

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, adjudged former President Donald John Trump not guilty as charged in Impeachment Article I, Incitement of Insurrection against the government of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S717–S746

Measures Introduced: Five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. Res. 58–62. Page S743

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 58, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S. Res. 59, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 60, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Page S743

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Life of George Pratt Shultz: Senate agreed to S. Res. 61, honoring the life, achievements, and legacy of the Honorable George Pratt Shultz. Page S739

Congratulating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 62, congratulating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the loyal fans of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, for becoming Super Bowl LV champions. Page S739

Impeachment of Former President Trump: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the Article of Impeachment against Donald John Trump, former President of the United States, taking the following actions: Pages S717–34

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 58), Senate agreed that it be in order to consider and debate any motion to subpoena witnesses or documents. Page S719

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate dispense with the provisions of section 8(a) of S. Res. 47, to provide for related procedures concerning the article of impeachment

against Donald John Trump, former President of the United States, and that the materials submitted by both parties be admitted into evidence, subject to the provisions of Section 8(c) of S. Res. 47, which provides that the admission of this evidence does not constitute a concession by either party as to the truth of the matters asserted by the other party, and that each Senator shall decide for him and herself the weight to be given such evidence. Page S719

Article I, Incitement of Insurrection against the government of the United States. (Vote No. 59). 57 guilty, 43 not guilty, two-thirds of the Senators present not having pronounced him guilty, the Senate adjudges that Donald John Trump, former President of the United States, is not guilty as charged in this article. Page S733

The Senate, having tried Donald John Trump, former President of the United States, upon one article of impeachment exhibited against him by the House of Representatives, and two-thirds of the Senators present not having found him guilty of the charge contained therein: it is, therefore, ordered and adjudged that the said Donald John Trump be, and he is hereby, acquitted of the charge in said article. Page S733

Ordered, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to communicate to the Secretary of State, as provided by Rule XXIII of the Rules of Procedure and Practice in the Senate When Sitting on Impeachment Trials, and also to the House of Representatives, the judgment of the Senate in the case of Donald John Trump, and transmit a certified copy of the judgment to each. Page S733

The Court of Impeachment adjourned sine die at 3:51 p.m. Pages S733–34

Appointments:

Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 116-283, on behalf of the Republican Leader of the Senate and the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, appointed the following individual as a member of the Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America: Jerry Buchanan of Oklahoma.

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Impeachment Statements—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary be authorized to include statements of Senators explaining their votes, either given or submitted during the legislative sessions of the Senate through March 1, 2021, along with the full record of the Senate's proceedings and the filings by the parties in a Senate document printed under the supervision of the Secretary of the Senate that will complete the documentation of the Senate's handling of these impeachment proceedings.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Friday, February 19, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 10 a.m., and Friday, February 19, 2021 at 10:15 a.m., and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, February 19, 2021, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, February 22, 2021.

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Vilsack Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that

at a time to be determined, on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack, of Iowa, to be Secretary of Agriculture; that there be 20 minutes for debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination.

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Thomas-Greenfield Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of the Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

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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 February 13, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 22, 2021.

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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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Thomas-Greenfield Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

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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 Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of the Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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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 on Monday, February 22, 2021, following the reading of Washington’s Farewell Address, Senate resume consideration of the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for a term of five years.

Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Brian P. McKeon, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

Victoria Nuland, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Julie A. Su, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—59) **Pages S719, S733**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s RECORD on page S746.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 117th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 117th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 9:30 a.m. on Modday, February 15, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Monday, February 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9:30 a.m.



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