

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1555–S1607

Measures Introduced: Forty-seven bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 592–638, S.J. Res. 9–11, S. Res. 85–91, and S. Con. Res. 6–7.

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Measures Passed:

Lindsborg, Kansas 150th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 43, honoring the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Lindsborg, Kansas, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1606**

Joint Committees on Printing and the Library: Senate agreed to S. Res. 86, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Page S1606**

Printing of Committee Rules: Senate agreed to S. Res. 87, authorizing the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate. **Page S1606**

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 88, designating March 1, 2019, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1606**

Honoring the Memory of the Victims of the Aurora, Illinois Mass Shooting: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, expressing the condolences of the Senate and honoring the memory of the victims of the mass shooting in Aurora, Illinois, on February 15, 2019. **Page S1606**

Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 90, designating February 28, 2019, as “Rare Disease Day”. **Page S1606**

George Herbert Walker Bush Commemorative Document: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 6, authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush. **Page S1605**

Pocket Version of the Constitution of the United States: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 7, authorizing the printing of the 26th edition of the pocket version of the Constitution of the United States.

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House Messages:

Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 483, to enact into law a bill by reference. **Page S1606**

Rushing Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S1570**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 28, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019. **Page S1570**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1570**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 4, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, February 28, 2019 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 4, 2019. **Page S1570**

Readler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S1570–71**

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 Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Page S1571**

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Murphy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S1571**

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 Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S1571**

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Fleming Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. **Page S1571**

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 Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S1571**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 33), Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S1555-68**

John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2021. **Pages S1568-69**

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
22 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1582-83, S1606-07**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1605**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—33) **Page S1568**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1606.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing the Agriculture Improvement Act, after receiving testimony from Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine addressing the opioid epidemic in America, focusing on prevention, treatment, and recovery at the state and local level, after receiving testimony from Mark Stringer, Missouri Department of Mental Health Director, Jefferson City; Beth Tanzman, Department of Vermont Health Access Blueprint for Health Executive Director, Waterbury; Karen Cropsey, University of Alabama, Birmingham; Charissa Fotinos, Health Care Authority, Olympia, Washington; James Berry, West Virginia University, Morgantown; and Daisy Pierce, Navigating Recovery, Laconia, New Hampshire.

NUCLEAR POLICY AND POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear policy and posture, after receiving testimony from Madelyn R. Creedon, former Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Franklin C. Miller, former Special Assistant to the President of the