

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Gina Haspel, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2735–S2780

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2872–2885, and S. Res. 515–516. **Page S2773**

Measures Passed:

National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System Act: Senate passed S. 346, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2776–78**

McConnell (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2252, to modify the authorization of appropriations. **Pages S2777–78**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 60, providing for the reappointment of Barbara M. Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S2778**

70th Anniversary of the Reactivation in 1948 of the 3d Infantry Regiment: Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, honoring the 70th anniversary of the reactivation in 1948 of the 3d Infantry Regiment of the United States Army. **Page S2778**

National Physical Education and Sport Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 516, designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2018, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”. **Page S2778**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution: By 21 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate rejected Paul motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 36, a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the

United States Government for fiscal year 2019 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2020 through 2028. **Pages S2736–48**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2735**

House Messages:

Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2761–62, S2762–68**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S2761**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2246 (to the House Amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S2761**

McConnell Amendment No. 2247 (to Amendment No. 2246), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2761**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2248, to change the enactment date. **Pages S2761–62**

McConnell Amendment No. 2249 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2248), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2762**

McConnell Amendment No. 2250 (to Amendment No. 2249), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2762**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, 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 Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Pages S2778–79**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2761**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the House message to accompany the bill be at 5 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2018.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a social security totalization agreement with Iceland, titled “Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Iceland” and the accompanying legally binding administrative arrangement titled “Administrative Arrangement between the Competent Authorities of the United States of America and Iceland for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Iceland”; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–38) **Page S2772**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a social security totalization agreement with Slovenia, titled “Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia” and the accompanying legally binding administrative arrangement titled “Administrative Arrangement between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Republic Slovenia”; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–39)

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Baiocco Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Page S2761**

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 Thursday, May 17, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2018. **Page S2761**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2761**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2761**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2018; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Thursday, May 17, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 2018. **Pages S2778–79**

McWilliams Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S2762**

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 House message to accompany S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks. **Page S2762**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2762**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2762**

McWilliams Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S2762**

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 Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S2762**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2762**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2762**

Evans Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Department of State. **Page S2762**

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 Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to

be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Page S2762**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2762**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2762**

Montgomery Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and that there be four hours of debate, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 101), Gina Haspel, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. **Pages S2735, S2748–61**

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

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 100), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2735, S2748–60**

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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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

67 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S2772–73**

Measures Referred: **Page S2773**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S2742, S2773**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S2773**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2770–72**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S2776**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2776**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—101) **Pages S2747, S2760–61**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2778–79.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, and General David L. Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Norman Sharpless, Director, National Cancer Institute, Walter Koroshetz, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, and Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, all of the National Institutes of Health.

APPROPRIATIONS: FCC AND FTC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Joseph Simons, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: