

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S507–S526

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2338–2348, and S. Res. 381–383. **Pages S520–21**

Measures Passed:

Veteran PEER Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1873, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S525–26**

McConnell (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1920, to modify the timeline for establishment of the program. **Page S525**

National School Choice Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 381, designating the week of January 21 through January 27, 2018, as "National School Choice Week". **Page S526**

National Catholic Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 382, supporting the contributions of Catholic schools. **Page S526**

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, January 29, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2311, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided in the usual form; and notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during Wednesday, January 24, 2018 session ripen in the order filed at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 29, 2018. **Page S526**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 89 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 24), R.D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. **Pages S508–16, S526**

Jonathan H. Pittman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years. **Pages S518, S526**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rohit Chopra, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 2012.

Noah Joshua Phillips, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2016.

Joseph Simons, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2017.

Christine S. Wilson, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 2011.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—24) **Page S516**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:01 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S526.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,056 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global challenges and United States national security strategy, after receiving testimony from Henry A. Kissinger, Kissinger Associates, and George P. Shultz, Stanford University Hoover Institution, both a former Secretary of State, and Richard L. Armitage, Armitage International, former Deputy Secretary of State, all of Washington, D.C.

CFIUS REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States reform, focusing on Administration perspectives on the essential elements, including S. 2098, to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to more effectively guard against the risk to the national security of the United States posed by certain types of foreign investment, and S. 1983, to establish a process to review foreign investment to determine the economic effect of the investment on the United States, after receiving testimony from Heath P. Tarbert, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Richard E. Ashooh, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; and Eric D. Chewning, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy.

WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Wireless Emergency Alert system, after receiving testimony from Lisa M. Fowlkes, Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Scott Bergmann, CTIA, and Sam Matheny, National Association of Broadcasters, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Lisenco, ARRL, Newington, Connecticut.

COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine combating the opioid crisis, focusing on exploiting vulnerabilities in international mail, after receiving testimony from Joseph Murphy, International Postal Policy Unit

Chief, Bureau of International Organizations, Department of State; Robert Cintron, Vice President, Network Operations, William Siemer, Acting Deputy Inspector General, and Guy Cottrell, Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Inspection Service, all of the United States Postal Service; Todd C. Owen, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, and Gregory C. Nevano, Deputy Assistant Director, Illicit Trade, Travel, and Finance Division, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Daniel D. Baldwin, Section Chief, Office of Global Enforcement, Asia and Africa, Operations Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on access and innovation, after receiving testimony from Joe May, Dallas County Community College District, Dallas, Texas; Donna Linderman, City University of New York, New York; Barbara Brittingham, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, Burlington, Massachusetts, on behalf of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; Deborah Bushway, Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, Minnesota; and Mike Larsson, Match Beyond, Boston, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Frank T. Brogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Nelson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights: Senators Lee (Chair), Grassley, Hatch, Graham, Tillis, Klobuchar, Leahy, Blumenthal, and Booker.

Subcommittee on the Constitution: Senators Cruz (Chair), Cornyn, Crapo, Sasse, Graham, Kennedy, Hirono, Durbin, Whitehouse, Coons, and Harris.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism: Senators Graham (Chair), Grassley, Hatch, Cornyn, Cruz, Sasse, Kennedy, Whitehouse, Feinstein, Durbin, Klobuchar, Coons, and Booker.