

Friday, December 11, 2020

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 6395, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate passed H.R. 8900, Further Continuing Appropriations Act.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7433–S7451*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 5011–5014, and S. Res. 800.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Further Continuing Appropriations Act:** Senate passed H.R. 8900, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

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**TRANSPLANT Act:** Senate passed H.R. 4764, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2704, in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Conference Reports:

**National Defense Authorization Act:** By 84 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 264), Senate agreed to 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.

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

By 84 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 263), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill.

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#### House Messages:

**HBCU PARTNERS Act:** Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 461, to strengthen the capacity and competitiveness of historically Black col-

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leges and universities through robust public-sector, private-sector, and community partnerships and engagement.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senior Senator from Alaska and the Senior Senator from Nebraska be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Friday, December 11, 2020.

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**Kirsch II Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, December 11, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 14, 2020.

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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.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 14, 2020; and that the cloture motions filed on Friday, December 11, 2020, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 14, 2020.

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**Crytzer Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Pages S7434–35**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7434**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7434**

Messages from the House: **Pages S7445–46**

Measures Referred: **Page S7447**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—264) **Pages S7437, S7442–43**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:22 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7451.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
3 p.m., Monday, December 14

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
1:30 p.m., Monday, December 14

House Chamber

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



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