

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5795–S5841

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4657–4680, S. Res. 713–714, and S. Con. Res. 46–47. **Pages S5832–33**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 46, to correct the enrollment of S. 2330.

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Young Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Roderick C. Young, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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

By 93 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 192), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5822–23**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 24, 2020. **Page S5838**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 70 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 191), John Charles Hinderaker, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 190), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5805**

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 193), Jocelyn Samuels, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2021. **Page S5823**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Allen Robert Souza, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—193) **Pages S5805, S5822–23**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5838.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from James F. Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF U.S. NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations in support of efforts to protect the integrity

of United States national elections from malign actors from Kenneth P. Rapuano, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Global Security, and General Paul M. Nakasone, USA, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, both of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office's updated budget outlook, after receiving testimony from Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

FEDERAL DATA PRIVACY LEGISLATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for federal data privacy legislation, after receiving testimony from California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, Sacramento; and Julie Brill, William E. Kovacic, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, and Jon Leibowitz, all former Commissioners of the Federal Trade Commission.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 4589, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to increase transparency, to support regulatory certainty, and to reauthorize that Act, focusing on modernizing the Endangered Species Act, after receiving testimony from Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, Cheyenne; Liesa Priddy, Florida Cattlemen's Association, Immokalee, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and Jamie Rappaport Clark, Defenders of Wildlife, Leesburg, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cruz, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

COVID-19

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine COVID-19, focusing on an update on the federal response, after receiving testimony from Anthony S.

Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Admiral Brett P. Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health, and Stephen M. Hahn, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3126, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a special behavioral health program for Indians, S. 3264, to expedite and streamline the deployment of affordable broadband service on Tribal land, S. 3937, to amend section 330C of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize special programs for Indians for providing services for the prevention and treatment of diabetes, S. 4079, to authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease or transfer certain land, and S. 4556, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Marcellus Osceola Jr., Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood; Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; and Michael Chavarria, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 4511, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to education, burial benefits, and other matters.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 8350–8365; and 16 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 119; and H. Res. 1142–1147 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H4885–86

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:41 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m.

Page H4723

Naming the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Youngstown, Ohio, as the “Carl Nunziato VA Clinic”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5023, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Youngstown, Ohio, as the “Carl Nunziato VA Clinic”.

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Designating the Manhattan Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs as the “Margaret Cochran Corbin Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 1925, to designate the Manhattan Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs as the “Margaret Cochran Corbin Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System”.

Pages H4732–33

Designating the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as the “Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7347, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as the “Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

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Designating the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bend, Oregon, as the “Robert D. Maxwell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass 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”.

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Designating 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”: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass 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”.

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Designating the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Gilbert, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Alexander W. Conrad Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4983, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Gilbert, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Alexander W. Conrad Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic”.

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

Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act: S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Stopping Harm and Implementing Enhanced Lead-time for Debts for Veterans Act: H.R. 5245, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a bar on the recovery of certain payments or overpayments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs by reason of delays in processing of certain information;

Pages H4752–54

Homeless Veterans Coronavirus Response Act of 2020: H.R. 7105, amended, to provide flexibility for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in caring for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency;

Pages H4754–63

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide flexibility for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in caring for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans, and for other purposes.”;

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Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act of 2020: H.R. 8247, amended, to make certain improvements relating to the transition of individuals to services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, suicide prevention for

veterans, and care and services for women veterans; and

Pages H4763–70

Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act: H.R. 3798, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for limitations on copayments for contraception furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pages H4770–72

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Don't Break Up the T-Band Act: H.R. 451, amended, to repeal the section of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 that requires the Federal Communications Commission to reallocate and auction the T-Band spectrum, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 201;

Pages H4773–74

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To repeal the requirement to reallocate and auction the T-band spectrum, to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 to clarify acceptable 9-1-1 obligations or expenditures, and for other purposes.”

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Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act: The House considered H.R. 4447, to establish an energy storage and microgrid grant and technical assistance program. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 24th.

Pages H4774–H4877

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–63, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–528, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 1129, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4447), (H.R. 6270), and (H.R. 8319) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 200, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 199.

Pages H4725–32, H4772–73

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4772, H4772–73, and H4773–74.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE ROLE OF ALLIES AND PARTNERS IN U.S. MILITARY STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Role of Allies and Partners in U.S. Military Strategy and Operations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE LIFELINE: THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Health Care Lifeline: The Affordable Care Act and the COVID–19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Dean Cameron, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance; and public witnesses.

GREEN RECOVERY PLANS FOR THE COVID–19 CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a hearing entitled “Green Recovery Plans for the COVID–19 Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMMIGRANTS AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS DURING COVID–19

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “Immigrants as Essential Workers During COVID–19”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HYBRID HEARING WITH FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIR JEROME H. POWELL

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Hybrid Hearing with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell”. Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

DATA FOR DECISION-MAKING: RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF DATA DURING COVID–19 AND BEYOND

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Data for Decision-Making: Responsible Management of Data during COVID–19 and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DRIVING EQUITY: THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Driving Equity: The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program”. Testimony was heard from Sandy-Michael McDonald, Director, Office of Economic and Small Business Development, Broward County, Florida; Sandra Norman, Administrator, Civil Rights Division, Virginia Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

TOXIC EXPOSURES: EXAMINING AIRBORNE HAZARDS IN THE SOUTHWEST ASIA THEATER OF MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Toxic Exposures: Examining Airborne Hazards in the Southwest Asia Theater of Military Operations”. Testimony was heard from Laurine Carson, Deputy Executive Director, Policy and Procedures, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine an evaluation of FirstNet’s progress, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States policy in a changing Middle East, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 4632, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to modify the scope of protection from civil liability for “good Samaritan” blocking and screening of offensive material, and 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, 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, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine women and retirement, focusing on unique challenges and opportunities to pave a brighter future, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “The 2020 Wildfire Year: Response and Recovery Efforts”, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8294, the “National Apprenticeship Act of 2020”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Mainstreaming Extremism: Social Media’s Role in Radicalizing America”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Agency for Global Media and U.S. International Broadcasting Efforts”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Diversity in America: The Representation of People of Color in the Media”, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Federal and State Efforts to Restore the Salton Sea”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 7565, to authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease or transfer certain land, and for other purposes; and H.R. 8255, to clarify the status of gaming conducted by the Catawba Indian Nation, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Environment Hybrid, hearing entitled “Climate Change, Part IV: Moving Towards a Sustainable Future”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Paycheck Protection Program: An Examination of Loan Forgiveness, SBA Legacy Systems, and Inaccurate Data”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and Water Management in Florida”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Save Our Social Security Now”, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, business meeting on recommendations to improve the congressional schedule and calendar, boost con-

gressional capacity, reclaim Article One responsibilities, reform the budget and appropriations process, identify administrative inefficiencies, and improve technology and continuity in Congress; and to consider the Committee’s Final Report, 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Roderick C. Young, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, post-cloture, and expects to vote on confirmation thereon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, September 24

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Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 4447—Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act.

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