

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6969–S7066

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and eighteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3628–3655, S. Res. 688–703, and S. Con. Res. 51–52. **Pages S7050–52**

Measures Reported:

S. 2062, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey at market value certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–366)

S. 2297, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land to Custer County, South Dakota, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–367)

S. 2831, to redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site and to establish the Transcontinental Railroad Network, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–368)

H.R. 132, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and appurtenances of the Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma, to the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District. (S. Rept. No. 115–369)

H.R. 4895, to establish the Medgar Evers Home National Monument in the State of Mississippi, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–370)

S. 2876, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail. (S. Rept. No. 115–371)

Report to accompany S. 593, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States. (S. Rept. No. 115–372)

S. 685, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–373) **Page S7050**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, to correct the enrollment of S. 140. **Page S7019**

Small Business Saturday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 692, recognizing November 24, 2018, as “Small Business Saturday” and celebrating the vital role of small businesses, along with the efforts of the Small Business Administration, to help people in the United States start, build, and grow businesses. **Pages S7062–63**

Women’s Business Ownership Act: Senate agreed to S. Res. 693, celebrating October 25, 2018, as the 30th anniversary of the passage of the Women’s Business Ownership Act of 1988, while commending the unique entrepreneurial spirit shared by women small business owners of the United States. **Pages S7062–63**

Condemning the Horrific, anti-Semitic Attack at a Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Senate agreed to S. Res. 694, condemning the horrific, anti-Semitic attack at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, expressing support and prayers for all those affected by the tragedy, and applauding the dedication and bravery of law enforcement and emergency response officials in responding to the attack. **Pages S7062–63**

National Apprenticeship Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 695, designating the week beginning November 12, 2018, as “National Apprenticeship Week”. **Pages S7062–63**

Permitting Charitable Collections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 696, permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings. **Pages S7062–63**

National College Application Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 697, designating November 2018 as “National College Application Month”. **Pages S7062–63**

National Bison Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 698, designating November 3, 2018, as National Bison Day. **Pages S7062–63**

Drive Safer Sunday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 699, designating November 25, 2018, as “Drive Safer Sunday”. **Pages S7062–63**

Relative to the Death of the Honorable Walter “Dee” Huddleston: Senate agreed to S. Res. 700, relative to the death of the Honorable Walter “Dee” Huddleston, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. **Pages S7062–63**

National GIS Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 701, designating November 15, 2018, as “National GIS Day”. **Pages S7062–63**

Private Henry Svebla Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 3209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 413 Washington Avenue in Belleville, New Jersey, as the “Private Henry Svebla Post Office Building”. **Page S7063**

Richard W. Williams, Jr., Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office: Senate passed S. 3237, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 12th Street Lobby in Columbus Georgia, as the Richard W. Williams, Jr., Chapter of the Triple Nickles (555th P.I.A.) Post Office, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S7063**

Captain Matthew J. August Post Office: Senate passed S. 3414, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, as the “Captain Matthew J. August Post Office”. **Page S7063**

Arla W. Harrell Post Office: Senate passed S. 3442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 Duff Street in Macon, Missouri, as the “Arla W. Harrell Post Office”. **Page S7063**

Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the “Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building”. **Page S7063**

Mission Veterans Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the “Mission Veterans Post Office Building”. **Page S7063**

Jack H. Brown Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2979, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 390 West 5th Street in San Bernardino, California, as the “Jack H. Brown Post Office Building”. **Page S7063**

Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3230, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center

Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the “Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building”. **Page S7063**

Corporal Jeffrey Allen Williams Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4407, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3s101 Rockwell Street in Warrenville, Illinois, as the ‘Corporal Jeffrey Allen Williams Post Office Building’, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S7063–64**

Wayne K. Curry Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4890, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9801 Apollo Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, as the “Wayne K. Curry Post Office Building”. **Page S7064**

Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4913, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 816 East Salisbury Parkway in Salisbury, Maryland, as the “Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building”. **Page S7064**

Specialist Trevor A. Win’E Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4946, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the “Specialist Trevor A. Win’E Post Office”. **Page S7064**

Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the “Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building”. **Page S7064**

Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5349, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1325 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building”. **Page S7064**

Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4801 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the “Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building”. **Page S7064**

Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5737, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the “Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office”. **Page S7064**

Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5784, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin, shall be known and designated as the “Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building”. **Page S7064**

Bill Harris Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5868, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 Claremont Avenue in Ashland, Ohio, as the “Bill Harris Post Office”. **Page S7064**

Logan S. Palmer Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5935, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1355 North Meridian Road in Harristown, Illinois, as the “Logan S. Palmer Post Office”. **Page S7064**

Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 6116, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the “Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office”. **Page S7064**

Small Business Administration disaster loans: Senate passed S. 3554, to extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans. **Page S7064**

Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3321, to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden, to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, and to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor all of the women who contributed to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S7064**

McConnell (for Coons) Amendment No. 4061, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7064–65**

McConnell (for Coons) Amendment No. 4062, to amend the title. **Page S7065**

Measures Considered:

Certain Defense Articles and Services to the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain: By 77 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 243), Senate tabled the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 65, relating to the disapproval of the proposed export to the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain of certain defense articles and services. **Pages S7020–27**

House Messages:

Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2152, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography. **Pages S7065–66**

Appointments:

National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115–232, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the Senate and Vice Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, appointed the following individual as a member of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence: Senator Heinrich.

Cyberspace Solarium Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to Public Law 115–232, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission: Senator King (Senate).

Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adoption of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 140, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, with a further amendment; that McConnell (for Thune) Modified Amendment No. 4054, in the nature of a substitute, be further modified with the changes at the desk. **Pages S6973–S7019**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S7066**

John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 3460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 323 East Chapel Hill Street in Durham, North Carolina, as the “John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse”, be discharged from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S7066**

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, November 16, 2018 at 3 p.m.; Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 10 a.m.; Friday, November 23, 2018 at 12 noon; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 23, 2018,

it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, November 26, 2018. **Page S7066**

Vaden Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture. **Page S7035**

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, November 15, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2018. **Page S7035**

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 S7035**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2018, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees; and that the cloture motions filed on Thursday, November 15, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 26, 2018. **Page S7066**

Kelley Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. **Page S7035**

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 Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture. **Page S7035**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7035**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7035**

Farr Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S7036**

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 Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. **Page S7036**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7036**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7036**

Kobes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Page S7036**

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 Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S7036**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7036**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7036**

Kraninger Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Page S7036**

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 Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Page S7036**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7036**

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 244), Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006. **Pages S7027–29**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daniel B. Maffei, of New York, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2022.

L. E. Sola, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia.

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia.

James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Brett P. Giroir, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Lana J. Marks, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Alan R. Swendiman, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. **Page S7066**

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

Mark Montgomery, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on June 20, 2018. **Page S7066**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—244) **Pages S7027, S7029**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Walter “Dee” Huddleston, in accordance with S. Res. 700, at 5:32 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Friday, November 16, 2018. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7066.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL RESERVE’S SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual testimony on the Federal Reserve’s supervision and regulation of the financial system, after receiving testimony from Randal K. Quarles, Vice

Chairman for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy), who was introduced by Senator Risch, Bernard L. McNamee, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, who was introduced by Senator Cruz, and Raymond David Vela, of Texas, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn.

FUNDING NEEDS FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine funding needs for wildlife conservation, recovery, and management, after receiving testimony from John Kennedy, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Cheyenne; Michael McShane, Ducks Unlimited, Johns Island, South Carolina; and Eric Schwaab, Catonsville, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019, and Gail S. Ennis, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Social Security Administration, and Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Richard S. Tischner, of Virginia, to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of and Kim Gaffney, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin, Bradley Jay LaRose, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont, and Douglas J. Strike, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, all of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.