

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2, Agriculture and Nutrition Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4689–S4821

Measures Introduced: Thirty bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3153–3182, and S. Res. 558–568. **Pages S4733–35**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019”. (S. Rept. No. 115–288)

S. 3158, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. (S. Rept. No. 115–289)

S. 3159, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. (S. Rept. No. 115–290)

H.R. 3776, to support United States international cyber diplomacy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2779, to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3153, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page S4731**

Measures Passed:

KIWI Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2245, to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E–1 and E–2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4700–01**

Agriculture and Nutrition Act: By 86 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 143), Senate passed H.R. 2, to pro-

vide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, June 28, 2018, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Page S4709**

Adopted:

Roberts (for Isakson) Amendment No. 3348 (to Amendment No. 3224), to modify the provision relating to economic adjustment assistance for upland cotton users, to provide payments for losses relating to peach and blueberry crops, and the strike the provision relating to the use of the Commodity Credit Corporation. **Pages S4713–14**

Roberts (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3346 (to Amendment No. 3224), to provide that research extension grants may be made for the purposes of researching hop plant health. **Pages S4713–14**

Roberts (for Enzi/Wyden) Amendment No. 3181 (to Amendment No. 3224), to improve the Rural Energy for America Program. **Pages S4713–14**

Roberts (for King/Collins) Amendment No. 3221 (to Amendment No. 3224), to provide for a report on funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and other extension programs. **Pages S4713–14**

Roberts (for Gillibrand/Toomey) Amendment No. 3390 (to Amendment No. 3224), to prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption. **Pages S4713–14**

Roberts (for Heinrich/Udall) Amendment No. 3287 (to Amendment No. 3224), to modify the study of marketplace fraud of traditional foods. **Pages S4713–14**

Roberts (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3364 (to Amendment No. 3224), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out programs in Cuba in contravention of the National Security Presidential Memorandum prohibiting transactions with entities owned, controlled, or operated by or on behalf of military intelligence or security services of Cuba. **Pages S4713–14**

Roberts (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 3303 (to Amendment No. 3224), to ensure that the Secretary of Agriculture enforces certain Buy American requirements with respect to fish harvested with United States waters. **Pages S4713–15**

Roberts (for Hirono) Amendment No. 3321 (to Amendment No. 3224), to provide additional assistance under the non-insured crop assistance program for certain producers. **Pages S4713–15**

Roberts (for Cortez Masto/Portman) Amendment No. 3388 (to Amendment No. 3224), to establish the Council on Rural Community Innovation and Economic Development. **Pages S4713–15**

Roberts (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3389 (to Amendment No. 3224), to reauthorize the rural emergency medical services training and equipment assistance program under section 330J of the Public Health Service Act. **Pages S4713–15**

Roberts (for Brown) Amendment No. 3323 (to Amendment No. 3224), to add a provision relating to extension and agricultural research at 1890 land-grant colleges. **Pages S4713–16**

Roberts (for Cantwell/Murkowski) Amendment No. 3365 (to Amendment No. 3224), to avert the waiving of liability for a utility whose line clearing work ignites a wildfire. **Pages S4713–14, S4716**

Roberts (for Moran) Amendment No. 3171 (to Amendment No. 3224), to include a provision on requirements for the calculation of a separate actual crop revenue and agriculture risk coverage guarantee for irrigated and nonirrigated covered commodities. **Pages S4713–14, S4716**

Roberts (for Thune/Brown) Amendment No. 3371 (to Amendment No. 3224), to provide that producers may change their election to participate in agriculture risk coverage or price loss coverage in the 2021 crop year. **Pages S4713–14, S4716**

McConnell (for Thune) Amendment No. 3134 (to Amendment No. 3224), to modify conservation reserve program provisions. **Pages S4714, S4716**

Roberts Amendment No. 3224, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4714, S4716–17**

Rejected:

Kennedy Amendment No. 3383 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3224), to provide for certain work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents and to require State agencies to operate a work activation program for eligible participants in the supplemental nutrition assistance program. (By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 141), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4707–09**

By 38 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 142), Roberts (for Lee) Amendment No. 3074 (to Amendment No. 3224), to prohibit certain practices relating to certain commodity promotion programs and require

greater transparency by those programs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4714, S4716**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on Roberts Amendment No. 3224 (listed above), be withdrawn. **Page S4714**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn. **Pages S4713–14**

Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4771–S4807**

McConnell (for Udall) Amendment No. 3392, of a perfecting nature. **Page S4807**

Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office: Senate passed S. 2549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office”. **Page S4807**

Stanley Michels Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2692, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4558 Broadway in New York, New York, as the “Stanley Michels Post Office Building”. **Pages S4807–08**

Marvin Gaye Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1496, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3585 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Marvin Gaye Post Office”. **Page S4808**

Lance Corporal Jordan S. Basteen Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2673, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Broadway Street in Pekin, Illinois, as the “Lance Corporal Jordan S. Basteen Post Office”. **Page S4808**

U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3183, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13683 James Madison Highway in Palmyra, Virginia, as the “U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office”. **Page S4808**

J. Elliott Williams Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4301, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 Tom Hall Street in Fort Mill, South Carolina, as the “J. Elliott Williams Post Office Building”. **Page S4808**

Tuskegee Airmen Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4406, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 Macombs Place in New York, New York, as the “Tuskegee Airmen Post Office Building”.
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Mabel Lee Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4463, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Doyers Street in New York, New York, as the “Mabel Lee Memorial Post Office”.
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Bloomingtondale Veterans Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4574, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West Schick Road in Bloomingtondale, Illinois, as the “Bloomingtondale Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”.
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Lance Corporal Thomas E. Rivers, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4646, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1900 Corporate Drive in Birmingham, Alabama, as the “Lance Corporal Thomas E. Rivers, Jr. Post Office Building”.
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First Sergeant P. Andrew McKenna Jr. Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4685, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 515 Hope Street in Bristol, Rhode Island, as the “First Sergeant P. Andrew McKenna Jr. Post Office”.
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Maurice D. Hinchey Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 Market Street in Saugerties, New York, as the “Maurice D. Hinchey Post Office Building”.
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Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4840, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 East Franklin Street in Oviedo, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Alwyn Crendall Cashe Post Office Building”.
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American Homebrewers Association 40th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 567, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the American Homebrewers Association.
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Great Outdoors Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 568, designating June 2018 as “Great Outdoors Month”.
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Hydropower Approvals: Senate passed S. 724, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize authorizations for necessary hydropower approvals, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:
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McConnell Amendment No. 3391, to include a provision relating to the payment of annual charges.
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Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project Boundary Correction Act: Senate passed H.R. 219, to correct the Swan Lake hydroelectric project survey boundary and to provide for the conveyance of the remaining tract of land within the corrected survey boundary to the State of Alaska.
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Hydroelectric Project Expansion: Senate passed H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project.
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Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed S. 215, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska.
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Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed S. 490, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.
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Cannonsville Dam Project: Senate passed H.R. 2292, to extend a project of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission involving the Cannonsville Dam.
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Hydroelectric Project Deadline Extension: Senate passed H.R. 951, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.
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Hydroelectric Project Deadline Extension: Senate passed H.R. 446, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.
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Hydroelectric Project Deadline Extension: Senate passed H.R. 447, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.
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Jennings Randolph Dam Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed H.R. 2122, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Jennings Randolph Dam.
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Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act: Senate passed H.R. 5956, to incentivize the hiring of United States workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
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Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Act: Senate passed S. 2559, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the Marrakesh Treaty.

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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: Friday, June 29, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 9 a.m.; Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 1 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, July 5, 2018, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, July 9, 2018.

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Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled (Treaty Doc. 114–6) as amended.

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Bennett Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Jeremy Bennett, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth 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 Thursday, June 28, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 9, 2018.

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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, July 9, 2018; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Thursday, June 28, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 9, 2018.

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Benczkowski Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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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 Mark Jeremy Bennett, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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Ney Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Paul C. Ney, Jr., of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

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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 Brian Allen Benczkowski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Tara Sweeney, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Robin S. Bernstein, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Joseph N. Mondello, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Tibor Peter Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

Gordon D. Sondland, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Harry B. Harris, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Ronald Gidwitz, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

9 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

76 Army nominations in the rank of general.

8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan Ray Shaffer, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

Michael T. Harvey, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—143) **Pages S4709, S4716–17**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4811.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 3158) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019; and

An original bill (S. 3159) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,737 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals to examine corporate governance, including S. 2756, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the regulations of the Commission regarding the qualifications of natural persons as accredited investors, S. 1744, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to amend certain regulations, S. 2499, to require the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority to establish a relief fund to provide investors with the full value of unpaid arbitration awards issued against brokerage firms or brokers regulated by the Authority, S. 536, to promote transparency in the oversight of cybersecurity risks at publicly traded companies, S. 3004, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to exclude privately held, non-custody brokers and dealers that are in good standing from certain requirements under title I of that Act, and H.R. 4015, to improve the quality of proxy advisory firms for the protection of investors and the U.S. economy, and in the public interest, by fostering accountability, transparency, responsiveness, and competition in the proxy advisory firm industry, after receiving testimony from Thomas Quaadman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Damon A. Silvers, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Darla C. Stuckey, Society for Corporate Governance, London, United Kingdom; and John C. Coates IV, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services, and Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, and Patrick J. Urda, of Indiana, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, and Alaina B. Teplitz, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the