

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, page S5315–S5391

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3262–3277, and S. Res. 592–593. **Pages S5360–61**

Measures Passed:

Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Amendment Act: Senate passed S. 2779, to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murkowski (for Flake) Amendment No. 3541, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5320**

East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Senate passed H.R. 4645, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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National Ada Lovelace Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 592, designating October 9, 2018, as “National Ada Lovelace Day” and honoring the life and legacy of Ada Lovelace, the first computer programmer.

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Honoring the Life and Legacy of Grace Hopper: Senate agreed to S. Res. 593, honoring the life and legacy of Grace Hopper, professor, inventor, entrepreneur, business leader, and Rear Admiral of the Navy.

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Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 168), Moran Amendment No. 3433 (to Amendment No.

3399), to prohibit the use of funds to revoke certain exceptions. **Pages S5339–40**

By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 169), Udall Modified Amendment No. 3414 (to Amendment No. 3399), to express the sense of Congress relating to the importance of long-distance passenger rail routes. **Pages S5339–40**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 170), Collins (for Manchin) Amendment No. 3553 (to Amendment No. 3399), to make an amount available for the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence of the Department of the Treasury to investigate the illicit trade of synthetic opioids originating from the People’s Republic of China.

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Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 171), Collins (for Paul) Amendment No. 3543 (to Amendment No. 3399), to reduce the amounts appropriated to comply with the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011. **Pages S5347–52**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 3399, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5316–19, S5320–56**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3399), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5316**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S5358–59**

Measures Referred: **Page S5359**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S5360, S5390**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5357–58**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5374–90**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5390**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—171) **Pages S5340, S5351–52**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5390–91.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RACE TO 5G

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the race to 5G, focusing on exploring spectrum needs to maintain United States global leadership, after receiving testimony from Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA, Dean R. Brenner, Qualcomm Incorporated, and Tom Stroup, Satellite Industry Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Craig Cowden, Charter Communications, Denver, Colorado.

MARS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competiveness concluded a hearing to examine destination Mars, focusing on putting American boots on the surface of the red planet, after receiving testimony from Salvatore T. Bruno, United Launch Alliance, LLC, Centennial, Colorado; Chris Carberry, Explore Mars, Inc., Stafford, Virginia; Dava J. Newman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Peggy Whitson, Spicewood, Texas.

AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine American diplomacy to advance our national security strategy, after receiving testimony from Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1222, to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2465, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program and to provide for sickle cell disease research, surveillance, prevention, and treatment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3016, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking down barriers to care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Maguire, of Florida, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Ellen E. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 6501–6538; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 1026, 1028–1032 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military

construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–874); and

H. Res. 1027, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–875).

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