

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4653–S4677

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4396–4405. **Pages S4667–68**

Time to Rescue United States Trusts Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S. 4323, to save and strengthen critical social contract programs of the Federal Government, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S4677**

Menezes Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. **Pages S4655–63**

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

By 78 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 154), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4663**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, August 4, 2020; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. **Page S4677**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Michael P. O’Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on March 18, 2020.

Anthony J. Tata, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, which was sent to the Senate on June 11, 2020. **Page S4677**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–154) **Page S4663**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4677.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael N. Nemelka, of Utah, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Investment, Services, Labor, Environment, Africa, China, and the Western Hemisphere), with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, and Christian N. Weiler, of Louisiana, and Alina I. Marshall, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

Committee Meetings

AN UPDATE ON THE ROHINGYA CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “An Update on the Rohingya Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FITARA 10.0

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “FITARA 10.0”. Testimony was heard from Clare Martorana, Chief Information Officer, Office of Personnel Management; Jason Gray, Chief Information Officer, Department of Education; Maria A. Roat, Deputy Federal Chief Information Officer, Office of Management and Budget; Carol Harris, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Whitley, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Michele A. Pearce, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Venezuela, focusing on security and humanitarian situation, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine the right of the people peaceably to assemble, focusing on protecting speech by stopping violence, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SVC–217.

House

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Secure, Safe, and Auditable: Protecting the Integrity of the 2020 Elections,” 10 a.m., Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of August 4 through August 7, 2020

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

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: August 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Whitley, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Michele A. Pearce, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

August 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

August 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jason Abend, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Bradley D. Hansell, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, Lucas N. Polakowski, of Virginia, and Louis W. Bremer, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: August 5, business meeting to consider the nominations of Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: August 5, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SR–253.

August 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: August 5, to hold hearings to examine Federal and industry efforts to improve cybersecurity for the energy sector, focusing on how to improve collaboration on various cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection initiatives, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: August 5, to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "American Nuclear Infrastructure Act of 2020", 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: August 4, to hold hearings to examine Venezuela, focusing on security and humanitarian situation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

August 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer Yue Barber, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Keith W. Dayton, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, and 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, all of the Department of State, Edward A. Burrier, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and other pending nominations, 9 a.m., VTC.

August 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Erik Paul Bethel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Jonathan Pratt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Barbera Hale Thornhill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Thomas Laszlo Vajda, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, and Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Japan, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 11:15 a.m., VTC.

August 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William A. Douglass, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Melanie Harris Higgins, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Jeanne Marie Maloney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini, Michael A. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Manisha Singh, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, and James Broward Story, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, 10:30 a.m., VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: August 6, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Homeland Security personnel deployments to recent protests, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: August 4, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine the right of the people peaceably to assemble, focusing on protecting speech by stopping violence, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

August 5, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane investigation, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: August 5, business meeting to consider S. 3282, 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, S. 2558, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain grants to assist nursing homes for veterans located on tribal lands, S. 3643, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain postgraduate health care employees and health professions trainees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide treatment via telemedicine, S. 2950, to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, S. 4384, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to address exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances at Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, S. 4393, to improve the provision of health care and other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances, S. 711, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for mental health services from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, S. 332, to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove the manifestation period required for the presumptions of service connection for chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda, and acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents, S. 805, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to such recovery, S. 514, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, S. 629, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the processes and requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs for scheduling appointments for health care and conducting consultations under the laws administered by the Secretary, S. 2216, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally recognize caregivers of veterans, notify veterans and caregivers of clinical determinations relating to eligibility for caregiver programs, and temporarily extend benefits for veterans who are determined ineligible for the family caregiver program, S. 3235, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program on posttraumatic growth, and an original bill

entitled, “Veterans Benefit Improvement Act of 2020”, 3 p.m., SR-325.

Select Committee on Intelligence: August 4, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

House Committees

Committee on Oversight and Reform, August 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Devastating Health Impacts of Climate Change”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

August 6, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Challenges to Safely Reopening K-12 Schools”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through July 31, 2020

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	111	98	..
Time in session	588 hrs., 10'	320 hrs., 60'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	4,652	4,215	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	719	..
Public bills enacted into law	21	24	45
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	1	..
Measures passed, total	211	198	409
Senate bills	67	22	..
House bills	27	105	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	4	..
House joint resolutions	2	5	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	1	..
House concurrent resolutions	5	8	..
Simple resolutions	105	53	..
Measures reported, total	*90	*94	184
Senate bills	63	2	..
House bills	16	72	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	11	19	..
Special reports	3	6	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	328	53	..
Measures introduced, total	1,473	2,726	4,199
Bills	1,247	2,385	..
Joint resolutions	12	11	..
Concurrent resolutions	11	27	..
Simple resolutions	203	303	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	153	143	..
Recorded votes .....	..	34	..
Bills vetoed	1	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through July 31, 2020

Civilian nominees, totaling 321 (including 87 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		78
Unconfirmed		234
Withdrawn		9
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,187 (including 1 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		741
Unconfirmed		446
Air Force nominees, totaling 4,180, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		4,056
Unconfirmed		124
Army nominees, totaling 5,713 (including 3 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,695
Unconfirmed		17
Withdrawn		1
Navy nominees, totaling 1,865 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,863
Unconfirmed		2
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,444, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,437
Unconfirmed		7
Space Force nominees, totaling 9, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1
Unconfirmed		8

Summary

Total nominees carried over from the First Session	93
Total nominees received this Session	14,626
Total confirmed	13,871
Total unconfirmed	838
Total withdrawn	10
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 56 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 100 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, August 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Tuesday, August 4

House Chamber

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



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