res 37, Directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–4 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee 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 the report. The rule provides one

motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of 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 February 17, 2019, relating to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Section 3 of the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of February 17, 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. Section 4 of the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record not later than February 17, 2019, such material as she may deem explanatory of measures making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Testimony was heard from Chairman Engel and Representative McCaul.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine managing pain during the opioid crisis, 10 a.m., SD–430.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: hearing entitled “The Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Management of Housing Contracts During the Shutdown”, 4 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee: hearing entitled “Underpaid Teachers and Crumbling Schools:

How Underfunding Public Education Shortchanges America's Students", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Climate Change: Preparing for the Energy Transition", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled "The Impacts of Climate Change on Tribal Communities", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Cost of Rising Prescription Drug Prices", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 12 through February 15, 2019

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 47, Natural Resources Management Act, post-closure, and vote on or in relation to amendments to the bill and on final passage at 4:30 p.m.

Following disposition of S. 47, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

February 12, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

February 13, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on cyber operations to defend the midterm elections, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

February 13, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, with the Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold a joint hearing to examine the current condition of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 14, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bimal Patel, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, and Rodney Hood, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the

National Credit Union Administration Board, and Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Janice Miriam Hellreich, of Hawaii, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, Don Munce, of Florida, and Bruce M. Ramer, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and a routine list in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 14, to hold hearings to examine the status and outlook for cybersecurity efforts in the energy industry, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the invasive species threat, focusing on protecting wildlife, public health, and infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 12, to hold hearings to examine managing pain during the opioid crisis, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 13, business meeting to consider S. 380, to increase access to agency guidance documents, S. 396, to amend section 1202 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the continuation of service provision for members of the Merit Systems Protection Board, S. 394, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions, S. 195, to require the Director of the Government Publishing Office to establish and maintain a website accessible to the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one place, S. 196, to save taxpayer money and improve the efficiency and speed of intragovernmental correspondence, S. 395, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule, S. 406, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, S. 375, to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, S. 315, to authorize cyber hunt and incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, S. 333, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, S. 74, to prohibit paying Members of Congress during periods during which a Government shutdown is in effect, S. 387, to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, 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, and the nominations of Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, and Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, both to be a Member, all of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 13, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, Time to be announced, SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: February 13, business meeting to consider S. Res. 50, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees for the 116th Congress, and committee rules, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 14, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations: February 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: Department of Energy’s Weatherization Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Library of Congress, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “U.S. Military Service Academies Overview”, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Long Term Healthcare Challenges and Long Term Care Hearing”, 2 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: February 13, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Military Service Academies’ Action Plans to Address the Results of Sexual Assault and Violence Report at the Military Service Academies”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor: February 13, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing entitled “Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7): Equal Pay for Equal Work”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: February 13, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Protecting Consumers and Competition: An Examination of the T-Mobile and Sprint Merger”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Strengthening Our Health Care System: Legislation to Reverse ACA Sabotage and Ensure Pre-Existing Conditions Protections”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Committee Tributes to the Late Honorable John D. Dingell, Jr.”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: February 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Homeless in America: Examining the Crisis and Solutions to End Homelessness”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Challenges

and Solutions: Access to Banking Services for Cannabis-Related Businesses”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Affordable Housing Crisis in Rural America: Assessing the Federal Response”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: February 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Venezuela at a Crossroads”, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: February 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Defending Our Democracy: Building Partnerships to Protect America’s Elections”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration: February 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “For the People: Our American Democracy”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 13, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8, the “Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1112, the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “The State of Competition in the Wireless Market: Examining the Impact of the Proposed Merger of T-Mobile and Sprint on Consumers, Workers, and the Internet”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: February 13, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Climate Change and Public Lands: Examining Impacts and Considering Adaptation Opportunities”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform: February 14, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Effects of Vacancies at the Merit Systems Protection Board”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: February 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of Climate Science and Why it Matters”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business: February 13, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business Priorities for the 116th Congress”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: February 13, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Putting U.S. Aviation at Risk: The Impact of the Shutdown”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: February 13, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Ways and Means: February 13, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “How Middle Class Families are Faring in Today’s Economy”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: February 13, to receive a briefing on asset recovery in Eurasia, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, February 12

Senate Chamber

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Tuesday, February 12

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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