

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S755–S774

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 269–284, and S.J. Res. 7. **Page S769**

Measures Considered:

Strengthening America’s Security in the Middle East Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S756–63**

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. **Page S756**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 31, 2019; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell Amendment No. 65 (listed above), at 3:30 p.m. **Page S773**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark Schultz, of Nebraska, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

10 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

52 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 3:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S773.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 75 public bills, H.R. 7, 860–933; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 36–40; H. Con. Res. 10–11; and H. Res. 89–93, were introduced. **Pages H1331–36**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cárdenas to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1287**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1287, H1317**

Federal Civilian Workforce Pay Raise Fairness Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 790, to provide for a pay increase in 2019 for certain civilian employees of the Federal Government, by a recorded vote of 259 yeas to 161 noes, Roll No. 64.

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Rejected the Brooks (IN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 206 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 63.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–5 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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Agreed to:

Trone amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–5) that ensures all Secret Service employees are included;

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Fletcher amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–5) that includes certain NASA employees; and

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Trahan amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–5) that clarifies the eligibility of any IRS employee for the pay increase (by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 62).

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H. Res. 87, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 790) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 61, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 60.

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Suspensions: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Government shutdowns are detrimental to the Nation and should not occur: H. Res. 79, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Government shutdowns are detrimental to the Nation and should not occur, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 249 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 65.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, January 30th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 4th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 5th for Morning Hour debate.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House

to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Conaway, Turner, Wenstrup, Stewart, Crawford, Stefanik, Hurd (TX), and Ratcliffe.

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Clerk Designation: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1294, H1294–95, H1314, H1315–16, H1316, and H1317. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress, without amendment.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress, as amended; and approved subcommittee membership.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress and Staff Hiring Resolution.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress, as amended.

Joint Meetings

DHS FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.J. Res. 31, making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.