

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Considered:

Impeachment of President Trump: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, resumed consideration of the articles of impeachment against Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

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Senate will continue consideration of the articles of impeachment against President Trump, on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1:05 p.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S617.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 5678–5684; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 810, 812–814, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 964, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to require the development of ethics plans for certain transition teams, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–382); and

H. Res. 811, providing for consideration of the bill (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, and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 550) to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II (H. Rept. 116–383).

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

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

Never Again Education Act: H.R. 943, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 23;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize the Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to support Holocaust education programs, and for other purposes.";

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Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2020: H.R. 5671, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II;

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Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act: H.R. 4704, amended, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support multidisciplinary research on the science of suicide, and to advance the knowledge and understanding of issues that may be associated with several aspects of suicide including intrinsic and extrinsic factors related to

areas such as wellbeing, resilience, and vulnerability, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 385 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 24; and

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Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act: S. 153, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Honorable Michael Fitzpatrick.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H553–54 and H554–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STUDENT BORROWER CREDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT; SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE MERCHANT MARINERS OF WORLD WAR II CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3621, the “Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act” [Comprehensive CREDIT Act of 2020]; and Senate Amendment to H.R. 550, the “Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019” [No War Against Iran Act; To repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3621, the “Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act” [Comprehensive CREDIT Act of 2020], and the Senate Amendment to H.R. 550, the “Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019” [No War Against Iran Act; To repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002]. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3621, the “Comprehensive CREDIT Act of 2020”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. 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 116–47, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall

be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 550. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with two House amendments: Amendment #1 consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–48, the “No War Against Iran Act”; and Amendment #2 consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–49, to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002. The rule provides one hour of debate on each House amendment, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the question shall be divided between the two House amendments, that no further division of the question is in order, and that the divided question shall be considered in the order specified by the chair. The rule provides that if only one amendment is adopted, that amendment shall be engrossed as an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the Senate amendment to H.R. 550. Testimony was heard from Chairman Waters, and Representatives Levin of Michigan, Chabot, and McHenry.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D66)

H.R. 2476, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure nonprofit facilities from terrorist attacks. Signed on January 24, 2020. (Public Law 116–108)

H.R. 583, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for enhanced penalties for pirate radio. Signed on January 24, 2020. (Public Law 116–109)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety, to hold hearings to examine building infrastructure in America, focusing on an overview of the Build America Bureau and the Department of Transportation Rural Transportation Initiatives, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on United States-Iran policy and authorities for the use of force, 9 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine America's fiscal path, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled "To Review Implementation of Farm Bill Conservation Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Security Update on the Korean Peninsula", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing entitled "Expecting More: Addressing America's Maternal and Infant Health Crisis", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, joint hearing entitled "Out of Control: The Impact of Wildfires on our Power Sector and the Environment", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Legislation to Promote the Health and Safety of Racehorses", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled "Escalation with Iran: Outcomes and Implications for U.S. Interests and Regional Stability", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, joint hearing entitled "Ending Global Religious Persecution", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled

"Fentanyl Analogues: Perspectives on Classwide Scheduling", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "The Importance of Public Disclosure Requirements for Protecting Human Health, the Climate, and the Environment", 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 4891, the "Western Water Security Act of 2019"; H.R. 5316, the "Move Water Now Act"; and H.R. 5347, the "Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Assistance Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "Examining the Trump Administration's Afghanistan Strategy", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "Protecting Those Who Blow the Whistle on Government Wrongdoing", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "GSA Outleases and the Trump Old Post Office Hotel", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals for Paid Family and Medical Leave", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the state of human rights in Crimea, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 28 through January 31, 2020

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment to consider the articles of impeachment against President Trump.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: January 30, to hold hearings to examine United States Africa Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: January 28, Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety, to hold hearings to examine building infrastructure in America, focusing on an overview of the Build America Bureau and the Department of Transportation Rural Transportation Initiatives, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: January 29, to hold hearings to examine stakeholder perspectives on the importance of the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 28, to receive a closed briefing on United States-Iran policy and authorities for the use of force, 9 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 28, to hold hearings to examine America's fiscal path, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: January 29, business meeting to consider S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2336, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2864, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on information sharing between the Department of Veterans Affairs and designated relatives and friends of veterans regarding the assistance and benefits available to the veterans, S. 524, to establish the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, S. 2594, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify certain requirements with respect to service and retirement for the purposes of veterans' preference for Federal hiring, S. 850, to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans, S. 3110, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 123, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, S. 450, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expedite the onboarding process for new medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the duration of the hiring process for such medical providers, S. 3182, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and the nomination of Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 28, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

January 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: January 29, to hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from the Social Security Impersonation Scam, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on the Budget, January 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, January 29, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Improving Safety and Transparency in America's Food and Drugs", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

January 29, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Empowering and Connecting Communities through Digital Equity and Internet Adoption", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, January 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Community Reinvestment Act: Is the OCC Undermining the Law's Purpose and Intent", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

January 29, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled "Examining the Availability of Insurance for Nonprofits", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

January 30, Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled "Is Cash Still King? Reviewing the Rise of Mobile Payments", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, January 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Evaluating the Trump Administration's Policies on Iran, Iraq and the Use of Force", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

January 29, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled "Resisting Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia in Europe", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, January 29, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1140, the "Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act"; H.R. 5273, the "Securing America's Ports Act"; H.R. 1494, the "HBCU Homeland Security Partnerships Act"; H.R. 5680, the "Cybersecurity Vulnerability Identification and Notification Act of 2020"; H.R. 5670, the "Transportation Security Transparency Improvement Act"; H.R. 5678, the "Privacy Office Enhancement Act"; and H.R. 5679, the "CISA Director Reform Act", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, January 29, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled "Courts in Crisis: The State of Judicial Independence and Due Process in U.S. Immigration Courts", 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, January 29, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1049, the "National Heritage Area Act of 2019"; H.R. 1240, the "Young Fishermen's Development Act of 2019"; H.R. 2748, the "Safeguarding America's Future and Environment Act"; H.R. 2795, the "Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019"; H.R. 2956, to provide for the establishment of the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes; H.R. 4348, the "Protect America's Wildlife and Fish In Need of Conservation Act of 2019"; H.R. 4679, the "Climate-Ready Fisheries Act of 2019"; and H.R. 5179, the "Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, January 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled “75 Years After the Holocaust: The Ongoing Battle Against Hate”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, January 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Losing Ground: U.S. Competitiveness in Critical Technologies”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

January 29, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, markup on H.R. 5666, the “National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2020”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, January 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Office of Field Operations”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, January 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Caring for Veterans in Crisis:

Ensuring a Comprehensive Health System Approach”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Ways and Means, January 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Paving the Way for Funding and Financing Infrastructure Investments”, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: January 28, to hold hearings to examine the state of human rights in Crimea, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

January 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine human rights and democracy, focusing on obstacles and opportunities in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region, 10 a.m., 1334, Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Tuesday, January 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 28

Senate Chamber

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