

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumés of Congressional Activity (July and August).

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2443–2448, and S.J. Res. 53. **Page S5360**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, August 16, during the adjournment:

H.R. 1138, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project. (S. Rept. No. 116–69)

S. 143, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States. (S. Rept. No. 116–70)

S. 174, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–71)

S. 520, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–72)

S. 816, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas. (S. Rept. No. 116–73)

S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–74)

S. 1064, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the national security implications of building ethane and other natural-gas-liquids-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–75)

S. 1286, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of En-

ergy facilities with promising commercial potential. (S. Rept. No. 116–76)

S. 494, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants. (S. Rept. No. 116–77)

S. 737, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood. (S. Rept. No. 116–78)

S. 1494, to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Reported on Monday, September 9:

S. 1207, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in Utah. (S. Rept. No. 116–79) **Pages S5359–60**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 57, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States. **Page S5364**

Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act: Senate passed S. 349, to require the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for, and make determinations regarding, roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5366**

Drinking Water Revolving Fund: Senate passed S. 1689, to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances. **Page S5367**

Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 831, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for and make determinations regarding roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and the bill was then passed.

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Craft Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Department of State.

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

By 54 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 263), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:50 a.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2019; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, the post-cloture time expire at 2:15 p.m.; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Secretary of the Army.

Robert John Sander, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Sandra E. Clark, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

Kelly C. Degnan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Peter M. Haymond, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Rahkel Bouchet, 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.

Owen McCurdy Cypher, of Michigan, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

David M. DeVillers, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Thomas L. Leonard III, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Richard Earnest Myers II, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Sarah E. Pitlyk, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Anuraag Singhal, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Ralph Ignatius Sozio, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Mina Chang, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2022, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—263) **Page S5353**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5364.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4243–4259; and 1 private bill, H.R. 4260 were introduced. **Pages H7558–59**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7559–60**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2726, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains (H. Rept. 116–199); and

H. Res. 548, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146) to amend Public Law 115–97 (commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–200). **Page H7558**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clay to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7539**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Pages H7539–40**

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

Energy Efficient Government Technology Act: H.R. 1420, amended, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 384 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 515; **Pages H7540–41, H7546–47**

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2019: H.R. 1768, to reauthorize subtitle G of title VII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, relating to diesel emis-

sions reduction, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 295 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 516; **Pages H7541–43, H7547–48**

Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2019: H.R. 2114, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans; and **Pages H7543–44**

Advanced Nuclear Fuel Availability Act: H.R. 1760, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a program to support the availability of HA–LEU for domestic commercial use. **Pages H7544–46**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7546**

Consensus Calendar: Representative Thompson (CA) presented to the clerk a motion to place on the Consensus Calendar the bill H.R. 3589, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Greg LeMond, in recognition of his service to the Nation as an athlete, activist, role model, and community leader, it having accumulated 290 cosponsors. **Page H7558**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7546–47 and H7547–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PROTECTING AND SECURING FLORIDA'S COASTLINE ACT OF 2019; ARCTIC CULTURAL AND COASTAL PLAIN PROTECTION ACT; COASTAL AND MARINE ECONOMIES PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 205, the "Protecting and Securing Florida's

Coastline Act of 2019”; H.R. 1146, the “Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act”; and H.R. 1941, the “Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 205, the “Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act of 2019”, H.R. 1146, the “Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act”, and H.R. 1941, the “Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 205, the “Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act of 2019”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–29, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted 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 amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. 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. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1146, the “Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–30, modified by the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted 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 amendments printed in part D of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. 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 D of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1941, the “Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–31, modified by the amendment printed in part E of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted 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 amendments printed in part F of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. 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 F of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lowenthal, Bishop of Utah, Castor of Florida, Rooney of Florida, and Lesko.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D949)

H.R. 3877, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, to establish a congressional budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, to temporarily suspend the debt limit. Signed on August 2, 2019. (Public Law 116–37)

S. 2249, to allow the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on the date of enactment of this Act to continue to serve as such Deputy Administrator. Signed on August 2, 2019. (Public Law 116–38)

H.R. 3253, to provide for certain extensions with respect to the Medicaid program under title XIX of

the Social Security Act. Signed on August 6, 2019. (Public Law 116–39)

H.R. 1569, to amend title 28, United States Code, to add Flagstaff and Yuma to the list of locations in which court shall be held in the judicial district for the State of Arizona. Signed on August 9, 2019. (Public Law 116–40)

H.R. 2695, to rename the Success Dam in Tulare County, California, as the Richard L. Schafer Dam. Signed on August 9, 2019. (Public Law 116–41)

H.R. 540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the “Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office”. Signed on August 21, 2019. (Public Law 116–42)

H.R. 828, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Route 111 in Smithtown, New York, as the “Congressman Bill Carney Post Office”. Signed on August 21, 2019. (Public Law 116–43)

H.R. 829, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the “Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building”. Signed on August 21, 2019. (Public Law 116–44)

H.R. 1198, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 South Boulder Highway in Henderson, Nevada, as the “Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”. Signed on August 21, 2019. (Public Law 116–45)

H.R. 1449, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3033 203rd Street in Olympia Fields, Illinois, as the “Captain Robert L. Martin Post Office”. Signed on August 21, 2019. (Public Law 116–46)

H.R. 3305, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2509 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the “Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building”. Signed on August 21, 2019. (Public Law 116–47)

H.R. 639, to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees. Signed on August 22, 2019. (Public Law 116–48)

H.R. 776, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program. Signed on August 22, 2019. (Public Law 116–49)

H.R. 1079, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on electronic consent forms. Signed on August 22, 2019. (Public Law 116–50)

H.R. 2336, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the definition of “family farm-

er”. Signed on August 23, 2019. (Public Law 116–51)

H.R. 2938, to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense. Signed on August 23, 2019. (Public Law 116–52)

H.R. 3304, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days. Signed on August 23, 2019. (Public Law 116–53)

H.R. 3311, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses. Signed on August 23, 2019. (Public Law 116–54)

H.R. 1250, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11158 Highway 146 North in Hardin, Texas, as the “Lucas Lowe Memorial Post Office”. Signed on August 23, 2019. (Public Law 116–55)

H.R. 3245, to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority. Signed on August 23, 2019. (Public Law 116–56)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 11:30 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on next steps, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, oversight

hearing on the Department of Justice's Community Relations Service, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, and Subcommittee on National Security of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, joint hearing entitled "Securing the Nation's Internet and Architecture", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Improving Maternal Health: Legislation to Advance Prevention Efforts and Access to Care", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A \$1.5 Trillion Crisis: Protecting Student Borrowers and Holding Student Loan Servicers Accountable", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled "Preserving the Amazon: A Shared Moral Imperative", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Global Terrorism: Threats to the Homeland, Part I", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Renovations of the Cannon House Office Building", 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled "Evidence of Current and Ongoing Voting Discrimination", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1423, the "FAIR Act"; H.R. 1236, the "Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019"; H.R. 1186, the "Keep Americans Safe Act"; H.R. 2708, the "Disarm Hate Act"; H.R. 4018, to provide that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by the amount of good time credits earned by the prisoner, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2426, the "CASE Act of 2019", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled "BLM Disorganization: Examining the Proposed Reorganization and Relocation of the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters to Grand Junction, Colorado", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled "The Devil They Knew: PFAS Contamination and the Need for Corporate Accountability, Part III", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Raising the Bar: Progress and Future Needs in Forensic Science", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled "Growing the Clean Energy Economy", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day Hearing", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Solving the Climate Crisis: Manufacturing Jobs for America's Workers", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine making it more affordable to raise a family, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 10 through September 13, 2019

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Department of State, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:50 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Kelly Craft, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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 Appropriations: September 10, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 10 a.m., SD-192.

September 10, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of

Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 11:30 a.m., SD-124.

September 11, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine fragility in the Sahel, 2:15 p.m., SD-124.

September 12, Full Committee, business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: September 12, to hold hearings to examine the expected nominations of Ryan D. McCarthy, to be Secretary of the Army, and Barbara M. Barrett, to be Secretary of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 10, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on next steps, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine developments in global insurance regulatory and supervisory forums, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 11, to hold hearings to examine protecting the nation's transportation systems, focusing on oversight of the Transportation Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 11, Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine S. 607, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 1739, to enable projects that will aid in the development and delivery of related instruction associated with apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs that are focused on serving the skilled technical workforce at the National Laboratories and certain facilities of the National Nuclear Security Administration, S. 1821, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide for research on, and the development and deployment of, marine energy, S. 2094, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement State energy security plans, S. 2095, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threat to, the electric grid, S. 2137, to

promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 2300, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a program to incentivize innovation and to enhance the industrial competitiveness of the United States by developing technologies to reduce emissions of nonpower industrial sectors, S. 2368, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to support licensing and relicensing of certain nuclear facilities and nuclear energy research, demonstration, and development, and S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 11, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 11, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Karen S. Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard E. Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 11, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine innovation in America, focusing on how Congress can make our patent system stronger, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 10, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 12, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Education and Labor, September 11, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "The Importance of Trauma-Informed Practices in Education to Assist Students Impacted by Gun Violence and Other Adversities", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 11, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled "Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Legislating to Connect America: Improving the Nation's Broadband Maps", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 11, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets, hearing entitled "Examining Private Market Exemptions as a Barrier to IPOs and Retail Investment", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing

entitled “Examining the Macroeconomic Impacts of a Changing Climate”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 12, Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled “The Future of Identity in Financial Services: Threats, Challenges, and Opportunities”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 12, Full Committee, markup on Resolution for Investigative Procedures, 8 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 12, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Online Platforms and Market Power, Part 3: The Role of Data and Privacy in Competition”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 11, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Trump Administration’s Approach to the MMIW Crisis”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, September 11, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Apparent Revocation of Medical Deferred Action for Critically Ill Children”, 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 11, Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 4091, the “ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4230, the “Clean Industrial Technology Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Utilization Management: Barriers to Care and Burdens on Small Medical Practice”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 11, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Pricing and Technology Strategies to Address Congestion on and Financing of America’s Roads”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, September 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 3636, the “Caring

For Our Women Veterans Act”; H.R. 2972, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the communications of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to services available for women veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 3036, the “Breaking Barriers for Women Veterans Act”; H.R. 2798, the “Building Supportive Networks for Women Veterans Act”; H.R. 2645, the “Newborn Care Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 2681, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the availability of prosthetic items for women veterans from the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3224, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans; H.R. 2982, the “Women Veterans Health Care Accountability Act”; H.R. 2752, the “VA Newborn Emergency Treatment Act”; H.R. 2628, the “VET CARE Act of 2019”; H.R. 2816, the “Vietnam-Era Veterans Hepatitis C Testing Enhancement Act of 2019”; H.R. 1527, the “Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act”; H.R. 1163, the “VA Hiring Enhancement Act”; H.R. 3798, the “Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act”; H.R. 3867, the “Violence Against Women Veterans Act”; H.R. 4096, the “Improving Oversight of Women Veterans’ Care Act of 2019”; and legislation to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Office of Women’s Health, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: September 10, to hold hearings to examine making it more affordable to raise a family, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 11, to hold hearings to examine the state of diversity and inclusion in Europe, focusing on race, rights, and politics, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

September 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine autocratic abuse of INTERPOL, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

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January 3 through July 31, 2019

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	115	118	..
Time in session	637 hrs., 56'	527 hrs., 46'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	5,277	7,484	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,019	..
Public bills enacted into law	15	21	36
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	302	386	688
Senate bills	60	16	..
House bills	33	247	..
Senate joint resolutions	23	4	..
House joint resolutions	4	7	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	10	4	..
House concurrent resolutions	7	9	..
Simple resolutions	165	99	..
Measures reported, total	*134	176	310
Senate bills	84	..	..
House bills	12	138	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	35	35	..
Special reports	14	7	..
Conference reports	1	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	108	47	..
Measures introduced, total	2,789	4,791	7,580
Bills	2,411	4,127	..
Joint resolutions	52	73	..
Concurrent resolutions	24	56	..
Simple resolutions	302	535	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	259	214	..
Recorded votes .....	..	299	..
Bills vetoed	4	1	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through July 31, 2019

Civilian nominees, totaling 426, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	166
Unconfirmed	249
Withdrawn	11
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,004, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	668
Unconfirmed	336
Air Force nominees, totaling 5,651, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,863
Unconfirmed	3,788
Army nominees, totaling 5,697, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,996
Unconfirmed	701
Navy nominees, totaling 2,275, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,208
Unconfirmed	67
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,428, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,412
Unconfirmed	16
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	16,481
Total confirmed	11,313
Total unconfirmed	5,157
Total withdrawn	11
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 68 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 184 reports have been filed in the House.

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January 3 through August 31, 2019

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	125	127	..
Time in session	643 hrs., 50'	528 hrs., 11'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	5,339	7,529	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,088	..
Public bills enacted into law	16	40	56
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	311	387	698
Senate bills	62	16	..
House bills	38	247	..
Senate joint resolutions	23	4	..
House joint resolutions	4	7	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	10	4	..
House concurrent resolutions	7	10	..
Simple resolutions	167	99	..
Measures reported, total	*146	186	332
Senate bills	95	..	..
House bills	13	148	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	35	35	..
Special reports	14	8	..
Conference reports	1	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	117	57	..
Measures introduced, total	2,823	4,892	7,715
Bills	2,442	4,213	..
Joint resolutions	52	74	..
Concurrent resolutions	24	59	..
Simple resolutions	305	546	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	262	214	..
Recorded votes .....	..	299	..
Bills vetoed	4	1	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through August 31, 2019

Civilian nominees, totaling 432, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	231
Unconfirmed	190
Withdrawn	11
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,004, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	668
Unconfirmed	335
Withdrawn	1
Air Force nominees, totaling 5,651, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,863
Unconfirmed	3,788
Army nominees, totaling 5,697, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,996
Unconfirmed	701
Navy nominees, totaling 2,275, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,209
Unconfirmed	66
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,428, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,412
Unconfirmed	16
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	16,487
Total confirmed	11,379
Total unconfirmed	5,096
Total withdrawn	12
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 78 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 195 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Department of State, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:50 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Kelly Craft, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Elizabeth Darling until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 10

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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