

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7147–S7195

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3662–3674, and S. Res. 710. **Pages S7190–91**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Ensuring Trust: Strengthening State Efforts to Overhaul the Guardianship Process and Protect Older Americans”. (S. Rept. No. 115–392)

S. 1149, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to repeal a provision limiting the export of timber harvested from land conveyed to the Kake Tribal Corporation under that Act. (S. Rept. No. 115–393)

H.R. 3186, to establish an Every Kid Outdoors program. (S. Rept. No. 115–394)

S. 2560, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–395)

S. 2599, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–396)

S. 3247, to improve programs and activities relating to women’s entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3654, to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, to avoid the duplication of public diplomacy programs and efforts, to improve the research and evaluation of public diplomacy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7189**

Measures Passed:

PEPFAR Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 6651, to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally. **Pages S7193–94**

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Recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world: Senate agreed to S. Res. 501, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the Government of the United States to promote democracy and good governance. **Page S7194**

Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 710, supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 25, 2018. **Page S7194**

Measures Considered:

Hostilities in the Republic of Yemen: By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations of S.J. Res. 54, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. **Pages S7155–65**

Appointments:

Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the Public Law 110–298, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Charles Dunne of New York (vice Rick McCubbin of Kentucky). **Page S7194**

Farr Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas Alvin Farr, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Pages S7155, S7165–78**

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

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 249), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7155**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination of Thomas Alvin Farr expire at 12 noon, on Thursday, November 29, 2018; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, of Ohio, to be Director,

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection occur at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, November 29, 2018, and that if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, or of Kathleen Laura Kraninger, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, but not before Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Thomas Alvin Farr, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 29, 2018; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 248), Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—250) **Pages S7155, S7165**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7195.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, Naomi C. Earp, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Scott Hutchins, of

Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CYBER COMMAND AND NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a closed hearing to examine Cyber Command's relationship with the National Security Agency, after receiving testimony from Sherri Ramsay, former Director, NSA/CSS Threat Operations Center, National Security Agency; and Lieutenant General James K. McLaughlin, USAF (Ret.), former Deputy Commander, Cyber Command, and Major General Brett T. Williams, USAF (Ret.), former Director of Operations, Cyber Command, both of the Department of Defense.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing America's surface transportation infrastructure needs, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Robert Lanham, Williams Brothers Construction Co., Inc., Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; and James Corless, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento, California.

ENDING MODERN SLAVERY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the global fight to end modern slavery, after receiving testimony from John Cotton Richmond, Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, Department of State; Natalie Grant, Hope For Justice, Nashville, Tennessee; and Shawna Bader-Blau, Solidarity Center, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3247, to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3654, to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, to avoid the duplication