

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7379–S7432

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4997–5010, and S. Res. 799. **Pages S7422–23**

Measures Reported:

S. 2610, to reauthorize certain programs under the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs of the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–310)

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Measures Passed:

Duck Boat Safety Enhancement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1031, to implement recommendations related to the safety of amphibious passenger vessels, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7393–95**

Hawley Amendment No. 2698, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7394–95**

Purple Book Continuity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1520, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the publication of a list of licensed biological products, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7396–97**

Cornyn (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2699, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7396–97**

Organization of American States Legislative Engagement Act: Senate passed S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7397–98**

Cornyn (for Wicker/Cardin) Amendment No. 2700, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7397–98**

National Impaired Driving Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 799, designating December 2020 as “National Impaired Driving Prevention Month”. **Page S7430**

“Six Triple Eight” Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 633, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women’s Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the “Six Triple Eight”, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7430–31**

Murkowski (for Moran) Amendment No. 2702, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7430–31**

Margaret Cochran Corbin Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System: Senate passed 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”, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7431**

Murkowski (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2703, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7431**

Staff Sergeant Alexander W. Conrad Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7431**

Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7431**

Drone Advisory Committee for the 21st Century Act: Senate passed S. 2730, to establish and ensure

an inclusive and transparent Drone Advisory Committee, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7431–32**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

Pages S7381–93, S7395–96, S7398–S7416

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, December 11, 2020. **Page S7432**

House Messages:

Great Lakes Environmental Sensitivity Index Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1342, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes. **Page S7397**

Travis W. Atkins Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 900, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bozeman, Montana, as the “Travis W. Atkins Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. **Page S7431**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. **Page S7432**

Messages from the House: **Page S7421**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COVID–19 VACCINE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine the logistics of transporting a COVID–19 vaccine, after receiving testimony from Rachel L. Levine, Pennsylvania Department of Health Secretary, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Richard W. Smith, FedEx Express, Memphis, Tennessee; and Wes Wheeler, UPS Healthcare, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

STOP ACT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine combatting the opioid crisis, focusing on oversight of the implementation of the STOP Act, after receiving testimony from Eric Green, Director, Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; Robert Cintron, Vice President, Logistics, United States Postal Service; and Thomas F. Overacker, Executive Director, Cargo and Conveyance Security, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Charles Edward Atchley, Jr., and Katherine A. Crytzer, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Joseph Dawson III, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Zachary N. Somers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business in crisis, focusing on the 2020 Paycheck Protection Program and its future, including S. 4818, to provide assistance to small businesses affected by COVID–19, S. 3814, to establish a loan program for

businesses affected by COVID-19 and to extend the loan forgiveness period for paycheck protection program loans made to the hardest hit businesses, and S. 4227, to improve access to economic injury disaster loans and emergency advances under the CARES Act, after receiving testimony from Douglas

Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Dafina Williams, Opportunity Finance Network, both of Washington, D.C.; Thomas G. Zernick, First Home Bank, St. Petersburg, Florida; and Iman McFarland, 21st Century Expo Group, Inc., Capitol Heights, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 8931–8951; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1256–1260, were introduced. **Pages H7147–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7148–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5001, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to clarify that the definition of a debt collector includes, in all cases, a person in a business the principal purpose of which is the enforcement of security interests, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–638); and

Supplemental report on H.R. 5828, to support remediation of illicit cross-border tunnels, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–471, Part 2).

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

Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act: S. 906, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 283 yeas to 105 nays, Roll No. 242; **Pages H7115–18, H7126–27**

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to develop a plan for the removal of the monument to Robert E. Lee at the Antietam National Battlefield: H.R. 970, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop a plan for the removal of the monument to Robert E. Lee at the Antietam National Battlefield; **Pages H7118–19**

Preserving United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen: H.R. 1240, amended, to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen; **Pages H7119–21**

Directing the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to study the effects of drone incursions on wildfire suppression: H.R. 5040, amended, to direct the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-

agement to study the effects of drone incursions on wildfire suppression, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 243;

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Modifying the boundary of the Rocky Mountain National Park: H.R. 5458, to modify the boundary of the Rocky Mountain National Park;

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Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to correct a land ownership error within the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park: H.R. 5459, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to correct a land ownership error within the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park;

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Expanding the boundary of Saguario National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the park: H.R. 7098, amended, to expand the boundary of Saguario National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the park;

Pages H7124–25

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To expand the boundary of Saguario National Park, to authorize a study of additional land for potential inclusion in the park, and for other purposes.”; and

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Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service for the construction of rail and other infrastructure: H.R. 7489, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service for the construction of rail and other infrastructure. **Pages H7125–26**

Securing America’s Ports Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendments to 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. **Pages H7128–29**

Permission to File Report: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5828, to support remediation of illicit cross-border tunnels. **Page H7129**

Designating room H–150 of the United States Capitol as “The Joseph H. Rainey Room” to honor the historic life, career, and legacy of Representative Joseph Rainey of South Carolina on the 150th anniversary of his seating as a member of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1253, designating room H–150 of the United States Capitol as “The Joseph H. Rainey Room” to honor the historic life, career, and legacy of Representative Joseph Rainey of South Carolina on the 150th anniversary of his seating as a member of the House of Representatives. **Pages H7129–30**

Correcting the enrollment of S. 1869: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 51, correcting the enrollment of S. 1869. **Page H7130**

Orange Book Transparency Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1503, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act regarding the list under section 505(j)(7) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. **Pages H7130–31**

Safeguarding Therapeutics Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to 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. **Page H7131**

Amending title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 8906, to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care. **Page H7131**

Scarlett’s Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 1130, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, as amended by Representative Dingell. **Pages H7132–33**

Honoring Rosalynn Smith Carter’s 50 years of mental health advocacy: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1181, honoring Rosalynn Smith Carter’s 50 years of mental health advocacy, as amended by Representative Dingell. **Pages H7133–34**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Walnut Street in Bordentown, New Jersey, as the “Clara Barton Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Walnut Street in Bordentown, New Jersey, as the “Clara Barton Post Office Building”. **Pages H7134–35**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 476 East Main Street in Galesburg, Illinois, as the “Senior Airman Daniel Miller Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5123, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 476 East Main Street in Galesburg, Illinois, as the “Senior Airman Daniel Miller Post Office Building”. **Page H7135**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 599 East Genesee Street in Fayetteville, New York, as the “George H. Bacel Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 599 East Genesee Street in Fayetteville, New York, as the “George H. Bacel Post Office Building”. **Page H7135**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4650 East Rosedale Street in Fort Worth, Texas, as the “Dionne Phillips Bagsby Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5562, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4650 East Rosedale Street in Fort Worth, Texas, as the “Dionne Phillips Bagsby Post Office Building”. **Page H7135**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1, in Wilmington, Delaware, as the “Mary Ann Shadd Cary Post Office”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1, in Wilmington, Delaware, as the “Mary Ann Shadd Cary Post Office”. **Page H7135**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4150 Chicago Avenue in Riverside, California, as the “Woodie Rucker-

Hughes Post Office Building”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4150 Chicago Avenue in Riverside, California, as the “Woodie Rucker-Hughes Post Office Building”. **Page H7135**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14955 West Bell Road in Surprise, Arizona, as the “Marc Lee Memorial Post Office Building””: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6016, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14955 West Bell Road in Surprise, Arizona, as the “Marc Lee Memorial Post Office Building”. **Pages H7135–36**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1585 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, as the “J. Howard Coble Post Office Building””: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6161, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1585 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, as the “J. Howard Coble Post Office Building”. **Page H7136**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 509 Fairhope Avenue in Fairhope, Alabama, as the “William ‘Jack’ Jackson Edwards III Post Office Building””: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6418, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 509 Fairhope Avenue in Fairhope, Alabama, as the “William ‘Jack’ Jackson Edwards III Post Office Building”. **Page H7136**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 James Street in Reidsville, Georgia, as the “Senator Jack Hill Post Office Building””: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7088, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 James Street in Reidsville, Georgia, as the “Senator Jack Hill Post Office Building”. **Page H7136**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 16th Street in Clarinda, Iowa, as the “Jessie Field Shambaugh Post Office Building””: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7502, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 16th Street in Clarinda, Iowa, as the “Jessie Field Shambaugh Post Office Building”. **Page H7136**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3519 East Walnut Street in Pearland, Texas, as the “Tom Reid Post Of-

fce Building””: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7810, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3519 East Walnut Street in Pearland, Texas, as the “Tom Reid Post Office Building”. **Page H7136**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4755 Southeast Dixie Highway in Port Salerno, Florida, as the “Joseph Bullock Post Office Building””: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 8611, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4755 Southeast Dixie Highway in Port Salerno, Florida, as the “Joseph Bullock Post Office Building”. **Pages H7136–37**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the “Einar ‘Sarge’ H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building””: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 3257, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the “Einar ‘Sarge’ H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Page H7137**

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 take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 3461, 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”. **Page H7137**

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 take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 3462, 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”. **Page H7137**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 104 East Main Street in Port Washington, Wisconsin, as the “Joseph G. Demler Post Office””: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 4126, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 104 East Main Street in Port Washington, Wisconsin, as the “Joseph G. Demler Post Office”. **Page H7137**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 Arapahoe Street in Thermopolis, Wyoming, as the “Robert L. Brown Post Office””: The House agreed to take

from the Speaker's table and pass S. 4684, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 Arapahoe Street in Thermopolis, Wyoming, as the "Robert L. Brown Post Office".

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2126–27 and H2127–28.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TAIWAN AND THE UNITED STATES: ENDURING BONDS IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled "Taiwan and the United States: Enduring Bonds in the Face of Adversity". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ELEMENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "The Elements of Presidential Transitions". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, December 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1:30 p.m., Monday, December 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6395, National Defense Authorization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 10:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1:30 p.m.

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