

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 8337, Continuing Appropriations Act and Other Extensions Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5899–S6007

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and sixteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4759–4777, S. Res. 727–741, and S. Con. Res. 48.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–272)

S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–273)

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Measures Passed:

Intercountry Adoption Information Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1952, to amend the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of State to report on intercountry adoptions from countries which have significantly reduced adoption rates involving immigration to the United States, and the bill was then passed.

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Senator Kay Hagan Airport Traffic Control Tower: Senate passed S. 4762, to designate the airport traffic control tower located at Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro, North Carolina, as the “Senator Kay Hagan Airport Traffic Control Tower”.

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Continuing Appropriations Act and Other Extensions Act: By 84 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 197), Senate passed H.R. 8337, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S5902–06, S5906–18, S5923

Rejected:

McConnell Amendment No. 2663, to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the amendment.)

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

McConnell Amendment No. 2664, of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2663 was tabled.

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National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 730, supporting the designation of the week beginning September 20, 2020, as “National Small Business Week” and commending the entrepreneurial spirit of the small business owners of the United States and their impact on their communities.

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Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 731, supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 22, 2020.

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National Bison Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 732, designating November 7, 2020, as “National Bison Day”.

Pages S5983–84

Preservation Society of Charleston Centennial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 733, recognizing 2020 as the centennial of the Preservation Society of Charleston.

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National Falls Prevention Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 734, designating the week of September 21 through September 25, 2020, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Week” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults.

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National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 735, designating September 29, 2020, as “National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day”.

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National Kinship Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 736, designating September 2020 as “National Kinship Care Month”. **Page S5985**

National Veterans Suicide Prevention Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 737, expressing support for the designation of September 30, 2020, as “National Veterans Suicide Prevention Day”. **Pages S5985–86**

National Suicide Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 738, recognizing suicide as a serious public health problem and expressing support for the designation of September as “National Suicide Prevention Month”. **Page S5986**

National Family Service Learning Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 739, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 21 through September 25, 2020, as “National Family Service Learning Week”. **Page S5986**

Energy Efficiency Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 740, designating October 7, 2020, as “Energy Efficiency Day” in celebration of the economic and environmental benefits that have been driven by private sector innovation and Federal energy efficiency policies. **Pages S5986–87**

Nuclear weapons program workers remembrance day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 741, designating October 30, 2020, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States. **Page S5987**

Honoring Coya Knutson: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 687, honoring the life and legacy of Coya Knutson, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5998**

Chief petty officers 100 years of service: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 694, recognizing 100 years of service by chief petty officers in the United States Coast Guard, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5998–99**

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 910, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5999–S6000**

Portman (for Wicker) Amendment No. 2674, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6000**

Digital Coast Act: Senate passed S. 1069, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal

data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region. **Pages S6000, S6003–04**

Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6000**

Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 4403, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6001**

Extension of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 991, to extend certain provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act until September 30, 2030, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6001**

Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 561, 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, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S6001–02**

Ensuring Health Safety in the Skies Act: Senate passed S. 3681, to require a joint task force on air travel during and after the COVID–19 Public Health Emergency, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6002–03**

Portman (for Markey) Amendment No. 2677, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6003**

House Messages:

Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5923**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with

McConnell Amendment No. 2652, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5923**

McConnell (for Tillis) Amendment No. 2673 (to Amendment No. 2652), to amend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act to prohibit pre-existing condition exclusions. (By 47 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 199), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S5923–24**

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

By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 198), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 178 (listed above). **Page S5923**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by our Nation's undue reliance on critical minerals, in processed or unprocessed form, from foreign adversaries; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–59) **Pages S5945–46**

Cannon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S5924**

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 S. 4653, to protect the healthcare of hundreds of millions of people of the United States and prevent efforts of the Department of Justice to advocate courts to strike down the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Page S5924**

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 S5924**

Crouse Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Toby Crouse, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S5924**

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 Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S5924**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5924**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5924**

Calabrese Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S5924**

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 Toby Crouse, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S5924**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5924**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5924**

Knepp II Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Pages S5924–25**

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 J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S5925**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5925**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5925**

Newman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Pages S5925–31**

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 James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S5925**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5925**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5925**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 12:00 noon, on Thursday, October 1, 2020. **Page S6003**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
 - 6 Army nominations in the rank of general.
 - 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
 - 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
 - 2 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S6006–07**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brian S. Davis, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

33 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S6004–06**

Messages from the House: **Page S5946**

Measures Referred: **Pages S5946–47**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S5947**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5944–45**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5987–98**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5998**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—199) **Pages S5923–24**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:39 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, October 1, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6004.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine NASA missions and programs, focusing on update and future plans, after receiving testimony from James Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

CROSSFIRE HURRICANE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane Investigation, after receiving testimony from James Comey, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 8443–8469; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1160–1163, were introduced. **Pages H5104–05**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5106–07**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 1161, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 925) to extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects

under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024 (H. Rept. 116–556).

Pages H5090–97

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5057**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m. **Page H5060**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West Maple Street

in Holly, Michigan, as the “Holly Veterans Memorial Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West Maple Street in Holly, Michigan, as the “Holly Veterans Memorial Post Office”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 East Market Street in Leesburg, Virginia, as the “Norman Duncan Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4971, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 East Market Street in Leesburg, Virginia, as the “Norman Duncan Post Office Building”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 Nicol Avenue in Thomasville, Alabama, as the “Postmaster Robert Ingram Sr. Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5307, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 Nicol Avenue in Thomasville, Alabama, as the “Postmaster Robert Ingram Sr. Post Office”, as amended by Representative Connolly.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 Nicol Avenue in Thomasville, Alabama, as the ‘Postmaster Robert Ingram Post Office’.”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13308 Midland Road in Poway, California, as the “Ray Chavez Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 3005, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13308 Midland Road in Poway, California, as the “Ray Chavez Post Office Building”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8585 Criterion Drive in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the “Chaplain (Capt.) Dale Goetz Memorial Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4725, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8585 Criterion Drive in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the “Chaplain (Capt.) Dale Goetz Memorial Post Office Building”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the “Ralph Hall Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5987, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the “Ralph Hall Post Office”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 North Main Street in Henning, Tennessee as the “Paula Robinson and Judy Spray Memorial Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 3680, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 North Main Street in Henning, Tennessee as the “Paula Robinson and Judy Spray Memorial Post Office Building”, as amended by Representative Connolly.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 North Main Street in Henning, Tennessee, as the ‘Paula Croom Robinson and Judy Spray Memorial Post Office Building’.”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 East Sharpfish Street in Rosebud, South Dakota, as the “Ben Reifel Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 2454, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 East Sharpfish Street in Rosebud, South Dakota, as the “Ben Reifel Post Office Building”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the “Audie Murphy Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the “Audie Murphy Post Office Building”.

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2201 E. Maple Street in North Canton, Ohio, as the “Lance Cpl. Stacy ‘Annie’ Dryden Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4875, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2201 E. Maple Street in North Canton, Ohio, as the “Lance Cpl. Stacy ‘Annie’ Dryden Post Office”.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Modernization Centers of Excellence Program Act: H.R. 5901, amended, to establish a program to facilitate the adoption of modern technology by executive agencies;

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Chai Suthammanont Remembrance Act: H.R. 7340, amended, to ensure that personal protective

equipment and other equipment and supplies needed to fight coronavirus are provided to employees required to return to Federal offices; **Pages H5073–75**

COVID Preparedness, Response, and Effective Planning for Advanced Requirements by the Executive Branch Act: H.R. 7496, amended, to require Federal agencies to submit plans for responding to any resurgence of COVID-19; **Pages H5075–77**

Transnational White Supremacist Extremism Review Act: H.R. 5736, amended, to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and disseminate a threat assessment regarding threats to the United States associated with foreign violent white supremacist extremist organizations; **Pages H5077–78**

Safe Communities Act of 2020: H.R. 5780, amended, to enhance stakeholder outreach to and operational engagement with owners and operators of critical infrastructure and other relevant stakeholders by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to bolster security against acts of terrorism and other homeland security threats, including by maintaining a clearinghouse of security guidance, best practices, and other voluntary content developed by the Agency or aggregated from trusted sources; **Pages H5078–80**

State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act: H.R. 5823, amended, to establish a program to make grants to States to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems of State, local, Tribal, or territorial governments; **Pages H5080–84**

Homeland Security Acquisition Professional Career Program Act: H.R. 5822, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an acquisition professional career program; **Pages H5084–85**

TSA Personnel Workplace Improvement Act of 2020: H.R. 5811, amended, to require the Transportation Security Administration to provide nursing facilities and paid parental leave for Administration personnel; and **Pages H5085–86**

DHS Blue Campaign Enhancement Act: H.R. 5804, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Blue Campaign of the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages H5086–88**

Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act of 2020: The House passed H.R. 6270, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to make certain disclosures relating to the Xinjiang Uyghur

Autonomous Region, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 210. **Pages H5063–70, H5088–89**

Rejected the McHenry motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 209. **Pages H5068–70, H5088**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–64 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5063**

H. Res. 1129, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4447), (H.R. 6270), and (H.R. 8319) was agreed to Wednesday, September 23rd.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, September 29th.

Timely ReAuthorization of Necessary Stem-cell Programs Lends Access to Needed Therapies Act: H.R. 4764, amended, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 211. **Pages H5089–90**

North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1161, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 925) to extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 213, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 212. **Pages H5090–97**

Communication from the Sergeant at Arms: The House received a communication from Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms. Pursuant to section 1(b)(2) of House Resolution 965, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, Mr. Irving notified the House that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect. **Page H5097**

Announcement by the Chair: The Chair announced the Speaker’s further extension, pursuant to section 1(b)(2) of House Resolution 965, effective October 3, 2020, of the covered period designated on May 20, 2020. **Page H5097**

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity—Appointment: The Chair

announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for a term of six years: Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Dr. Arthur E. Keiser of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Ms. Jennifer Blum of Washington, DC; and Mr. Robert G. Mayes, Jr. of Elberta, Alabama. Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader: Ms. Kathleen Sullivan Alioto of New York, New York; Mr. Robert Shireman of Berkeley, California; and Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis of Columbia, South Carolina. **Page H5097**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13817 with respect to our Nation's undue reliance on critical minerals, in processed or unprocessed form, from foreign adversaries—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–155). **Page H5102**

Senate Referral: S. 4762 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5097.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5088, H5088–89, H5089–90, H5096, and H5096–97.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INDIAN COUNTRY COVID–19 RESPONSE AND UPDATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Indian Country COVID–19 Response and Update”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. DEFENSE POSTURE CHANGES IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Defense Posture Changes in the European Theater”. Testimony was heard from James Anderson, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General David Allvin, Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

PATHWAY TO A VACCINE: ENSURING A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE VACCINE PEOPLE WILL TRUST

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled

“Pathway to a Vaccine: Ensuring a Safe and Effective Vaccine People Will Trust”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEMOCRATIC BACKSLIDING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Democratic Backsliding in Sub-Saharan Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING DHS' MANAGEMENT OF TRUSTED TRAVELER PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining DHS' Management of Trusted Traveler Programs”. Testimony was heard from Robert Perez, Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

COPYRIGHT AND THE INTERNET IN 2020: REACTIONS TO THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE'S REPORT ON THE EFFICACY OF 17 U.S.C. § 512 AFTER TWO DECADES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Copyright and the Internet in 2020: Reactions to the Copyright Office's Report on the Efficacy of 17 U.S.C. § 512 After Two Decades”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 244, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act”; H.R. 733, the “Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act”; H.R. 970, the “Robert E. Lee Statue Removal Act”; H.R. 1248 the “York River Wild and Scenic River Act of 2019”; H.R. 1964, the “Lumbee Recognition Act”; H.R. 3225, the “Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2019”; H.R. 3651, to facilitate the use of certain land in Nebraska for public outdoor recreational opportunities, and for other purposes; H.R. 4135, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to remove the statue to the memory and in honor of Albert Pike erected near Judiciary Square in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H.R. 4139, to provide for the boundary of the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park to be adjusted, to authorize the donation of land to the United States for addition to that historic park, and for other purposes; H.R. 4840, the “Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2019”; H.R. 5153, the “Indian Buffalo Management Act”; H.R. 5458, the “Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary

Modification Act”; H.R. 5459, the “Rocky Mountain National Park Ownership Correction Act”; H.R. 5472, the “Jimmy Carter National Historical Park Redesignation Act”; H.R. 5598, the “Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act”; H.R. 5852, the “Weir Farm National Historical Park Redesignation Act”; H.R. 7098, the “Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2020”; H.R. 7099, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Coconino National Forest land in the State of Arizona; and S. 212, the “Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act of 2019”. H.R. 1964, H.R. 3225, H.R. 3651, H.R. 4135, H.R. 970, H.R. 4840, H.R. 5153, H.R. 5598, H.R. 7098, and H.R. 7099 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 244, H.R. 733, H.R. 1248, H.R. 4139, H.R. 5458, H.R. 5459, H.R. 5472, H.R. 5852, and S. 212 were ordered reported, without amendment.

UNSUSTAINABLE DRUG PRICES: TESTIMONY FROM THE CEOS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unsustainable Drug Prices: Testimony from the CEOs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE AMERICA’S CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on Senate Amendments to H.R. 925, the “America’s Conservation Enhancement Act” [The Heroes Act]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate Amendments to H.R. 925, the “America’s Conservation Enhancement Act”. The rule makes in order a single motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee that the House: (1) concur in the Senate amendment to the title; and (2) concur in the Senate amendment to the text with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–66. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that it shall not be subject to a question of consideration or demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides two hours of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey and Representative Granger.

CONDEMNING UNWANTED, UNNECESSARY MEDICAL PROCEDURES ON INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT THEIR FULL, INFORMED CONSENT; CONDEMNING QANON AND REJECTING THE CONSPIRACY THEORIES IT PROMOTES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 1153, condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent; and H. Res. 1154, condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 1153, Condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent, and H. Res. 1154, Condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 1153, Condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 1154, Condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jayapal, Jordan, and Austin Scott of Georgia.

COPING WITH COMPOUND CRISES: EXTREME WEATHER, SOCIAL INJUSTICE, AND A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Coping with Compound Crises: Extreme Weather, Social Injustice, and a Global Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW COVID–19 IS IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES ACROSS THE FOOD SYSTEM

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How COVID–19 is Impacting Small Businesses Across the Food System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8408, the “Air-craft Certification Reform and Accountability Act”; H.R. 8266, the “FEMA Assistance Relief Act of 2020”; H.R. 4358, the “Preliminary Damage Assessment Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 8326, the “CED Act”; H.R. 4611, the “Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II”; H.R. 5919, the “National Children’s Museum Act”; and General Service Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 8266, H.R. 4358, H.R. 4611, and H.R. 5919 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 8408 and H.R. 8326 were ordered reported, without amendment. General Service Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted.

MISSION CRITICAL: ASSESSING COMMUNITY CARE WAIT TIMES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MISSION Critical: Assessing Community Care Wait Times”. Testimony was heard from Sharon Silas, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Steven Lieberman, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING VA’S ONGOING EFFORTS IN THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Ongoing Efforts in the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program”. Testimony was heard from John Windom, Executive Director, Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization, Department of Veterans Affairs; William Tinston, Director, Federal Electronic Health Record Modernization Program Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on approval of releasing the China Deep Dive Report and the STAR Emerging Technologies Report. Release of the China Deep Dive Report and release of the STAR Emerging Technologies Report were approved. This meeting was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine supply chain integrity, 9:15 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Business meeting to consider an authorization to subpoena the attendance of a witness for purpose of a hearing to Jack Dorsey, Chief Executive Officer, Twitter; an authorization to subpoena the attendance of a witness for purpose of a hearing to Sundar Pichai, Chief Executive Officer, Alphabet Inc., Google; and an authorization to subpoena the attendance of a witness for purpose of a hearing to Mark Zuckerberg, Chief Executive Officer, Facebook, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

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.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “Challenges and Successes of Conservation Programs in 2020”, 10 a.m., CVC Auditorium and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Generating Equity: Improving Clean Energy Access and Affordability”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6986, the “Protecting Human Rights During Pandemic Act”; H.R. 7990, the “FENTANYL Results Act”; H.R. 7673, the “Represent America Abroad Act”; H. Res. 1012, recognizing the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean war and the transformation of the United States—Korea alliance into a mutually beneficial, global partnership; H. Res. 697, recognizing the significance of the genuine autonomy of Tibet and the Tibetan people and the work His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has done to promote global peace, harmony, and understanding; H. Res. 1100, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and observing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia; H. Res. 751, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the African Union and recognizing the importance of diplomatic, security, and trade relations; H. Res.

1077, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the continued importance of the United States—Lebanon relationship; H.R. 8409, the “Department of State Student Internship Program Act”; H. Res. 672, expressing support of the Three Seas Initiative in its efforts to increase energy independence and infrastructure connectivity thereby strengthening the United States and European national security; H. Res. 17, expressing concern over the detention of Austin Tice, and for other purposes; H.R. 4507, the “Protection of Saudi Dissidents Act”; H. Res. 823, condemning the Government of Iran’s state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; H. Res. 996, expressing the sense of Congress that the activities of Russian national Yevgeniy Prigozhin and his affiliated entities pose a threat to the national interests and security of the United States and of its allies and partners; H. Res. 958, condemning the practice of politically motivated imprisonment and calling for the immediate release of political prisoners in the Russian Federation and urging action by the United States Government to impose sanctions with respect to persons responsible for that form of human rights abuse; H.R. 8428, the “Hong Kong People’s Freedom and Choice Act of 2020”; H.R. 8405, the “American Values and Security in International Athletics Act”; H.R. 8259, to prohibit Russian participation in the G7, and for other purposes; H. Res. 825, recognizing the importance of entry into force of the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT); H.R. 4636, the “Partnering and Leveraging Assistance to Stop Trash for International Cleaner Seas Act”; H. Res. 1121, urging the Government of Burma to hold free, fair, inclusive, transparent, participatory, and credible elections on November 8, 2020; H. Res. 1115, calling for the immediate release of Trevor Reed, a United States citizen who was unjustly sentenced to 9 years in a Russian prison; H. Res. 768, calling on African governments to protect and promote human rights through internet freedom and digital inte-

gration for all citizens across the continent of Africa; H. Res. 1150, urging the Government of Côte d’Ivoire, opposition leaders, and all citizens to respect democratic principles, refrain from violence, and hold free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections in October 2020; H. Res. 1145, condemning the poisoning of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny and calling for a robust United States and international response; H.R. 4326, the “Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Act”; H.R. 7954, the “Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2020”; and H.R. 8438, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Proposals to Strengthen the Antitrust Laws and Restore Competition Online”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5986, the “Environmental Justice for All Act”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unsustainable Drug Prices: Testimony from the CEOs, Part II”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members’ Day Hearing on Proposed Rules Changes for the 117th Congress” [Original Jurisdiction Hearing], 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations, hearing entitled “Preventing Fraud and Abuse of PPP and EIDL: An Update with the SBA Office of Inspector General and Government Accountability Office”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Webex.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Creating a Climate Resilient America: Strengthening the U.S. Financial System and Expanding Economic Opportunity”, 1:30 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, October 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, October 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4653, Healthcare Protections at 1 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 925—North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act.

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