

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6051–S6134

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2669–2690, S. Res. 374–375, and S. Con. Res. 28.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1751, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–140)

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, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–141)

S. 1931, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers. (S. Rept. No. 116–142)

S. 2137, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–143)

S. 2333, to provide for enhanced energy grid security. (S. Rept. No. 116–144)

H.R. 1420, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies. (S. Rept. No. 116–145)

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Measures Failed:

SALT Congressional Review Act: By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 331), Senate failed to pass to S.J. Res. 50, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, relating to “Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits”.

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Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice,

Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6080–86**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6080**

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction. **Page S6080**

Walker Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, ripen at 12 noon, on Thursday, October 24, 2019; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 24, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—331)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

October 24, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6134.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SYRIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and assistance in Syria, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and the Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Department of State.

SPECTRUM OF CONFLICT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the Navy's "Spectrum of Conflict" strategic framework from Vice Admiral Stuart B. Munsch, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy, Department of Defense.

SATELLITE TELEVISION EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act, after receiving testimony from Emily Barr, Graham Media Group, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Denny Law, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Wall, South Dakota; Rob Thun, AT&T, Dallas, Texas; J.C. Watts, Black News Channel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Jonathan Schwantes, Consumer Reports, Washington, D.C.

WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and Charlotte Bertrand, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

WESTERN BALKANS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine successes and unfinished business in the Western Balkans, after receiving testimony from Matthew A. Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Janusz Bugajski, Center for European Policy Analysis, and Majda Ruge, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

MARIJUANA AND AMERICA'S HEALTH

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine marijuana and America's health, focusing on questions and issues for policy makers, including S. 2032, to expand research on the cannabidiol and marihuana, after receiving testimony from Jerome Adams, Surgeon General of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services; Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse; Robert Fitzgerald, University of California, San Diego; Staci Gruber, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; Sean Hennessy, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia; and Madeline Meier, Arizona State University, Tempe.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 4801–4854; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 78; H. Con. Res. 69; and H. Res. 652–653 were introduced. **Pages H8455–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8459–60**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Rush to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8391**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8395**

Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act: The House passed H.R. 4617, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of

foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 583.

Pages H8398–H8403, H8409, H8410–H8442

Rejected the Rodney Davis (IL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 582.

Pages H8439–42

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–35, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–253, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill.

Pages H8418–24

Agreed to:

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the FEC to notify states within 30 days of making a determination that a foreign national has initiated or attempted to initiate a disinformation campaign targeted at an election in a state;

Pages H8424–25

Lynch amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that generally prohibits the use of deepfakes within 60 days of a federal election and establishes corresponding criminal and civil penalties;

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Levin (MI) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that prohibits foreign nationals from influencing American elections by setting up shell companies;

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Langevin amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that directs the Federal Elections Commission to commission an independent study and report on media literacy with respect to online political content consumption among voting-age Americans;

Pages H8428–30

Swalwell (CA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that includes a candidates immediate family members among those whose direct or indirect contacts or communications with a covered foreign national may amount to a reportable foreign contact with the term immediate family member meaning a candidate's parent, parent-in-law, spouse, adult child, or sibling;

Pages H8430–31

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the FBI to confirm receipt when a political committee issues a notification that they have been contacted by a reportable foreign contact; additionally, requires the

FBI to submit a report to Congress on how they are managing and responding to notifications from political committees;

Pages H8431–32

Delgado amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the Federal Election Commission to do an analysis of the extent to which illicit foreign money was used to carry out disinformation and propaganda campaigns focused on depressing turnout among rural communities and the success or failure of these efforts, together with recommendations to address these efforts in future elections;

Pages H8432–33

Houlahan amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that codifies the FEC definition of “substantial assistance” for an illegal foreign transaction and defines what it means to “knowingly” abet a foreign entity, consistent with FEC regulations;

Pages H8433–34

Slotkin amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that directs GAO to conduct an assessment of current exemptions of FARA registration requirements and what adjustments should be made to prevent foreign funding from influencing U.S. elections and political processes;

Pages H8434–35

Sherrill amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that expands from 60 days before an election to 90 days the provisions on knowingly prohibiting deceptive practices in federal elections, including knowingly providing false information about the time or place of voting, qualifications for voting, or public endorsements;

Pages H8435–36

Cunningham amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the Federal Election Commission to include in its report to Congress an analysis of disinformation campaigns focused on depressing turnout among African-American and other minority communities;

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Cunningham amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the Federal Election Commission to include in its report to Congress an analysis of disinformation campaigns focused on influencing military servicemembers and veterans along with recommendations to address these efforts; and

Pages H8436–37

Spanberger amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires that online platform records of purchase requests for qualified political advertisements include a statement that a person is acting as the agent of a foreign principal and the identification of the foreign principal involved, when applicable; qualified political advertisements include ads related to national legislative issues of public importance.

Pages H8437–38

Rejected:

Lesko amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that sought to remove the requirement that the Attorney General communicate corrective actions to the public (by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 582).

Pages H8425–26, H8438–39, H8441–42

H. Res. 650, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4617) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 580, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 579.

Pages H8409–10

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2019:

H.R. 777, amended, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 584.

Pages H8403–09, H8442–43

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 24th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, October 28th for Morning Hour debate.

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Senate Referral: S. 1590 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8398.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8409, H8409–10, H8438, H8441–42, H8442, and H8443. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE FUTURE OF WORK: PRESERVING WORKER PROTECTIONS IN THE MODERN ECONOMY

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a joint hearing entitled “The Future of Work: Preserving Worker Protections in the Modern Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SABOTAGE: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S ATTACK ON HEALTH CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Sabotage: The Trump Administration’s Attack on Health Care”. Testimony was heard from Seema Verma, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUILDING A 100 PERCENT CLEAN ECONOMY: SOLUTIONS FOR PLANES, TRAINS AND EVERYTHING BEYOND AUTOMOBILES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for Planes, Trains and Everything Beyond Automobiles”. Testimony was heard from Fred Felleman, Commissioner, Port of Seattle and the Northwest Seaport Alliance; and public witnesses.

AN EXAMINATION OF FACEBOOK AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING SECTORS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Examination of Facebook and Its Impact on the Financial Services and Housing Sectors”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

THE BETRAYAL OF OUR SYRIAN KURDISH PARTNERS: HOW WILL AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND LEADERSHIP RECOVER?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Betrayal of our Syrian Kurdish Partners: How Will American Foreign Policy and Leadership Recover?”. Testimony was heard from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Department of State; and Matthew Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S FY 2020 BUDGET AND U.S. POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s FY 2020 Budget and U.S. Policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean”. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Kozak, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; John Barsa, Assistant Administrator, Bureau

for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Rich Glenn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2932, the “Homeland Security for Children Act”; H.R. 3469, the “Covert Testing and Risk Mitigation Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 3787, the “DHS Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act”; H.R. 4237, the “Advancing Cybersecurity Diagnostics and Mitigation Act”; H.R. 4402, the “Inland Waters Security Review Act”; H.R. 4713, the “Department of Homeland Security Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Authorization Act”; H.R. 4727, the “Department of Homeland Security Mentor Protégé Program Act of 2019”; H.R. 4739, the “Synthetic Opioid Exposure Prevention and Training Act”; H.R. 4737, the “Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act”; H.R. 4753, the “Drone Origin Security Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4761, the “DHS Opioid Detention Resilience Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4782, the “National Commission on Online Platforms and Homeland Security Act”. H.R. 3787, H.R. 4237, H.R. 4713, H.R. 4737, and H.R. 4782 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2932, H.R. 3469, H.R. 4402, H.R. 4727, H.R. 4739, H.R. 4753, and H.R. 4761 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4, the “Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019”; and H.R. 565, the “AMIGOS Act”. H.R. 4 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 565 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 934, the “Health Benefits for Miners Act of 2019”; H.R. 935, the “Miners Pension Protection Act”; and H.R. 2579, the “Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019”. H.R. 934 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 935 and H.R. 2579 were ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE OIL INDUSTRY’S EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee On Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Examining the Oil Industry’s Efforts to Sup-

press the Truth about Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S SYRIA POLICY: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FIELD

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s Syria Policy: Perspectives from the Field”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SPACE WEATHER: ADVANCING RESEARCH, MONITORING, AND FORECASTING CAPABILITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a joint hearing entitled “Space Weather: Advancing Research, Monitoring, and Forecasting Capabilities”. Testimony was heard from Bill Murtagh, Program Coordinator, Space Weather Prediction Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Nicola Fox, Heliophysics Division Director, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and a public witness.

PRISON TO PROPRIETORSHIP: ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Prison to Proprietorship: Entrepreneurship Opportunities for the Formerly Incarcerated”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PEBBLE MINE PROJECT: PROCESS AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Pebble Mine Project: Process and Potential Impacts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING BENEFITS FOR ALL SERVICEMEMBERS

Committee On Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Protecting Benefits for All Servicemembers”. Testimony was heard from Major General Dawne Deskins, Director, Manpower and Personnel, National Guard Bureau; Major General Michael C. O’Guinn, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways And Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4742, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on nicotine used in vaping, etc.; H.R. 4716, the “Inhaler Coverage and Access Now Act”; H.R. 1922, the “Restoring

Access to Medication Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3708, the “Primary Care Enhancement Act of 2019”. H.R. 4742, H.R. 4716, H.R. 1922, and H.R. 3708 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vice Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, to be Admiral and Commander, United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine data ownership, focusing on exploring implications for data privacy rights and data valuation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine treating substance misuse in America, focusing on scams, shortfalls, and solutions, 9 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, with the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold a joint hearing to examine E-Rulemaking comment systems, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2511, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States and Supreme Court Police with the authority to protect the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and other individuals in any location, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Danielle J. Hunsaker, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, William Joseph Nardini, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jodi W. Dishman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Daniel Mack Traynor, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, and David M. DeVillers, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Thursday, October 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Thursday, October 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12 noon. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon to allow for the lying in state of Representative Elijah E. Cummings, from the State of Maryland.)

House Chamber

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

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