

**Ryder Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. **Page S1365**

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 Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S1365**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1365**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1365**

**Lowry Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, be referred jointly to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page S1374**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 24), William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General. **Pages S1338, S1353, S1397**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1382**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S1382**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**  
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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1384–85**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1379–81**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1391–92**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1392**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—26) **Pages S1353, S1364**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 7 a.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1394.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Owen O. West, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, General Raymond A. Thomas, III, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General Paul M. Nakasone, USA, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bimal Patel, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, and Rodney Hood, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, and Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### ENERGY INDUSTRY CYBERSECURITY EFFORTS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status and outlook for cybersecurity efforts in the energy industry, after receiving testimony from Neil Chatterjee, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Karen S. Evans, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, both of the Department of Energy; Major William J. Keber, West Virginia National Guard's Critical Infrastructure Protection Battalion, Kingwood; James B. Robb, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia; and David Edward Whitehead, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., Pullman, Washington.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 116th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Senators Capito (Chair), Inhofe, Cramer, Braun, Rounds, Sullivan, Boozman, Wicker, Shelby, Cardin,

Sanders, Whitehouse, Merkley, Gillibrand, Booker, Markey, and Van Hollen.

*Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife:* Senators Cramer (Chair), Capito, Braun, Sullivan, Boozman, Wicker, Shelby, Duckworth, Cardin, Sanders, Whitehouse, Merkley, and Van Hollen.

*Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety:* Senators Braun (Chair), Inhofe, Capito, Cramer, Rounds, Sullivan, Boozman, Wicker, Ernst, Whitehouse, Cardin, Sanders, Merkley, Gillibrand, Booker, Markey, and Duckworth.

*Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight:* Senators Rounds (Chair), Inhofe, Shelby, Ernst, Booker, Gillibrand, and Markey.

*Senators Barrasso and Carper serve as ex-officio members of each subcommittee.*

## INTELLIGENCE

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

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 77 public bills, H.R. 1219–1295; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 19 and H. Res. 132–136 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H2035–36**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 131, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 31) making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from February 15, 2019, through February 22, 2019 (H. Rept. 116–10).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**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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**Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Matsui and Roybal-Allard.

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**United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the United

States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Vela.

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**Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts: Representatives Kennedy and Beatty.

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**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Beyer, Heck, Trone, Beatty, and Frankel.

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**United States Holocaust Memorial Council—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Representatives Deutch, Schneider, and Lewis.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

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**Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 31) making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, by a yea-and-nay vote of 300 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 87.

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H. Res. 131, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 31) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 86, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 85.

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