

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2554, Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act, as amended.

Senate passed H.R. 6, Opioid Crisis Response Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6159–S6196

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3440–3454, and S. Res. 629–630. **Page S6189**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019”. (S. Rept. No. 115–338)

Report to accompany S. 2823, to modernize copyright law. (S. Rept. No. 115–339) **Page S6188**

Measures Passed:

Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act: By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 209), Senate passed S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6180**

Rejected:

By 11 yeas to 89 nays (Vote No. 208), Alexander (for Lee) Amendment No. 4011, to limit application of the gag clause to self-insured group health plans. **Page S6179**

Opioid Crisis Response Act: By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 210), Senate passed H.R. 6, to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6159–80**

Adopted:

Portman (for Alexander) Amendment No. 4013, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6180**

Women’s Congressional Staff Association: Senate agreed to S. Res. 630, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Women’s Congressional Staff Association. **Page S6194**

Conference Reports:

Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6157, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. **Pages S6180–81**

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 on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. **Page S6181**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. **Page S6194**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Air Force and Army. **Pages S6195–96**

Messages from the House: **Pages S6185–86**

Measures Referred: **Pages S6186–87**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S6187**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S6191–93**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6184–85**

Amendments Submitted: Pages S6193–94

Privileges of the Floor: Pages S6194

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—210) Pages S6179–80

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6194.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on United States agricultural trade, after receiving testimony from Gregory F. Doud, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and Ted McKinney, Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, and Robert Johansson, Chief Economist, both of the Department of Agriculture.

CBO TRANSPARENCY

Committee on the Budget: On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on transparency at the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

TRANSPORTATION OF TOMORROW

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the transportation of tomorrow, focusing on emerging technologies that will move America, after receiving testimony from Tina Quigley, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas; David S. Sanford, Rolls-Royce Marine North America, Inc., Reston, Virginia; Laurie Tolson, GE Transportation, Chicago, Illinois; and Josh Raycroft, Virgin Hyperloop One, Los Angeles, California.

ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Committee concluded a hearing to examine advanced nuclear technology, focusing on safety and associated benefits of licensing accident tolerant fuels for commercial nuclear reactors, after receiving testimony from Raymond Furstenau, Director of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Tina Taylor, Electric Power Research Institute, Washington, D.C.;

John Williams, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Birmingham, Alabama; and Christina Back, General Atomics, San Diego, California.

EVOLVING THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Committee concluded a hearing to examine evolving threats to the homeland, including S. 2836, to assist the Department of Homeland Security in preventing emerging threats from unmanned aircraft and vehicles, and S. 3085, to establish a Federal Acquisition Security Council and to provide executive agencies with authorities relating to mitigating supply chain risks in the procurement of information technology, after receiving testimony from Scott A. McBride, Infrastructure Security Manager, National and Homeland Security, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Kevin Mandia, FireEye, Inc., Milpitas, California; Cathy L. Lanier, National Football League, New York, New York; and Jennifer Bisceglie, Interos Solutions, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Portman (Chair), Lankford, Paul, Daines, Kyl, Carper, Heitkamp, Peters, and Hassan.

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management: Senators Paul (Chair), Lankford, Enzi, Hoeven, Peters, Harris, and Jones.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management: Senators Lankford (Chair), Portman, Enzi, Daines, Kyl, Heitkamp, Carper, Hassan, and Harris.

Senators Johnson and McCaskill are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.2961, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S.3354, to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act;

S.3170, to amend title 18, United States Code, to make certain changes to the reporting requirement of certain service providers regarding child sexual exploitation visual depictions; and

The nominations of Ryan Douglas Nelson, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Richard J. Sullivan, of New York, to