

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S.J. Res. 68, Iran War Powers, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1051–S1085

Measures Introduced: Thirty-four bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3289–3322, S.J. Res. 70, and S. Res. 498–505.

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Measures Reported:

S. 910, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–216)

S. 2299, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance the safety and reliability of pipeline transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–217)

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. 2336, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans 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, with amendments.

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.

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Measures Passed:

Iran War Powers: By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 52), Senate passed S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 46), Cramer (for Cruz) Amendment No. 1301, to amend the findings.

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By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 47), Cramer (for Reed) Amendment No. 1322, to amend the findings.

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By 93 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 49), Cramer (for Risch) Amendment No. 1314, to amend the findings.

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Rejected:

Cramer (for Cotton) Amendment No. 1305, to exempt from the termination requirement United States Armed Forces engaged in operations directed at designated terrorist organizations. (By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 48), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Cramer (for Rubio/Risch) Amendment No. 1320, to amend the findings. (By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 50), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Cramer (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 1319, to amend the rule of construction. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 51), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Utah Women's Suffrage: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 475, recognizing the leading role of Utahns in the fight for women's suffrage and celebrating the sesquicentennial of the first votes by women under the equal suffrage law of Utah on February 14, 1870, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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USAID Branding Modernization Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1082**

William T. Coleman, Jr., Department of Transportation Headquarters Act: Senate passed S. 3239, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the "William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building". **Pages S1082–83**

Congratulating the Kansas City Chiefs: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 490, congratulating the Kansas City Chiefs on their victory in Super Bowl LIV in the successful 100th season of the National Football League, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S1083**

McConnell (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1325, to amend the preamble. **Page S1083**

McConnell (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1326, to amend the title. **Page S1083**

University of West Florida Argonauts football: Senate agreed to S. Res. 503, commending the University of West Florida Argonauts football team for its National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national championship victory. **Page S1083**

Honoring Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School: Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, honoring the memories of the victims of the senseless attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018. **Page S1083**

Measures Considered:

Protect Pain-Capable Unborn Children—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3275, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children. **Page S1062**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Silvia Carreno-Coll, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Page S1062**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1062**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1062**

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 311, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. **Page S1062**

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, February 17, 2020, at 1:45 p.m.; Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, February 20, 2020, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2020. **Page S1083**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2020, with respect to the southern border of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–46) **Page S1072**

Molloy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert Anthony Molloy, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands. **Page S1062**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 13, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2020. **Page S1062**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1062**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, February 13, 2020, ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S1083**

Carreno-Coll Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Silvia Carreno-Coll, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Page S1062**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert Anthony Molloy, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands. **Page S1062**

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MacGregor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S1062–63**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 311, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. **Pages S1062–63**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1062**

Greaves Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Page S1063**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Page S1063**

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Adam L. Braverman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

John W. Holcomb, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Knut Sveinbjorn Johnson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Steve Kim, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Sandy Nunes Leal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

R. Shireen Matthews, of California, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Michelle M. Pettit, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Rick Lloyd Richmond, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Todd Wallace Robinson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Jeremy B. Rosen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Jennifer P. Togliatti, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Coast Guard. **Pages S1083–85**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—52) **Pages S1055–58, S1061**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:42 p.m., until 1:45 p.m. on Monday,

February 17, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1083.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Charles Williams, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, both of the Department of Defense; and

871 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Northern Command and United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal

year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 5884–5909; 2 private bills, H.R. 5910–5911; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 857–859, were introduced. **Pages H1156–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1158**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4990, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Science Foundation to carry out research and other activities to promote the security and modernization of voting systems, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–396, Part 1); and

H.R. 4979, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support STEM education and workforce development research focused on rural areas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–397). **Page H1156**

Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment: The House passed H.J. Res. 79, removing the deadline for the ratification of

the equal rights amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 70. **Pages H1129–43**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the joint resolution shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1129**

H. Res. 844, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) was agreed to Tuesday, February 11th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, February 14th. **Page H1143**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress that the national emergency with respect to the southern border of the United States that was declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2019 is to continue in effect beyond February 15, 2020. Referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–99). **Page H1145**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1142–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ASSESSING U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Security Assistance to Mexico”. Testimony was heard from Hugo Rodriguez, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Richard Glenn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Barbara Feinstein, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

THE YOUTH BULGE IN AFRICA: CONSIDERATIONS FOR US POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Youth Bulge in Africa: Considerations for US Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING FEDERAL JUDICIARY EMPLOYEES FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, AND OTHER WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Protecting Federal Judiciary Employees from Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Other Workplace Misconduct”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D141)

S. 153, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research. Signed on February 11, 2020. (Public Law 116–115)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1:45 p.m., Monday, February 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, February 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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