

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6041–S6110

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3412–3426, S. Res. 622–624, and S. Con. Res. 45. **Pages S6058–59**

Measures Reported:

S. 1768, to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–336) **Page S6058**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Membership on Certain Committees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 623, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S6100**

Sage-Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Conservation and Restoration Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1417, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop a categorical exclusion for covered vegetative management activities carried out to establish or improve habitat for greater sage-grouse and mule deer, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6102–03**

McConnell (for Hatch/Heinrich) Amendment No. 4012, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6102–03**

Tribal Social Security Fairness Act: Senate passed H.R. 6124, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to authorize voluntary agreements for coverage of Indian tribal council members. **Page S6103**

Great Lakes Environmental Sensitivity Index Act: Senate passed S. 1586, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6103**

Gold Star Families Remembrance Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further

consideration of S. Res. 522, designating the week of September 23 through September 29, 2018 as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6103**

School Bus Safety Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 603, designating September 2018 as "School Bus Safety Month", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6103**

National Child Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 612, designating September 2018 as "National Child Awareness Month" to promote awareness of charities that benefit children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6103–04**

Commemorating Arthur Ashe: Senate agreed to S. Res. 624, commemorating Arthur Ashe, a native of Richmond, Virginia, on the 50th anniversary of his historic win at the 1968 U.S. Open Tennis Championship and honoring his humanitarian contributions to civil rights, education, the movement against apartheid in South Africa, and HIV/AIDS awareness. **Page S6104**

Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 302, to provide protections for certain sports medicine professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6104–05**

McConnell (for Alexander) Amendment No. 4014, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6104–05**

House Messages:

Interior, Environment, Financial Services and General Government, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act: Senate insisted on its amendment

to H.R. 6147, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, agreed to the request for a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Murkowski, Collins, Lankford, Hoeven, Shelby, Hyde-Smith, Udall, Reed, Coons, Merkley, and Leahy. **Page S6101**

Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 6157, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, agreed to the request for a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Shelby, Blunt, Graham, Moran, Durbin, Murray, and Leahy. **Page S6101**

Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act—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 S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees, and that Senator Lee, or his designee, be recognized to call up Amendment No. 4011, and that there be one hour of debate equally divided, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Lee Amendment No. 4011, without intervening action or debate; and that upon disposition of Lee Amendment No. 4011, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended. **Page S6105**

Support for Patients and Communities Act—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 H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and that Senator Alexander, or his designee, be recognized to call up Amendment No. 4013, and that there be one hour of debate, equally divided, and that upon the use or yielding back of that time, Alexander Amendment No. 4013, be agreed to, and Senate vote without intervening action or debate, on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S6105**

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, September 7, 2018 at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. **Page S6105**

Rettig Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury. **Page S6051**

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, September 6, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. **Page S6051**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6051**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6051**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Wednesday, September 12, 2018; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motion on the nomination ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S6105**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Marilyn Jean Horan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6050, S6110**

William F. Jung, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Pages S6050, S6110**

Kari A. Dooley, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Pages S6050, S6110**

By 60 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 203), Dominic W. Lanza, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Pages S6050, S6110**

By 79 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 204), Charles J. Williams, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. **Pages S6050–51, S6110**

Robert R. Summerhays, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Pages S6051, S6110**

Eric C. Tostrud, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S6051, S6110**

Alan D. Albright, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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Michael A. Hammer, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Dereck J. Hogan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Philip S. Kosnett, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Judy Rising Reinke, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Montenegro.

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Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Alaina B. Teplitz, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Shaw McDermott, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2024.

Raymond David Vela, of Texas, to be Director of the National Park Service.

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Dennis Walter Hearne, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Ron A. Bloom, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2020.

Roman Martinez IV, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2024.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—204) Pages S6050, S6051

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:35 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6105.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, AND UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Bureau of Industry and Security, the International Trade Administration, and the United States International Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Richard Ashooh, Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, and Nazak Nikakhtar, Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; and David S. Johanson, Chairman, United States International Trade Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Cotton (Chair), Wicker, Tillis, Sullivan, Cruz, Sasse, Kyl, King, McCaskill, Blumenthal, Donnelly, Warren, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity: Senators Rounds (Chair), Fischer, Perdue, Graham, Sasse, Nelson, McCaskill, Gillibrand, and Blumenthal.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Ernst (Chair), Wicker, Fischer, Perdue, Cruz, Scott, Heinrich, Nelson, Shaheen, and Peters.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Tillis (Chair), Ernst, Graham, Sasse, Gillibrand, McCaskill, and Warren.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Sullivan (Chair), Rounds, Ernst, Perdue, Kaine, Shaheen, and Hirono.