

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1123–S1160

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3328–3339. **Page S1155**

Measures Reported:

S. 500, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1081, to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, with amendments.

S. 2418, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to modify a definition and the disposition and authorized uses of qualified outer Continental Shelf revenues under that Act and to exempt State and county payments under that Act from sequestration, to provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska, with amendments. **Page S1155**

Measures Considered:

Protect Pain-Capable Unborn Children: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3275, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children. **Pages S1129–36**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 57), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1136**

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act: By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 58), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on 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.

Pages S1136–37

Printing of Statements and Opinions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing to modify the order of January 31, 2020, to allow Senators to have until Thursday, February 27, 2020 to have printed statements and opinions in the *Congressional Record*, if they choose, explaining their votes and include those in the documentation of the impeachment proceedings; and that the two page rule be waived. **Page S1160**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13660 on March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47) **Pages S1154–55**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels, as amended; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–48) **Page S1155**

Greaves Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Pages S1137–38, S1138–42**

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

By 91 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 61), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1137–38**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 27, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, under the order of Monday, February 24, 2020. **Page S1160**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 54), Robert Anthony Molloy, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years. **Pages S1124–28, S1160**

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 59), Silvia Carreno-Coll, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Pages S1128, S1137, S1160**

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

By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 55), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1128**

By 58 yeas 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 60), Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S1129, S1137, S1160**

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

By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 56), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1129**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Jordan Gillis, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Douglas Benevento, of Colorado, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for the term of three years.

Alex Nelson Wong, of New Jersey, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Alex Nelson Wong, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Aldona Z. Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Canada.

Elizabeth Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2020.

Jesse Merriam, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024. **Page S1160**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S1155, S1160**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1155–58**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1158–59**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1153–54**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1159**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—61) **Pages S1128–29, S1136–38**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1160.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Alex Azar, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, Commander, United States European Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Stephen R. Lyons, USA, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program from General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, Commander,

United States European Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Stephen R. Lyons, USA, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on public transportation stakeholders' perspectives, including S. 436, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the development of public transportation operations safety risk reduction programs, and S. 1553, to repeal the debt ceiling, after receiving testimony from Paul P. Skoutelas, American Public Transportation Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Patrick K. McKenna, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, St. Louis, Missouri; Scott Bogren, Community Transportation Association of America, Germantown, Maryland; and Ed Mortimer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Larry I. Willis, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Vic-

toria Christiansen, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

NORTH KOREA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine North Korea policy one year after Hanoi, after receiving testimony from Robert R. King, and Sue Mi Terry, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Bruce Klingner, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

UNIVERSAL INJUNCTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rule by district judge, focusing on the challenges of universal injunctions, after receiving testimony from Loren L. AliKhan, Solicitor General of the District of Columbia, and Jesse Panuccio, Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Samuel L. Bray, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana; Mila Sohoni, University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California; and Nicholas Bagley, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5952–5970; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 91; and H. Res. 863–865, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1191–92

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 315, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–404);

H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the

program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–405);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Improve Transparency in the U.S. House of Representatives (H. Rept. 116–406);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Streamline House Human Resources, Overhaul the Onboarding Process, Improve Member Continuing Education Opportunities, Modernize House Technology, and Improve Accessibility (H. Rept. 116–407); and

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Encourage Civility and Bipartisanship in Congress, Streamline Processes and Save Taxpayer Dollars, and Increase the Quality of Constituent Communication (H. Rept. 116–408).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Gomez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1173**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate, Washington, DC. **Page H1173**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. **Page H1174**

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

Gold Star Spouses and Spouses of Injured Servicemembers Leasing Relief Expansion Act: H.R. 2227, amended, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers who incur a catastrophic injury or illness or die while in military service to terminate leases of premises and motor vehicles; **Pages H1174–75**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to clarify the authority of servicemembers who incur a catastrophic injury or illness while in military service to terminate leases of premises and motor vehicles, and for other purposes.”; **Page H1175**

Legal Services for Homeless Veterans Act: H.R. 3749, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to entities that provide legal services for homeless veterans and veterans at risk for homelessness; **Pages H1176–79**

VA Reporting Transparency Act: H.R. 4613, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and maintain a website of the Department that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of certain legislatively requested reports of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H1179–80**

Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act: H.R. 561, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans. **Pages H1180–82**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

G.I. and Veterans Education Empowerment Act: H.R. 4852, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make available to veterans certain additional information about postsecondary educational institutions. **Pages H1175–76**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was

declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014 is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2020—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–102). **Page H1182**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Cuba that was declared on March 1, 1996, in Proclamation 6867, as amended by Proclamation 7757 on February 26, 2004, Proclamation 9398 on February 24, 2016, and Proclamation 9699 on February 22, 2018, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2020—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–103). **Page H1182**

Senate Referral: S. 995 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1173–74.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

IMPROVING FAMILY STABILITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving family stability for the wellbeing of American children, after receiving testimony from Kay Hymowitz, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; W. Bradford Wilcox, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Betsey Stevenson, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor; and Rashawn Ray, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

DAV LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Stephen Whitehead, Jim Marszalek, Joy J. Ilem, Randy Reese, J. Marc Burgess, Barry A. Jesinoski, Dan Clare, and Diane J. Franz, all of Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 26, 2020***(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)***Senate**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “Innovative Wood Products: Promoting Rural Economies and Healthy Forests”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Judiciary Department, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 2:30 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Asleep at the Switch: How the Department of Labor Failed to Oversee the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “In the Dark: Lack of Transparency in the Live Event Ticketing Industry”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2021 HHS Budget and Oversight of the Coronavirus Outbreak”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “Confronting the Rise in Anti-Semitic Domestic Terrorism, Part II”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020; H.R. 2733, the “Savanna’s Act”; H.R. 2438, the

“Not Invisible Act of 2019”; and legislation on the Strengthening the Opposition to Female Genital Mutilation Act, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5435, the “American Public Lands and Waters Climate Solution Act of 2019”; and H.R. 5859, the “Trillion Trees Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled “Destroying Sacred Sites and Erasing Tribal Culture: The Trump Administration’s Construction of the Border Wall”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Voter Suppression in Minority Communities: Learning from the Past to Protect Our Future”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2339, the “Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019” [Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020], 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Discussion with SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza: Current Issues and the FY2021 Budget”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on amending Committee rules; approving revised membership and leadership of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management; Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; H. Con. Res. 90, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H.R. 4470, to rename the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; H.R. 5756, the “Resiliency Enhancement Act of 2020”; H.R. 2914, the “Housing Survivors of Major Disasters Act of 2019”; H.R. 5912, the “Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure Act of 2020”; legislation on the Preventing Disaster Revictimization Act; and General Service Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S.-China Trade and Competition”, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 26

House Chamber

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

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