

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S287–S298*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 173–191, S.J. Res. 4, and S. Res. 20–24. **Pages S292–94**

#### Measures Passed:

**Medicaid Extenders Act:** Senate passed H.R. 259, to extend the Medicaid Money Follows the Person Rebalancing demonstration, to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment. **Page S297**

**Honoring the life of Richard Arvin Overton:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 10, honoring the life of Richard Arvin Overton, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S297**

**Minority party's committee membership:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 21, to constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S297**

#### Measures Considered:

**No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 109, to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions. **Pages S288–92**

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

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 7), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S288**

**Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, January 18, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reau-

thorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people. **Pages S297–98**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas A. Summers, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2020.

Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

Donald W. Washington, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

Greg Girard Guidry, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

James Wesley Hendrix, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Sean D. Jordan, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Peter D. Welte, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. **Page S298**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S292**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S292**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S292**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S294–97**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S297**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—7) **Page S288**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S297–98.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 116th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Airland:* Senators Cotton (Chair), Wicker, Tillis, Sullivan, Cramer, McSally, Scott (FL), King, Blumenthal, Warren, Peters, Duckworth, and Jones.

*Subcommittee on Cybersecurity:* Senators Rounds (Chair), Wicker, Perdue, Scott (FL), Blackburn, Manchin, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, and Heinrich.

*Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities:* Senators Ernst (Chair), Fischer, Cramer, Blackburn, Hawley, Peters, Shaheen, Heinrich, and Hirono.

*Subcommittee on Personnel:* Senators Tillis (Chair), Rounds, McSally, Scott (FL), Gillibrand, Warren, and Duckworth.

*Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support:* Senators Sullivan (Chair), Fisher, Ernst, Perdue, McSally, Blackburn, Kaine, Shaheen, Hirono, Duckworth, and Jones.

*Subcommittee on SeaPower:* Senators Perdue (Chair), Wicker, Cotton, Ernst, Tillis, Hawley, Hirono, Shaheen, Blumenthal, Kaine, and King.

*Subcommittee on Strategic Forces:* Senators Fischer (Chair), Cotton, Rounds, Sullivan, Cramer, Hawley, Heinrich, King, Warren, Manchin, and Jones.

*Senators Inhofe and Reed are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.*

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 56 public bills, H.R. 20, 634–688; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 5; and H. Res. 57–60, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate, Washington, DC.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

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**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Welch, to rank after Representative Heck.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, January 15th.

**Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2019:** H.R. 150, to modernize

Federal grant reporting, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 41.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation:** H.J. Res. 30, disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 362 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 42;

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**Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act:** Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 251, to extend by two years the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To extend by 15 months the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes."

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**Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019:** The House passed H.J. Res. 28, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, by voice vote.

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