

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5681–S5717

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4605–4629, and S. Res. 701–710. **Pages S5705–06**

Measures Passed:

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 702, designating September 2020 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Pages S5715–16**

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 703, designating the week beginning September 14, 2020, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week. **Pages S5715–16**

Honoring General Thomas P. Stafford: Senate agreed to S. Res. 704, honoring the accomplishments of General Thomas P. Stafford and recognizing his contribution to the United States Space Program. **Pages S5715–16**

National Clean Energy Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 705, proclaiming the week of September 21 through September 25, 2020, to be “National Clean Energy Week”. **Pages S5715–16**

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 706, expressing support for the designation of September 2020 as “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month” in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease. **Pages S5715–16**

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 707, recognizing September 1, 2020, as “National Poll Worker Recruitment Day”. **Pages S5715–16**

Leo C. Chase Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1646, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Augustine, Florida, as the “Leo C. Chase Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Florida, as the “Leo C. Chase Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Rubio) Amendment No. 2657, to modify the designation of the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Augustine, Florida.

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Robert D. Maxwell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 4072, to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bend, Oregon, as the “Robert D. Maxwell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”, and the bill was then passed.

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Jenna Quinn Law: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 924, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require training and education to teachers and other school employees, students, and the community about how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse in primary and secondary education, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 2658, in the nature of a substitute.

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Supporting Family Mental Health in CAPTA Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 1160, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to increase support for mental health, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Smith) Amendment No. 2659, in the nature of a substitute.

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Meyers Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

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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, September 17, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2020. [Page S5701](#)

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 S5701](#)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2020; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, September 17, 2020 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2020. [Page S5717](#)

Lucas Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrea R. Lucas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. [Page S5701](#)

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 Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. [Page S5701](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. [Page S5701](#)

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S5701](#)

Samuels Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jocelyn Samuels, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. [Page S5701](#)

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 Andrea R. Lucas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. [Page S5701](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. [Page S5701](#)

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S5701](#)

Sonderling Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Keith E. Sonderling, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. [Page S5701](#)

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 Jocelyn Samuels, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. [Page S5701](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. [Page S5701](#)

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S5701](#)

Hinderaker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Charles Hinderaker, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. [Pages S5701-02](#)

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 Keith E. Sonderling, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. [Pages S5701-02](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. [Page S5701](#)

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S5701](#)

Young Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Roderick C. Young, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. [Page S5702](#)

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 John Charles Hinderaker, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. [Page S5702](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. [Page S5702](#)

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S5702](#)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 68 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 182), Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. [Pages S5683-90, S5717](#)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination be withdrawn. **Page S5689**

By 77 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 183), Iain D. Johnston, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Sharon E. Goodie, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—183) **Pages S5690, S5694–95**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5717.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 3 nominations in the Army and Air Force.

NNSA BUDGET MATTERS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine matters relating to the budget of the National Nuclear Security Administration, after

receiving testimony from Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Ellen M. Lord, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, and Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN THE INDO-PACIFIC AND BEYOND

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing U.S. engagement and countering China in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, after receiving testimony from Julie Chung, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Philip T. Reeker, Acting Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and David R. Stilwell, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, all of the Department of State.

FIXING THE FAFSA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fixing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, after receiving testimony from Kim Cook, National College Attainment Network, Washington, D.C.; Rachelle Feldman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Kristin D. Hultquist, HCM Strategists, Englewood, Colorado; Judith Scott-Clayton, Columbia University Teachers College, New York, New York; and Bridget Terry Long, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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 District of Florida, Toby Crouse, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and Anna Maria Ruzinski, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and Gregory Scott Tabor, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, both of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 8280–8313; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 1119–1124, were introduced. **Pages H4540–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4543–44**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3607, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct Federal research in fossil energy and to promote the development and demonstration of environmentally responsible coal and natural gas technologies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–510);

H.R. 3935, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for the continuing requirement of Medicaid coverage of nonemergency transportation to medically necessary services, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–511);

H.R. 5663, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to give authority to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to destroy counterfeit devices, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–512);

H.R. 4866, to amend the 21st Century Cures Act to provide for designation of institutions of higher education that provide research, data, and leadership on continuous manufacturing as National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–513); and

H.R. 4995, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve obstetric care and maternal health outcomes, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–514). **Page H4540**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cicilline to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4493**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Kyle Jones, Assistant Parliamentarian, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. **Page H4493**

Clerk to Duplicate Engrossment: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to produce a duplicate engrossment of H.R. 1812. **Page H4493**

Condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID–19: The House agreed to H. Res. 908, condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID–19, by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 164 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 193. **Pages H4495–H4508, H4527–28**

H. Res. 1107, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2574), (H.R. 2639), (H.R. 2694), and the resolution (H. Res. 908) was agreed to Tuesday, September 15th.

Pregnant Workers Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 2694, to eliminate discrimination and promote women’s health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, by a yea-and-nay vote of 329 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 195. **Pages H4508–27, H4528–30**

Rejected the Foxx (NC) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 194.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H4508–09**

H. Res. 1107, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2574), (H.R. 2639), (H.R. 2694), and the resolution (H. Res. 908) was agreed to Tuesday, September 15th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4527–28, H4528–28, and H4529–30.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIM REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EFFORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Interim Review of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence Effort and Recommendations”. Testimony was heard from the following National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence officials: Eric Schmidt, Chairman; Robert Work, Vice Chairman; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; and José-Marie Griffiths, Commissioner.

TRUMP FCC: FOUR YEARS OF LOST OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Trump FCC: Four Years of Lost Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Ajit Pai, Chairman; Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner; Brendan Carr, Commissioner; Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner; and Geoffrey Starks, Commissioner.

INSIDER TRADING AND STOCK OPTION GRANTS: AN EXAMINATION OF CORPORATE INTEGRITY IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Insider Trading and Stock Option Grants: An Examination of Corporate Integrity in the COVID-19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORLDWIDE THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Christopher Miller, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

EXAMINING THE BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Barriers and Solutions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8247, the “Veterans Comprehensive, Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act

of 2020”; H.R. 7163, the “VA FOIA Reform Act of 2020”; H.R. 5843, the “Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2020”; H.R. 7785, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain employment and reemployment rights to members of the National Guard who perform State active duty; and H.R. 6092, the “Veteran’s Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act”. H.R. 8247, H.R. 7163, H.R. 5843, and H.R. 7785 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6092 was ordered reported, without amendment.

ENFORCING THE BAN ON IMPORTS PRODUCED BY FORCED LABOR IN XINJIANG

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Enforcing the Ban on Imports Produced by Forced Labor in Xinjiang”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ALBANIA’S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CSCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Albania’s chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, after receiving testimony from Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania and OSCE Chair-in-Office.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity at NASA: Ongoing Challenges and Emerging Issues for Increased Telework During COVID-19”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, September 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Friday, September 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 noon.

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