

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5479–S5523

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4542–4554, and S. Res. 685–686.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1004, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry. (S. Rept. No. 116–264)

S. 4024, to establish in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security a Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–265)

S. 4157, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to expand the authority of the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–266)

H.R. 5273, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to increase to 100 percent the rates of scanning of commercial and passenger vehicles entering the United States at land ports of entry along the border using large-scale non-intrusive inspection systems to enhance border security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–267)

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Jarbou Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Hala Y. Jarbou, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

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

By 80 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 161), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

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Cullen Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of the nomination of Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

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

By 77 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 163), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Gujarati Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Diane Gujarati, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

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

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 164), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Hala Y. Jarbou, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Diane Gujarati, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, in that order at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2020, and that the cloture motion with respect to McConnell Motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 178, Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, with McConnell Amendment No. 2652, ripen following the disposition of the nomination of Diane Gujarati.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 91 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 159), Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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By 82 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 162), Christy Criswell Wiegand, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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

By 80 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 160), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—164) Pages S5486–88

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5523.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL RESERVE EMERGENCY LENDING FACILITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the Federal Reserve emergency lending facilities, after receiving testimony from Hal Scott, Committee on Capital Markets Regulation, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jeffrey D. DeBoer, The Real Estate Roundtable, and William Spriggs, AFL–CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

THE GRIZZLY BEAR STATE MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, after receiving testimony from Senators Enzi and Daines; Patrick Crank, Crank Legal Group, P.C., Cheyenne, on behalf of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission; Chuck Roady, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company, Columbia Falls, Montana; and John D. Leshy, University of California Hastings College of Law, San Francisco.

EASTERN EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Eastern Europe from Stephen E. Biegun, Deputy Secretary of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Gibbs, of Michigan, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and John M. Barger, of California, Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, and Frank Dunlevy, of California, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VACCINES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine vaccines, focusing on saving lives, ensuring confidence, and protecting public health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health, and Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Benjamin Joel Beaton, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Kristi Haskins Johnson, and Taylor B. McNeel, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who were introduced by Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Thompson Michael Dietz, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Katie Purswell, The American Legion, Washington, D.C.; Jeremy Butler, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; Lieutenant Colonel James Lorraine, USAF (Ret.), America's Warrior Partnership, Aiken, South Carolina; and Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Helena, Montana.

DECLASSIFICATION POLICY

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine declassification policy and prospects for reform, after receiving testimony from

former Congressman John F. Tierney; and Gregory M. Koch, Acting Director, Information Management Office, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1289, the “Preserving Home and Office Numbers in Emergencies Act of 2019”; H.R. 3957, the “Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2019”; H.R. 5564, the “Enhancing Broadcaster DIVERSITY Data Act”; H.R. 1379, the “Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act”; H.R. 945, the “Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 2564, the “Medicare Enrollment Protection Act”; H.R. 8158, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive budget neutrality for oxygen under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2075, the “School-Based Health Centers Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 4078, the “EARLY Act Reauthorization of 2019”; H.R. 4764, the “TRANSPLANT Act of 2019”; H.R. 5855, the “Bipartisan Solution to Cyclical Violence Act of 2020”; H.R. 3131, the “South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2020”; H.R. 7948, the “Tribal Health Data Improvement Act of 2020”; H.R. 5373, the “United States Anti-Doping Agency Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2281, the “Easy MAT for Opioid Addiction Act”; H.R. 2466, the “State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act”; H.R. 3878, the “Block, Report, And Suspend Shipments Act of 2019”; H.R. 4812, the “Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act of 2019”; H.R. 4806, the “DEBAR Act of 2019”; H.R. 3797, the “Medical Marijuana Research Act of 2019”; H.R. 2519, the “Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act of 2019”; H.R. 4861, the “Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act of 2019”; H.R. 1109, the “Mental Health Services for Students Act”; H.R. 3539, the “Behavioral Intervention Guidelines Act of 2019”; H.R. 7293,

the “STANDUP Act of 2020”; H.R. 5469, the “Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act of 2019”; H.R. 5572, the “Family Support Services for Addiction Act of 2020”; H.R. 4499, the “NIMHD Research Endowment Revitalization Act of 2019”; H.R. 4439, the “Creating Hope Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 8134, the “Consumer Product Safety Inspection Enhancement Act”; H.R. 8128, the “AI for Consumer Product Safety Act”; H.R. 8132, the “American COMPETE Act”; H.R. 2610, the “Stop Senior Scams Act”; H.R. 6435, the “Combating Pandemic Scams Act of 2020”; H.R. 8121, the “COVID-19 Home Safety Act”; H.R. 1754, the “Horseracing Integrity Act of 2019”; H.R. 4447, the “Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act of 2019”; and H.R. 8159, the “Department of Energy Organization and Management Improvement Act”. H.R. 1289, H.R. 3957, H.R. 5564, H.R. 1754, H.R. 1379, H.R. 945, H.R. 2564, H.R. 3131, H.R. 7948, H.R. 5373, H.R. 2281, H.R. 2466, H.R. 3878, H.R. 3797, H.R. 4806, H.R. 2519, H.R. 1109, H.R. 3539, H.R. 7293, H.R. 5469, H.R. 5572, H.R. 4439, H.R. 8128, H.R. 2610, H.R. 8121, and H.R. 4447 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 8158, H.R. 2075, H.R. 4078, H.R. 4764, H.R. 5855, H.R. 4812, H.R. 4861, H.R. 4499, H.R. 8134, H.R. 8132, H.R. 6435, and H.R. 8159 were ordered reported, without amendment.

EGYPT: TRENDS IN POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “Egypt: Trends in Politics, Economics, and Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 683, the “PRRADA”; H.R. 6196, the “TM Act of 2020”; H.R. 631, for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar; H.R. 4225, for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, and Ana Lucia Bueso Barrera;

H.R. 7146, for the relief of Victoria Galindo Lopez; H.R. 7572, for the relief of Median El-Moustrah; H.R. 5053, the “Justice for Juveniles Act”; and H.R. 8124, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for transportation and subsistence for criminal justice defendants, and for other purposes. H.R. 683, H.R. 6196, and H.R. 4225 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 631, H.R. 7146, H.R. 7572, H.R. 5053, and H.R. 8124 were ordered reported, without amendment.

ENSURING A FREE, FAIR, AND SAFE ELECTION DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Ensuring a Free, Fair, and Safe Election During the Coronavirus Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Jay Ashcroft, Secretary of State, Missouri; and public witnesses.

THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS ON UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on University Research”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPARENCY IN SMALL BUSINESS LENDING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Transparency in Small Business Lending”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMTRAK’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Amtrak’s Response to COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of J. Philip Calabrese, and James Ray Knepp II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Aileen Mercedes Cannon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern Dis-

trict of Florida, Toby Crouse, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, 10 a.m., SR-325.

House

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Machines, Artificial Intelligence, and the Workforce: Recovering and Readyng Our Economy for the Future”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee, business meeting to approve new subcommittee assignments and a subcommittee Ranking Member, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled “On the Basis of Sex: Examining the Administration’s Attacks on Gender-Based Protections”, 12:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Need for Financial Aid to America’s States and Territories During the Pandemic: Supporting First Responders, Assisting Schools in Their Efforts to Safely Educate, and Preventing Mass Layoffs”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled “Protecting Democracy During COVID-19 in Europe and Eurasia and the Democratic Awakening in Belarus”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled “Examining the Bureau of Indian Education’s School Reopening Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic”, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Providing the Census Bureau with the Time to Produce a Complete and Accurate Census”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled “Kick Starting Entrepreneurship and Main Street Economic Recovery”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee, business meeting to Reauthorize the Women Veterans’ Task Force, 10 a.m., HVC-210 and Webex.

Full Committee, hearing on hearing on H.R. 7541, the “VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project”; H.R. 7504, the “VA Clinical TEAM Culture Act of 2020”; H.R. 7784, the “VA Police Improvement and Accountability Act”; H.R. 7879, the “VA Telehealth Expansion Act”; H.R. 7747, the “VA Solid Start Reporting Act”; H.R. 7888, the “REACH VET Reporting Act”; H.R. 7964, the “Peer Support for Veteran Families Act”; H.R. 3450, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system; H.R. 3788, the “VA Child Care Protection Act of 2019”; H.R. 3826, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; H.R. 6092, the “Veteran’s Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act”; H.R. 7469, the “Modernizing Veterans’ Healthcare Eligibility Act”; H.R. 8005, the “Veterans Access to Online Treatment Act”;

H.R. 8033, the “Access to Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act”; H.R. 8084, the “Lethal Means Safety Training Act”; H.R. 8068, the “American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Mental Health Act”; H.R. 8149, the “VA Precision Medicine Act”; H.R. 8148, the “VA Data Analytics and Technology Assistance Act”; H.R. 8108, the “VA Serious Mental Illness Act”; H.R. 8144, the “VA Mental Health Staffing Improvement Act”; H.R. 8145, the “VA Mental Health Counseling Act”; H.R. 8130, the “VA Peer Specialists Act”; H.R. 8107, the “VA Emergency Department Safety Planning Act”; H.R. 8147, the “TREAT Act”; legislation on the Veterans’ ACCESS Act;

legislation on the Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act of 2020; legislation on the Ensuring Veterans’ Smooth Transition Act; legislation on the VA Research Technology Act; legislation on the VA High Altitude and Suicide Research Act; legislation on the VA Expanded Care Hours Act; and legislation on the Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2020, 10:05 a.m., HVC-210 and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “The Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act: Considerations for Renewal”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of the nomination of Hala Y. Jarbou, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following which, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Diane Gujarati, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 178, Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, with McConnell Amendment No. 2652.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Friday, September 11

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.



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