

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S1671–S1716*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 668–690, S.J. Res. 13, and S. Res. 96–98. **Pages S1704–06**

**Murphy Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S1698–S1702**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 38), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1698**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 7, 2019; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination be withdrawn, and the time until 1:45 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of John Fleming at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1702**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 7, 2019. **Page S1702**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 37), Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S1671–98, S1716**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

William B. Kilbride, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2023.

Julie Reiskin, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S1704, S1712**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—38) **Pages S1697–98**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1712.)

### *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the military services' prevention of and response to sexual assault, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant Commander Erin Leigh Elliott, USN, Elizabeth P. Van Winkle, Office of Force Resiliency, Lieutenant General Charles N. Pede, USA, Judge Advocate General of the Army, Vice Admiral John G. Hannink, USN, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Jeffrey A. Rockwell, USAF, Judge Advocate

General of the Air Force, and Major General Daniel J. Lecce, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense; Colonel Don M. Christensen, USAF (Ret.), Protect our Defenders; Colonel Ellen Haring, USA (Ret.), Service Women's Action Network; Colonel Doug James, USAF (Ret.), Save Our Heroes; and Angela Bapp.

## MARITIME INDUSTRY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the American maritime industry, after receiving testimony from Matt Woodruff, American Maritime Partnership, and Matthew Paxton, Shipbuilders Council of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Thomas Allegretti, The American Waterways Operators, Arlington, Virginia; Austin Golding, Golding Barge Line, Vicksburg, Mississippi; and Berit Eriksson, Sailor's Union of the Pacific, Seattle, Washington.

## HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic benefits of highway infrastructure investment and accelerated project delivery, after receiving testimony from Michael Replogle, New York City Department of Transportation, New York, New York; Patrick K. McKenna, Missouri Department of Transportation and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, D.C.; and Steve Demetriou, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Business Roundtable Infrastructure Committee.

## NURSING HOME ABUSE AND NEGLECT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting Americans from abuse and neglect in nursing homes, after receiving testimony from Kate Goodrich, Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, and Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Antoinette T. Bacon, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Keesha R. Mitchell, Office of the Ohio Attorney General, Columbus; David C. Grabowski, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts; David Gifford, American Health Care Association, Washington, D.C.; Patricia Olthoff-Blank, Shell Rock, Iowa; and Maya Fischer, Plymouth, Minnesota.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who was introduced by Senator Sullivan, and Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine recommendations to reduce risk of waste, fraud, and mismanagement in Federal programs, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Cathleen Berrick, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Nikki Clowers, Managing Director, Health Care, Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Mark Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Nick Marinos, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, and Chris Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, all of the Government Accountability Office.

## SMUGGLING OF PERSONS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Customs and Border Protection's response to the smuggling of persons at the southern border, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Michael J. Fisher, Advanced Technology Systems Company, McLean, Virginia; Julie M. Linton, American Academy of Pediatrics, Washington, D.C.; and Timothy Ballard, Operation Undergound Railroad, Anaheim, California.

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Library of Congress, after receiving testimony from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress.

## THE AMERICAN WORKER

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business and the American worker, after receiving testimony from Oren M. Cass, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York; Betsey Stevenson, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor; Caryn York, Job Opportunities Task Force, Washington, D.C.; and John W. Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group, Baltimore, Maryland.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the complex web of prescription drug prices, focusing on patients struggling with ris-

ing costs, after receiving testimony from Michelle Dehetre, Lewiston, Maine; Pamela Holt, Granger, Indiana; Donnette Smith, Huntsville, Alabama; Sheldon Armus, Boynton Beach, Florida; and Barbara and David Cisek, Rural Ridge, Pennsylvania.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 1549–1578; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 180–181 were introduced. **Pages H2502–04**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2505–06**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Bustos to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2373**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2377**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H2377, H2390**

**For the People Act of 2019:** The House considered H.R. 1, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 7th. **Pages H2390–H2498**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–7, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–16, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill. **Page H2409**

Agreed to:

Suozzi amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requires the Federal Elections Commission to conduct an audit after each Federal election cycle to determine the incidence of illicit foreign money in the election; within 180 Days, the FEC will submit to Congress a report containing audit results and recommendation(s) to address the presence of illicit foreign money; **Pages H2479–80**

Butterfield amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that ensures states locate polling locations for early voting in rural areas of the state and ensure that those polling places are located

in communities that will give rural residents the best opportunity to vote during the early voting period; **Pages H2480–81**

Hastings amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requires states to submit a report to Congress not later than 120 days after the end of a Federal election cycle regarding the number of ballots invalidated by signature mismatch, the attempts to contact voters to provide notice, and the cure process and results; **Pages H2483–84**

Scanlon amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that establishes a fourth committee comprised of election security experts to review grant requests to ensure funds for election infrastructure are best spent; **Pages H2485–57**

Scanlon amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requests a study by the Federal Election Commission to specifically assess whether the small donor match cap and the six-to-one ratio in H.R. 1 is appropriately scaled for both House and Senate elections; **Pages H2487–88**

Morelle amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that changes pre-election registration deadlines from 30 days to 28 days before election day to ensure the deadline does not fall on a legal public holiday; **Page H2488**

Shalala amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requires the Office of Government Ethics to submit a report to Congress regarding the implications of the retroactive application of the ethics waiver process; **Pages H2488–89**

Biggs amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that provides that State DMV's shall require individuals applying for a driver's license to indicate whether the individual resides in another State or resided in another State prior to applying, and whether the individual intends for the State to serve as the primary residence for voting; **Page H2489**

Ted Lieu (CA) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that prohibits political appointees from using Federal funds to pay for travel on non-commercial, private, or chartered flights for