

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Forty-six bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1472–1517, S. Res. 210–215, and S. Con. Res. 20–21.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 1029, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve pesticide registration and other activities under the Act, to extend and modify fee authorities, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

Engrossment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, to correct the engrossment of S. 722.

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Countering Iran's Destabilizing Activities Act—

Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to request the return of papers for S. 722, to Provide Congressional Review and to Counter Iranian and Russian Governments' Aggression, from the House of Representatives.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate completes its business today, it 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: Monday, July 3, 2017, at 6 p.m.; and Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 9 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, July 6, 2017, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, July 10, 2017.

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Rao Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Neomi Rao, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

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

By 59 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 155), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 10, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 5:30 p.m.

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Hagerty Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of William Francis Hagerty IV, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Japan.

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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 David C. Nye, of Idaho, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

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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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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, it be in order to move to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Ellen M. Lord, of Rhode Island, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Christopher Campbell, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Peter B. Davidson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

Brenda Burman, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

Douglas W. Domenech, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Jason Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2024.

Luis E. Arreaga, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

Krishna R. Urs, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Jerome M. Adams, of Indiana, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

William J. Emanuel, of California, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2021.

Gerald W. Fauth, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

Joshua A. Deahl, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Susan M. Gordon, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Brendan Carr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2018.

Brendan Carr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2018.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, of Texas, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—155) **Page S3839**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 6 p.m. on Monday, July 3, 2017. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3847.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R.1029, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve pesticide registration and other activities under the Act, to extend and modify fee authorities, with amendments; and

The nomination of J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY IN THE FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine conservation and forestry, focusing on perspectives on the past and future direction for the 2018 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Jimmy Bramblett, Deputy Chief for Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Misty Jones, Director, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, Farm Service Agency, all of the Department of Agriculture; Steven Horning, Horning Farms, Watertown, South Dakota; Paul D. Dees, Delta Wildlife, Stoneville, Mississippi; Barbara Downey, Downey Ranch, Wamego, Kansas, on behalf of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association; Adam Sharp, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, Ohio; Salem G. Saloom, American Forest Foundation and the National Wild Turkey Federation, Brewton, Alabama; Chuck Roady, F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company, Columbia Falls, Montana, on behalf of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition; and Christopher Topik, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia.