

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 5895, Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6115–S6156

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3427–3439, S. Res. 625–628, and S. Con. Res. 46. **Pages S6142–43**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019”. (S. Rept. No. 115–337)

H.R. 4323, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 4467, to require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies.

H.R. 4559, to conduct a global aviation security review.

S. 2823, to modernize copyright law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6141**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 46, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5895. **Page S6135**

Chinese-American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1050, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6152–53**

Flake (for Duckworth) Amendment No. 4015, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6152–53**

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged

from further consideration of S. Res. 576, designating September 4, 2018, as “National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day”, and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6153**

Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 3029, to revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act), after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Flake (for Alexander) Amendment No. 4016, to modify provisions relating to the interagency working group. **Pages S6154–55**

National Democracy Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 525, designating September 2018 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6155**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 627, designating September 2018 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S6155**

Authorizing Document Production by the SSCI: Senate agreed to S. Res. 628, to authorize document production by the Select Committee on Intelligence in *United States v. Paul J. Manafort, Jr.* (D.D.C.).

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Conference Reports:

Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act: By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No.

207), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

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

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report to accompany 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 Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury.

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

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Support for Patients and Communities Act and Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the orders of Thursday, September 6, 2018, that on Monday, September 17, 2018, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and that the debate time on H.R. 6, and on S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees, run concurrently, be equally divided in the usual form, and be considered expired at 5:30 p.m., and that Senate proceed to votes on or in relation to S. 2554, and H.R. 6, with all other provisions of the previous orders remaining in effect.

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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 session only, with no business being conducted on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 9:45 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, September 13, 2018, it next convene at 2 p.m., on Monday, September 17, 2018.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in the United States elections; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47)

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany U.N. Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade (Treaty Doc. 114–7) (Ex. Rept. 115–7).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 64 yeas 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 206), Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2022.

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

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 205), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Earle D. Litzenberger, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

John Mark Pommersheim, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Austin M. Smith, of South Carolina, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Austin M. Smith, of South Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Steven Gardner, of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, which was sent to the Senate on January 8, 2018.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Rae Oliver, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, which was sent to the Senate on June 25, 2018, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S6156**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—207) **Pages S6132–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6155.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COUNTERING RUSSIA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering Russia, focusing on assessing new tools, including S. 2785, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, after receiving testimony from Leon Aron, American Enterprise Institute, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Center for a New American Security, and Daleep Singh, Atlantic Council, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 6770–6775 and 6777–6792, and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 139, H. Con. Res. 135, and H. Res. 1058 and 1060–1062, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8171–72**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5059, to amend the Home Owners' Loan Act with respect to the registration and supervision of insurance savings and loan holding companies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–937);

H.R. 6316, to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–938);

H.R. 6330, to amend the Small Business Act to modify the method for prescribing size standards for business concerns (H. Rept. 115–939);

H.R. 6347, to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the 7(a) program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–940);

H.R. 6348, to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program to bring them into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–941);

H.R. 6367, to amend the Small Business Act to specify what credit is given for certain subcontractors and to provide a dispute process for non-payment to subcontractors, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–942);

H.R. 6369, to amend the Small Business Act to eliminate the inclusion of option years in the award price for sole source contracts, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–943);

H.R. 6382, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report certain information to the Congress and to the President, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–944);

H.R. 3398, to amend the Real ID Act of 2005 to permit Freely Associated States to meet identification requirements under such Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–945);

H.R. 4431, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for interest payments by agencies in the case of administrative error in processing certain annuity deposits for prior military service (H. Rept. 115–946, Part 1);