

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6489–S6514

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2830–2840, and S. Res. 417–419. **Page S6507**

Measures Reported:

S. 1877, to establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to complete regular appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–158) **Page S6507**

Measures Passed:

National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 1865, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6512**

Inhofe (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1244, to add a provision relating to financial assurances. **Page S6512**

Senate buildings charitable collection: Senate agreed to S. Res. 419, permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings. **Page S6512**

ESSENTIAL NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES ACT INDEFINITELY POSTPONED—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate's action placing S. 2731, 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, on the calendar be vitiated and the bill be considered introduced and held at the desk, on October 29, 2019, and then indefinitely postponed. **Page S6512**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–36) **Page S6506**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–37) **Page S6507**

WOLF NOMINATION—AGREEMENT: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S6491–S6500**

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

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 353), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6500**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, with the post-cloture time expiring at 11 a.m. **Page S6512**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Page S6514**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S6507, S6512**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6507–09**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S6509–10**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6505–06**

Amendments Submitted: Pages S6511–12

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total—353) Page S6500

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6512.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 5032–5057; 1 private bill, H.R. 5058; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 688–692 were introduced. Pages H8782–84

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H8785–86

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3699, to codify the Transportation Security Administration's responsibility relating to securing pipelines against cybersecurity threats, acts of terrorism, and other nefarious acts that jeopardize the physical security or cybersecurity of pipelines, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–279);

H.R. 1615, to transfer the responsibility of verifying small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans or service-disabled veterans to the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–280, Part 1);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–281); and

H.R. 3141, to limit the collection of annual premiums under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for single family housing, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–282).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8745

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. Pages H8745, H8775

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m. Pages H8745–46

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

Protect the GI Bill Act: H.R. 4625, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that educational institutions abide by certain principles as a condition of approval for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Pages H8746–51

Reducing High Risk to Veterans and Veterans Services Act: H.R. 4477, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan to address certain high risk areas identified by the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 2019 High-Risk List of the Government Accountability Office; Pages H8751–53

VA Tele-Hearing Modernization Act: H.R. 4771, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit appellants to appear in disability compensation cases before the Board of Veterans' Appeals by picture and voice transmission from locations other than facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Pages H8753–55

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit appellants to appear in cases before the Board of Veterans' Appeals by picture and voice transmission from locations other than facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."; Page H8755

VA Overpayment Accountability Act: H.R. 4360, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to recovery of overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs; Pages H8755–57

Protecting Families of Fallen Servicemembers Act: H.R. 4356, amended, to amend the

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to allow certain individuals to terminate contracts for telephone, multi-channel video programming, or internet access service; **Pages H8757–58**

GI Bill Planning Act of 2019: H.R. 4162, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period under which an election must be made for entitlement to educational assistance under the All-Volunteer Educational Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Affairs, to phase out the use of such program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 610;

Pages H8758–60, H8774

VA Design-Build Construction Enhancement Act of 2019: H.R. 3996, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the use of the design-build construction method for Department of Veterans Affairs construction projects; **Pages H8760–61**

Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act: H.R. 1424, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure the Secretary of Veterans Affairs permits the display of Fallen Soldier Displays in national cemeteries; and **Pages H8761–63**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans: H.R. 3224, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 611. **Pages H8763–73, H8774–75**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979 is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–79).

Pages H8773–74

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994 is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–80). **Page H8774**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8774 and H8774–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1980, a bill to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women’s history museum, and for other purposes. H.R. 1980 was ordered reported, as amended.

UNITED STATES EXPORT FINANCE AGENCY ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Waters, and Representatives Stivers and Lucas.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1206)

S. 693, to amend title 36, United States Code, to require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property. Signed on November 7, 2019. (Public Law 116–67)

H.R. 1396, to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden, to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, and to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor all of the women who contributed to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race. Signed on November 8, 2019. (Public Law 116–68)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 10, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, S. 481, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, S. 999, to provide for Federal coordination of activities supporting sustainable chemistry, S. 1069, to require the Secretary of

Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, S. 1640, to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, S. 1982, to improve efforts to combat marine debris, S. 2330, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to provide for congressional oversight of the board of directors of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and to protect amateur athletes from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, S. 2346, to improve the Fishery Resource Disaster Relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, S. 2429, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, S. 2453, to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, S. 2472, to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility, S. 2525, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct a study of personal protective equipment worn by firefighters to determine the prevalence and concentration of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, S. 2535, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis relating to the decline in the business formation rate in the United States, S. 2597, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, S. 2693, to improve oversight by the Federal Communications Commission of the wireless and broadcast emergency alert systems, S. 2775, to improve the cyber workforce of the United States, S. 2782, to improve provisions of law relating to sexual harassment and assault prevention at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 2789, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, S. 2800, to authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, S. 2802, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, S. 2805, to improve transit-oriented development financing, H.R. 3153, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on opioid addiction, an original bill entitled, “Marine Mammal Research and Response Act of 2019”, the nominations of Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Michael Graham, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for

a term expiring December 31, 2020, and to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2025, Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine preserving and expanding clean, reliable nuclear power, focusing on United States commercial nuclear reactor performance trends and safety initiatives, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the response to lung illnesses and rising youth electronic cigarette use, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on the year in review, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stanley Blumenfeld, and Mark C. Scarsi, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, and Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, joint hearing entitled “F–35 Program Update: Sustainment, Production, and Affordability Challenges”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 2339, the “Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019”; H.R. 4995, the “Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4996, the “Helping Medicaid Offer Maternity Services Act of 2019”; and H.R. 2387, the “STOP GAMES Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “How America Leads Abroad: An Examination of Multilateral Development Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 13, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2445, the “Self-Employed Mortgage Act”; H.R. 3490, the “Small Business Lending Fairness Act”; H.R. 3948, the “Debt Collection Practices Harmonization Act”; H.R. 4403, the “Stop Debt Collection Abuse Act”; H.R. 5021, the “Ending Debt Collection Harassment Act of 2019”; H.R. 2398, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 and title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the HUD–VASH program, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit annual reports to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding homeless veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 5003, the “Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act”; H.R. 5001, the “Non-

Judicial Foreclosure Debt Collection Clarification Act”; and H.R. 5013, the “Small Business Fair Debt Collection Protection Act”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled “Democracy and the NATO Alliance: Upholding our Shared Democratic Values”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.J. Res. 79, removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Online Platforms and Market Power, Part 4: Perspectives of the Antitrust Agencies”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 4957, the “Native American Child Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Roads to Ruin: Examining the Impacts of Removing National Forest Roadless Protections”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, continue hearing on H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening Transparency or Silencing Science? The Future of Science in EPA Rule-making”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Keeping Our Sights on Mars Part 2: Structuring a Moon-Mars Program for Success”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Upskilling the Medical Workforce: Opportunities in Health Innovation”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Amtrak Now and Into the Future”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Review of Smithsonian Institution Current Facilities and Future Space Needs”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hijacking our Heroes: Exploiting Veterans through Disinformation on Social Media”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Impeachment Inquiry: Ambassador William B. Taylor and Mr. George Kent”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 11 a.m., SH-216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 13 through November 15, 2019

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 13, business meeting to consider S. 10, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, S. 481, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, S. 999, to provide for Federal coordination of activities supporting sustainable chemistry, S. 1069, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, S. 1640, to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, S. 1982, to improve efforts to combat marine debris, S. 2330, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to provide for congressional oversight of the board of directors of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and to protect amateur athletes from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, S. 2346, to improve the Fishery Resource Disaster Relief program of the National Marine Fisheries Service, S. 2429, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, S. 2453, to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, S. 2472, to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility, S. 2525, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to

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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: November 14, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 13, to hold hearings to examine preserving and expanding clean, reliable nuclear power, focusing on United States commercial nuclear reactor performance trends and safety initiatives, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: November 13, to hold hearings to examine the response to lung illnesses and rising youth electronic cigarette use, 10 a.m., SD–430.

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November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

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November 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Philip M. Halpern, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Bernard Maurice Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Barbara Bailey Jongbloed, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: November 14, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Smithsonian Institution; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, 10 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: November 14, to hold hearings to examine noncompete agreements and American workers, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 14, to received a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, November 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Safeguarding American Agriculture from Wild, Invasive, and Non-Native Species”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, November 14, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection’s Failures at VA”, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, November 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Economic Outlook: The View from the Federal Reserve”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, November 14, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, markup on H.R. 3851, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 14, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The U.S. Policy in the Sahel Region”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, November 14, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The Administration of Bail by State and Federal Courts: A Call for Reform”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 14, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Examining the Use of “Snap” Removals to Circumvent the Forum Defendant Rule”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, November 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 4248, the “Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2019”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 14, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Oversight of NOAA’s Report on Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, November 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining State Efforts to Undermine Access to Reproductive Health Care”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, November 14, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4979, the “Rural STEM Education Act”; H.R. 4704, the “Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act”; and H.R. 4990, the “Election Technology Research Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 14, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Water and Geothermal Power: Unearthing the Next Wave of Energy Innovation”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, November 14, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled “Assessing the

Government’s Role in Serving Rural American Small Businesses (Part One)”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

November 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Fair Playing Field? Investigating Big Tech’s Impact on Small Business”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, November 14, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Commercial and Passenger Vessel Safety: Challenges and Opportunities”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, November 14, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity Challenges and Cyber Risk Management at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Ways and Means, November 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Caring for Aging Americans”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, November 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Impeachment Inquiry: Ambassador Marie “Masha” Yovanovitch”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, November 14, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, November 15, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Administrative Efficiencies: Exploring Options to Streamline Operations in the U.S. House of Representatives”, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: November 13, to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 11 a.m., SH–216.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through October 31, 2019

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	155	159	..
Time in session	799 hrs., 39'	655 hrs., 18'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,362	8,721	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,390	..
Public bills enacted into law	20	46	66
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	1	1	..
Measures passed, total	403	522	925
Senate bills	76	22	..
House bills	49	350	..
Senate joint resolutions	24	5	..
House joint resolutions	4	8	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	12	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	8	11	..
Simple resolutions	230	121	..
Measures reported, total	*230	258	488
Senate bills	169	..	..
House bills	19	208	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	39	47	..
Special reports	20	8	..
Conference reports	1	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	196	69	..
Measures introduced, total	3,261	5,785	9,046
Bills	2,769	4,961	..
Joint resolutions	59	78	..
Concurrent resolutions	28	71	..
Simple resolutions	405	675	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	342	271	..
Recorded votes .....	..	337	..
Bills vetoed	5	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through October 31, 2019

Civilian nominees, totaling 508, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		274
Unconfirmed		215
Withdrawn		19
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,258, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		987
Unconfirmed		270
Withdrawn		1
Air Force nominees, totaling 5,851, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,684
Unconfirmed		167
Army nominees, totaling 6,560, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		6,536
Unconfirmed		24
Navy nominees, totaling 4,615, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		4,609
Unconfirmed		6
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,430, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,427
Unconfirmed		3
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominees carried over from the First Session		0
Total nominees received this Session		20,222
Total confirmed		19,517
Total unconfirmed		685
Total withdrawn		20
Total returned to the White House		0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 156 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 267 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

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

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