

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 46, National Emergency Declaration.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1855–S1912

Measures Introduced: Sixty-one bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 792–852, and S. Res. 109–119. **Pages S1898–S1900**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 94, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States. (S. Rept. No. 116–8)

Report to accompany S. 310, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act. (S. Rept. No. 116–9) **Page S1897**

Measures Passed:

National Emergency Declaration: By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 49), Senate passed H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. **Pages S1857–82**

National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 113, designating March 25, 2019, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”. **Page S1911**

National Rosie the Riveter Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 114, expressing support for the designation of March 21, 2019, as “National Rosie the Riveter Day”. **Page S1911**

Measures Considered:

Green New Deal—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 8, recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal. **Page S1882**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, 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 Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S1882**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1882**

Supplemental Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. **Pages S1882–91**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, 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 S.J. Res. 8, Green New Deal. **Page S1882**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, March 15, 2019, at 11 a.m.; Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 2:10 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, March 21, 2019, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, March 25, 2019. **Page S1911**

Bade Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S1882**

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, March 14, 2019, a vote on

cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 25, 2019. **Page S1911**

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 S1882**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 25, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, March 14, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 25, 2019. **Page S1911**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Rodney Hood, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2023.

Janice Miriam Hellreich, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022.

Bruce M. Ramer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

William I. Althen, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2024.

Marco M. Rajkovich, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2024.

Arthur R. Traynor III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2022.

Donald W. Washington, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2021.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S1891**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael O. Johanns, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years.

Troy D. Edgar, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2025.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—49) **Page S1882**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:01 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1911.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EBOLA OUTBREAK IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other emerging health threats, after receiving testimony from Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Robert R. Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Rear Admiral R. T. Ziemer, USN (Ret.), Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense

budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Patrick M. Shanahan, Acting Secretary, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and David L. Norquist, Under Secretary (Comptroller), all of the Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Financial Stability Oversight Council nonbank designations, including S. 603, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to consider alternative approaches before determining that a U.S. nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Arlington, Virginia; Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Jeremy C. Kress, University of Michigan Ross School of Business, Ann Arbor.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities to improve access, infrastructure, and permitting for outdoor recreation, after receiving testimony from Whit

Fosburgh, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Washington, D.C.; Daniel Kirkwood, Juneau Economic Development Council, Juneau, Alaska; Jeffrey Todd Lusk, Hatfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority, Man, West Virginia; Sandra F. Mitchell, Idaho Recreation Council, Boise; and Thomas C. O'Keefe, American Whitewater, Seattle, Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 1753–1807; 1 private bill, H.R. 1808; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51; H. Con. Res. 25; and H. Res. 229–241 were introduced.

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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 Carbajal to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress: The

House agreed to H. Con. Res. 24, expressing the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay" and four answering "present", Roll No. 125.

Pages H2723–32

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendments to the concurrent resolution and the preamble printed in H. Rept. 116–17 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 208, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 24) was agreed to yesterday, March 13th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 18th.

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Communication from the Clerk—Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina: Read a letter

from the Clerk wherein she transmitted to the House a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Josh Lawson, General Counsel, North Carolina State Board of Elections, indicating that a special election has been ordered for the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina. **Page H2736**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H2731–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces”. Testimony was heard from William Roper, Assistant Secretary of Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of the Air Force; and Lieutenant General Timothy G. Fay, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration, and Requirements (A5), Department of the Air Force.

MEMBERS DAY HEARING: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Members Day Hearing: Committee on Education and Labor”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Waters, and Representatives Thompson of Pennsylvania, Soto, and Mitchell.

ENHANCING VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT DRUNK DRIVING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Vehicle Technology to Prevent Drunk Driving”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUTTING INVESTORS FIRST? EXAMINING THE SEC’S BEST INTEREST RULE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Putting Investors First? Examining the SEC’s Best Interest Rule”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 920, the “Venezuela Arms Restriction Act”; H.R. 854, the “Humanitarian Assistance to the Venezuelan People Act of 2019”; H.R. 1477, to assess and mitigate threats posed by Russian-Venezuelan security cooperation and for other purposes; and H.R. 1616, the “European Energy Security and Diversification Act of 2019”. H.R. 920, H.R. 854, H.R. 1477, and H.R. 1616 were ordered reported, as amended.

UNMASKING THE HIDDEN CRISIS OF MURDERED AND MISSING INDIGENOUS WOMEN (MMIW): EXPLORING SOLUTIONS TO END THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing entitled “Unmasking the Hidden Crisis of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW): Exploring Solutions to End the Cycle of Violence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEARING WITH COMMERCE SECRETARY WILBUR L. ROSS, JR.

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing with Commerce Secretary Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.”. Testimony was heard from Wilbur L. Ross, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY STEVEN MNUCHIN

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal with U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin”. Testimony was heard from Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Friday, March 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, March 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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