

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S725–S754*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 249–268, and S. Res. 34. **Page S742**

**Measures Considered:**

**Strengthening America’s Security in the Middle East Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S725–30, S730–36**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 65, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security. **Pages S732–33**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 65 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, January 31, 2019. **Page S736**

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

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S732**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, for debate only. **Page S754**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S754**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) **Page S732**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S754.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### CHINA AND RUSSIA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine China and Russia, after receiving testimony from Elbridge Colby, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development, and Ely Ratner, former Deputy National Security Advisor to the Vice President, both of the Center for a New American Security; and Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 385 nominations in the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

#### CYBERSECURITY POLICIES AND ARCHITECTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense enterprise-wide cybersecurity policies and architecture, after receiving testimony from Dana Deasy, Chief Information Officer, Vice Admiral Nancy A. Norton, USN, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency, and Commander, Joint Force Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Network, and Brigadier General Dennis A. Crall,