

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1635–S1669*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 645–667, and S. Res. 93–95. **Pages S1659–60**

#### Measures Passed:

**Gold Star Families Remembrance Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 93, expressing support for the designation of March 2, 2019, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Day”. **Page S1663**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–4) **Page S1657**

**Readler Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S1652–54**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1653**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. **Page S1654**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. **Page S1663**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 35), Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Pages S1635–45, S1645–52, S1669**

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

Andeliz N. Castillo, of New York, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

Brent R. Bunn, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Robert J. Colville, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Timothy J. Downing, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Michael Blaine East, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Stephanie L. Haines, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Matthew H. Solomson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

David Austin Tapp, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

12 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S1668–69**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Calvin R. Tucker, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2023, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019. **Page S1669**

#### Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—36) **Pages S1652–53**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1663.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United States European Command and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Stephen R. Lyons, USA, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### ELECTRICITY SECTOR IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the electricity sector in a changing climate, after receiving testimony from Lisa Jacobson, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, and Joseph T. Kelliher, NextEra Energy, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Kenneth B. Medlock III, Rice University James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Houston, Texas; Ethan Schutt, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; and Susan F. Tierney, Analysis Group, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

### AIR QUALITY AND COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine states' role in protecting

air quality, focusing on principles of cooperative federalism, after receiving testimony from L. David Glatt, North Dakota Department of Health, Bismarck; Becky W. Keogh, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Little Rock; and Craig Holt Segall, California Air Resources Board, Sacramento.

### NORTH KOREA DENUCLEARIZATION EFFORTS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on the status of the North Korea denuclearization effort post-Hanoi from Stephen E. Biegun, Special Representative for North Korea, Department of State.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joseph V. Cuffari, of Arizona, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McCally, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### VACCINES

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine vaccines, focusing on preventable disease outbreaks, after receiving testimony from John Wiesman, Washington State Secretary of Health, Olympia; Saad B. Omer, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Jonathan A. McCullers, University of Tennessee Health Science Center Department of Pediatrics, Memphis; John G. Boyle, Immune Deficiency Foundation, Towson, Maryland; and Ethan Lindenberger, Norwalk, Ohio.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sean D. Jordan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and Mark T. Pittman, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CONCENTRATION AND COMPETITION IN THE U.S. ECONOMY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine concentration and competition in the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Reich, University of California, Berkeley; Joshua D. Wright, Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University Global Antitrust Institute, Arlington, Virginia; John E.