

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2253–S2297

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3615–3638, S. Res. 560–563, and S. Con. Res. 38.

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Measures Passed:

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38, to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2021.

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National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 562, designating March 25, 2020, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”.

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National Women’s History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 563, designating March 2020, as “National Women’s History Month”.

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Veto Messages:

Iran War Powers—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the veto message on 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, be considered as having been read, that it be printed in the *Record*, and spread in full upon the Journal.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 7, 2020, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, notwithstanding the objections of the President to the contrary.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the veto message on the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

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Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the

Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, reappointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Anthony (Tony) R. Perkins of Louisiana (re-appointment).

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 68, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; ordered to be printed in the *Record*, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–54)

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 84 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 83), William R. Evanina, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

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

By 83 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 82), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lisa S. Kenna, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—83) **Pages S2258, S2266**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2297.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FCC LIGADO DECISION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense spectrum policy and the impact of the Federal Communications Commission's Ligado decision on national security, after receiving testimony from Dana S. Deasy, Chief Information Officer, Michael D. Griffin, Under Secretary for Research and Engineering, and General John W. Raymond, USAF, Chief of Space Operations, and Commander, United States Space Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Admiral Thad W. Allen, USCG (Ret.), Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,807 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

STATE OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the aviation industry, focusing on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, after receiving testimony from Eric Fanning, The Aerospace Industries Association, Arlington, Virginia; Nicholas Calio, Airlines

for America, Washington, D.C.; Hilary Godwin, University of Washington School of Public Health, Seattle; and Todd Hauptli, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, "America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020"; and

An original bill entitled, "Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020".

COVID-19

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine COVID-19, focusing on how new information should drive policy, after receiving testimony from Scott W. Atlas, Hoover Institution, and John P. A. Ioannidis, Meta-Research Innovation Center, both of Stanford University, Stanford, California; David L. Katz, True Health Initiative, Hamden, Connecticut; Pierre Kory, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Trauma and Life Support Center, New York, New York; Aviks S. A. Roy, The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity, Austin Texas; and Tom Inglesby, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Health Security, Baltimore, Maryland.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Paul, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.

Committee Meetings

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services,

Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "COVID-19 Response". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MAY 7, 2020**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of the Navy, James H. Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., for reappointment to the grade of

general, and to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine new tests for COVID–19, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider the nomination of James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR–301.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, May 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the veto message on S.J. Res. 68, Iran War Powers, and vote on passage of the joint resolution, notwithstanding the objections of the President to the contrary.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, May 8

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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