

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6897–S6907

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2997–3002, and S. Res. 448. **Pages S6903–04**

Measures Passed:

National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 448, designating December 3, 2019, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”. **Page S6907**

Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation and Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Senate proceed to legislative session and to the immediate consideration of S. 2740, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application; that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the bill be considered read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate, and Senate resume executive session. **Page S6900**

Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12:00 noon, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Senate proceed to legislative session and to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2333, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention

coordinators, which was received from the House, and the bill be considered read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S6900**

Bumatay Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S6898–S6900**

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

By 47 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 386), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6900**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12:15 p.m., on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. **Page S6900**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. **Page S6907**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Finch Fulton, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol for the term of ten years. **Page S6907**

Messages from the House: **Page S6902**

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Executive Communications: **Pages S6902–03**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6904–06**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Page S6906**

Additional Statements: **Page S6902**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—386) **Page S6900**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6907.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 19, 5360–5373; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 749–754 were introduced. **Pages H9386–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9388**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3, to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–324, Part 3);

H.R. 5038, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–328, Part 1);

H.R. 5035, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–329);

H. Res. 748, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 729) to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–330);

H.R. 3621, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to remove adverse information for certain defaulted or delinquent private education loan borrowers who demonstrate a history of loan repayment, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–331);

H.R. 2328, reauthorize and extend funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps; with amendments (H. Rept. 116–332, Part 1); and

Conference report on 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–333). **Pages H9385–86**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Horsford to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9351**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Pages H9352–53**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H9353, H9382**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m. **Page H9353**

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

MSI STEM Achievement Act: H.R. 4372, amended, to direct Federal science agencies and the Office of Science and Technology Policy to undertake activities to improve the quality of undergraduate STEM education and enhance the research capacity at the Nation's HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs; **Pages H9353–56**

Engineering Biology Research and Development Act of 2019: H.R. 4373, amended, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology; **Pages H9356–59**

Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019: H.R. 2051, amended, to provide for Federal coordination of activities supporting sustainable chemistry; **Pages H9359–62**

Building Blocks of STEM Act: S. 737, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood; **Pages H9362–63**

Identifying Outputs of Generative Adversarial Networks Act: H.R. 4355, amended, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on the outputs that may be generated by generative adversarial networks, otherwise known as deepfakes, and other comparable techniques that may be developed in the future; **Pages H9363–64**

Virginia Beach Strong Act: H.R. 4566, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 31, 2019; **Pages H9364–66**

Covert Testing and Risk Mitigation Improvement Act of 2019: H.R. 3469, to direct the Transportation Security Administration to carry out covert testing and risk mitigation improvement of aviation security operations; **Pages H9366–67**

DHS Opioid Detection Resilience Act of 2019: H.R. 4761, to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 655; **Pages H9367–69, H9380–81**

Synthetic Opioid Exposure Prevention and Training Act: H.R. 4739, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines against potential synthetic opioid exposure; **Pages H9369–70, H9381–82**

Department of Homeland Security Mentor-Protege Program Act of 2019: H.R. 4727, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a mentor-protégé program; **Pages H9370–71**

Emerging Transportation Security Threats Act of 2019: H.R. 3318, amended, to require the Transportation Security Administration to establish a task force to conduct an analysis of emerging and potential future threats to transportation security; **Pages H9371–73**

Department of Homeland Security Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Authorization Act: H.R. 4713, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H9373–76**

Inland Waters Security Review Act: H.R. 4402, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct an inland waters threat analysis; **Pages H9376–77**

Weatherizing Infrastructure in the North and Terrorism Emergency Readiness Act of 2019: H.R. 3669, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a collective response to a terrorism exercise that includes the management of cascading effects on critical infrastructure during times of extreme cold weather; and **Pages H9377–78**

Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act: S. 256, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. **Pages H9378–80**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H9380**

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Representative Speier. **Page H9385**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m. **Page H9385**

Senate Referral: S. 743 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on House Administration. **Page H9385**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9353.

Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9381, H9381–82. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY INTO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP: PRESENTATIONS FROM THE HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Impeachment Inquiry into President Donald J. Trump: Presentations from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and House Judiciary Committee”. Testimony was heard from Berry Berke, Majority Counsel, House Committee on the Judiciary; Stephen Castor, Minority Counsel, House Committee on the Judiciary and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; and Daniel Goldman, Majority Counsel, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

TRIBAL COASTAL RESILIENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 729, the “Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act” [Coastal and Great Lakes Communities Enhancement Act]. The Committee granted, by nonrecord vote, a

structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 729, the “Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act”. 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 116–40 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 further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. Each amendment printed in the report 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 the report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee Natural Resources or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Case, Bishop of Utah, and Morelle.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1316)

H.R. 5277, to amend section 442 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain interests in mutual funds, unit investment trusts, employee benefit plans, and retirement plans from conflict of interest limitations for the Government Publishing Office. Signed December 5, 2019. (Public Law 116–78)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Mitchell A. Silk, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and David Carey Woll, Jr., of Connecticut, and John Bobbitt, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the upcoming implementation of the International Maritime Organization’s new global sulfur standard for marine fuels, which is set to take effect on January 1, 2020, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine encryption and lawful access, focusing on evaluating benefits and risks to public safety and privacy, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold an oversight hearing to examine modernization of the United States Copyright Office, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled “The Implementation of Farm Bill International Food Assistance and Development Programs”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Diversity in Recruiting and Retention: Increasing Diversity in the Military—What the Military Services are Doing”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Securing the U.S. Drug Supply Chain: Oversight of FDA’s Foreign Inspection Program”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Proposals to Achieve Universal Health Care Coverage”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1731, the “Cybersecurity Disclosure Act of 2019”; H.R. 2445, the “Self-Employed Mortgage Access Act of 2019”; H.R. 4545, the “Private Loan Disability Discharge Act of 2019”; H.R. 5287, the “Fair Student Loan Debt Collection Practices Act”; H.R. 5294, the “Student Borrowers Protections Act”; H.R. 5332, the “Protecting Your Credit Score Act of 2019”; H.R. 5330, the “Consumer Protections for Medical Debt Collections Act”; H.R. 5322, the “Ensuring Diversity in Community Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 5315, the “Expanding Opportunities for Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs)

Act”; legislation electing majority members to the Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital; legislation establishing the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence; and legislation establishing the Task Force on Financial Technology, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled “Haiti on the Brink: Assessing U.S. Policy Toward a Country in Crisis”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “Authoritarianism with Chinese Characteristics: Political and Religious Human Rights Challenges in China”, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “The Way Forward in Iraq”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Need for Comprehensive National Paid Family and Medical Leave”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “Examining Carcinogens in Talc and the Best Methods for Asbestos Detection”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019” [Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019]; and H.R. 5038, the “Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2019”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Research and Innovation to Address the Critical Materials Challenge”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “Review of the SBA’s 504/CDC Loan Program”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 10 through December 13,
2019

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Patrick J. Bumatay, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and on passage of S. 2740, Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 2333, Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act, at 12:00 noon.

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 Armed Services: December 11, to hold closed hearings to examine an update on the situation and United States strategy in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

December 12, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on national security issues in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 10, business meeting to consider the nominations of Mitchell A. Silk, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and David Carey Woll, Jr., of Connecticut, and John Bobbitt, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 11, business meeting to consider S. 2204, to allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, S. 2363, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a Telecommunications Workforce Development Advisory Council within the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2381, to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula, S. 2638, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, S. 2786, to establish a Federal advisory committee to provide policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on positioning the United States to take advantage of emerging opportunities for Arctic maritime transportation, 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. 2881, to require the Federal Communications Commission to make not less than 280 megahertz of spectrum available for terrestrial use, S. 2898, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, S. 2909, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration, S. 2964, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to issue non-premium aviation

insurance, S. 2979, to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities, and S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

December 12, Subcommittee on Security, to hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities, challenges, and threats in the Arctic, focusing on the Coast Guard Arctic Strategic Outlook, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: December 10, to hold hearings to examine the upcoming implementation of the International Maritime Organization's new global sulfur standard for marine fuels, which is set to take effect on January 1, 2020, 10 a.m., SD-366.

December 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 225, to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, S. 242, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona, S. 258, to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, S. 298, to establish the Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument in the State of Illinois, S. 327, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, S. 389, to authorize the Society of the First Infantry Division to make modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in Presidential Park in the District of Columbia, S. 430, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 434, to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, S. 490, to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B-47 Ridge", S. 499, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, S. 526, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 641, to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National Monument, S. 774, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, S. 1152, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal land in Arlington, Virginia, S. 1262, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appro-

priation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 1890, to provide for grants for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy improvements at public school facilities, S. 2108, to amend section 6903 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for additional population tiers, S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce, S. 2399, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve State loan eligibility for projects for innovative technology, S. 2660, to establish a grant program for wind energy research, development, and demonstration, S. 2666, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and H.R. 617, 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, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 11, business meeting to consider S. 2641, to promote United States national security and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, S. 2547, to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China, S. 2977, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, S. 1830, to enhance the security of the United States and its allies, S. 704, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, S. 1189, to require the Secretary of State to determine whether the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism and whether Russian-sponsored armed entities in Ukraine should be designated as foreign terrorist organizations, S. 482, to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, S.J. Res. 4, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, S. Con. Res. 23, honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II, recognizing the valiant efforts of the Allied Forces in December 1944, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, all of which contributed to the Allied victory in the European Theater, S. Res. 142, condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, S. Res. 152, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in

the United States, S. Res. 260, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy, S. Res. 297, commending the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for its significant accomplishments and contributions to the economic and social development of the Americas, S. Res. 343, congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the people of the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the 26th anniversary of the formation of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and the 101st anniversary of the declaration of independence of Czechoslovakia, S. Res. 371, reaffirming the support of the United States for the people of the Republic of South Sudan and calling on all parties to uphold their commitments to peace and dialogue as outlined in the 2018 revitalized peace agreement, S. Res. 374, expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2019, as a national day of remembrance of the tragic terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983, S. Res. 375, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 385, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of both Germany and Europe, and the spread of democracy around the world, S. Res. 395, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis, H.R. 2744, to authorize the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prescribe the manner in which programs of the agency are identified overseas, H.R. 133, to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, an original resolution expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date, the nomination of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 12, business meeting to consider S. 2971, to amend and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, S. 2080, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine, S. 2683, to establish a task force to assist States in implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety, S. 2927, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence, an original bill entitled, "Title VII Reauthorization", and the nomination of Crosby Kemper III, of Missouri, to be

Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: December 11, business meeting to consider S. 1853, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and S. 2365, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 10, to hold hearings to examine encryption and lawful access, focusing on evaluating benefits and risks to public safety and privacy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 10, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold an oversight hearing to examine modernization of the United States Copyright Office, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

December 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Inspector General's report on alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: December 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: December 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 10, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

December 12, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, December 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

December 11, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled "Review of Credit Conditions: Report from Agricultural Lenders", 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, December 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy in Syria and the Broader Region", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

December 11, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Climate Change in the Era of Strategic Competition", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, December 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Education Department's Implementation of Borrower Defense", 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, December 11, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1731, the "Cybersecurity Disclosure Act of 2019"; H.R. 2445, the "Self-Employed Mortgage Access Act of 2019"; H.R. 4545, the

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Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Patrick J. Bumatay, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and on passage of S. 2740, Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

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