Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5453–S5483

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2469–2478, and S. Res. 309–312.

Measures Reported:

- S. 2470, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–102)
- S. 1273, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims. (S. Rept. No. 116–105)

Measures Passed:

- **Wheeling, West Virginia Semiquincentennial**: Senate agreed to S. Res. 310, recognizing the semiquincentennial of the community of Wheeling, West Virginia.

- **Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act**: Senate passed H.R. 1200, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2019, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

- **Patriot Week**: Senate agreed to S. Res. 311, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17 as “Patriot Week”.

- **National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week**: Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, designating the week beginning September 8, 2019, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”.

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to request from the House of Representatives the return of the papers to S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide for a correction; provided further that if the House of Representatives agrees to the Senate’s request, upon receipt of the papers from the House of Representatives in the Senate, notwithstanding passage of the bill, the amendment at the desk be agreed to and the papers be returned to the House.

Subsequently, the Senate having received the papers with respect to S. 1790, notwithstanding the passage of the bill, Inhofe Amendment No. 938, of a perfecting nature, was agreed to and the measure was returned to the House.

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–28)

Rakolta, Jr. Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 12, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.
A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 5 p.m., on Monday, September 16, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, September 12, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m.

Howery Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Destro Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert A. Destro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

McIntosh Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 Robert A. Destro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 60 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 280), Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2020.

By 85 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 281), Thomas Peter Feddo, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security.

Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Messages from the House:

Measures Referred:

Executive Communications:

Additional Cosponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted:

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Privileges of the Floor:

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—281)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:21 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5483.)
Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 2470) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020;

An original bill (S. 2474) making appropriations for the Department of Defense 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.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Secretary of the Army, and Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force, who was introduced by Senator McSally, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GLOBAL INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISORY FORUMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developments in global insurance regulatory and supervisory forums, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Seitz, Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of the Treasury; Thomas Sullivan, Associate Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Eric A. Cioppa, Maine Bureau of Insurance, Augusta, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.
House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 4295–4327; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 62; and H. Res. 553–556, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H7704–06

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

- H.R. 3356, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–203, Part 1).

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Kyle Wright, II, Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School, Collinsville, Illinois.

Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 530.

Rejected the Curtis motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 189 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 529.

Pursuant to the Rule, 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 H. Rept. 116–200, 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 Natural Resources now printed in the bill.

Rejected:

- Young amendment (No. 1 printed in part D of H. Rept. 116–200) that sought to state that the repeal shall not take effect until the Alaska Natives who live and work closest to the proposed oil and gas development in the Coastal Plain of ANWR are thoroughly consulted regarding the effect of the bill on their quality of life and future (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 526);

Gosar amendment (No. 2 printed in part D of H. Rept. 116–200) that sought to allow the bill to go into effect when DOI, in consultation with DOL, certifies that the offshore energy moratorium in the bill will not kill a substantial number of Native American, minority and women jobs (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 527); and

Gosar amendment (No. 3 printed in part D of H. Rept. 116–200), as modified, that sought to allow the bill to go into effect when DOI, in consultation with DOL, certifies that the bill will not harm Caribou herd populations (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 528).

H. Res. 548, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 205), (H.R. 1146), and (H.R. 1941) was agreed to Tuesday, September 10th.


Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, September 13th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, September 17th for Morning Hour debate.

Consensus Calendar: Representative Speier presented to the clerk a motion to place on the Consensus Calendar the bill H.R. 1773, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition and other material to win the war, that were referred to as “Rosie the Riveter”, in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations, it having accumulated 290 cosponsors.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of
September 11, 2001 is to continue in effect beyond September 14, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–62).

Senate Referrals: S. 178 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7696.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7685–86, H7686, H7687, H7689, and H7689–90. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE FUTURE OF IDENTITY IN FINANCIAL SERVICES: THREATS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Artificial Intelligence held a hearing entitled “The Future of Identity in Financial Services: Threats, Challenges, and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on a Resolution for Investigative Procedures. The Resolution for Investigative Procedures passed, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

INTERPOL


COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, September 16

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, September 13

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

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