

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed H.R. 6147, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 5515, John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5527–S5590

Measures Introduced: Thirty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3316–3347, S. Res. 601–605, and S. Con. Res. 42.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota. (S. Rept. No. 115–313)

Report to accompany S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota. (S. Rept. No. 115–314)

Report to accompany H.R. 2897, to authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 115–315)

Report to accompany H.R. 4609, to provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station. (S. Rept. No. 115–316)

H.R. 5772, to designate the J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Courthouse in Amarillo, Texas, as the “J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Mary Lou Robinson United States Courthouse”.

S. 3021, to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse”.

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Measures Passed:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 180), Senate passed H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 83 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 178), Collins (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 3524 (to Amendment No. 3399), to appropriate funds to carry out programs relating to the innovation, process improvement, and marketing of dairy products. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 31, 2018, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

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Shelby Amendment No. 3399, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 176), Collins (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3464 (to Amendment No. 3399), to provide for election security grants. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 31, 2018, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 14 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 177), Collins (for Lee/Booker) Amendment No. 3522 (to Amendment No. 3399), to prohibit the use of funds to enforce standards of identity with respect to certain food. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 31, 2018, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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Collins (for Cruz) Amendment No. 3402 (to Amendment No. 3399), to prohibit the use of funds

to carry out the District of Columbia's health insurance individual mandate. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 179), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Murkowski Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3399), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5538**

Authorizing Document Production by the Select Committee on Intelligence: Senate agreed to S. Res. 604, to authorize document production by the Select Committee on Intelligence in *United States v. Mariia Butina* (D.D.C.). **Pages S5559–60**

National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 2345, to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system. **Page S5560**

Joseph Sanford Jr. Channel: Senate passed S. 1668, to rename a waterway in the State of New York as the "Joseph Sanford Jr. Channel". **Page S5560**

Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program: Senate passed H.R. 6414, to amend title 23, United States Code, to extend the deadline for promulgation of regulations under the tribal transportation self-governance program. **Page S5560**

USS Indianapolis Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2101, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the crew of the USS *Indianapolis*, in recognition of their perseverance, bravery, and service to the United States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5560**

McConnell (for Donnelly/Young) Amendment No. 3688, relating to USS *Indianapolis* statistics. **Pages S5560–61**

United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 2497, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5570**

Gardner (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3690, of a perfecting nature. **Page S5569**

Conference Reports:

John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act: By 87 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 181), Senate

agreed to the conference report to accompany 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. **Page S5543**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S5536**

House Messages:

Agriculture and Nutrition Act—Conferees: Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, July 31, 2018, the Chair appointed the following as conferees on the part of the Senate to H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023: Senators Roberts, McConnell, Boozman, Hoeven, Ernst, Stabenow, Leahy, Brown, and Heitkamp. **Page S5547**

MAIN STREET Cybersecurity Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 770, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate guidance to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks. **Page S5561**

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, August 3, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 10 a.m.; Friday, August 10, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 1 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, it next convene at 12 noon, on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. **Page S5590**

Quattlebaum Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S5559**

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 Wednesday, August 1, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. **Page S5559**

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. **Page S5559**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Wednesday, August 1, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 15, 2018; and that Senate recess following the resumption of the nomination until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meeting. **Page S5590**

Richardson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julius Ness Richardson, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S5559**

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 A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S5559**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5559**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5559**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Emily Coody Marks, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Holly Lou Teeter, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Colm F. Connolly, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Maryellen Noreika, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Jill Aiko Otake, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

Jason Klitenic, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. **Page S5590**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kelvin Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service. **Page S5590**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—181) **Pages S5534–36, S5538, S5543**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5590.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3277, to reduce regulatory burdens and streamline processes related to commercial space activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2242, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect to post-storm assessments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2861, to prosecute, as a Federal crime, the assault or intimidation of a passenger train crew member to the same extent as such actions against aircraft crew members are prosecuted, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3119, to allow for the taking of sea lions on the Columbia River and its tributaries to protect endangered and threatened species of salmon and other nonlisted fish species, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;