

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2209–S2244*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 997–1025, and S. Res. 140. **Pages S2239–40**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 123, supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and recognizing its 70 years of accomplishments.

S. 862, to repeal the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans. **Page S2234**

**Altman Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

**Pages S2224–25, S2225–29**

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

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 60), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2224–25**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. EX. 61), Senate rejected the ruling of the Chair that the post-cloture time under Rule XXII for all judicial nominations other than Circuit Courts or the Supreme Court of the United States is two hours. Subsequently, Senator McConnell motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was upheld. **Pages S2225–26**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, April 4, 2019. **Page S2226**

**Calabria Nomination—Cloture:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, April 4, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of

Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. **Page S2244**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination: Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

**Pages S2211–24, S2244**

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

By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 58), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2216**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. EX. 59), Senate rejected the ruling of the Chair that the post-cloture time under Rule XXII for all executive branch nominations other than a position at level I of the Executive Schedule under section 5312 of title 5, United States Code, is two hours. Subsequently, Senator McConnell motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was upheld. **Page S2220**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—61) **Pages S2216, S2220, S2224–26**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2244.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Andrew Wheeler, Administrator, and Holly Greaves, Chief Financial Officer, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Raquel Bono, Director, Defense Health Agency, Lieutenant General Nadja West, Surgeon General of the Army, Vice Admiral Forrest Faison, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Dorothy Hogg, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Stacy Cummings, Program Executive Officer of the Defense Healthcare Management Systems, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FEMA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine to examine the proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after receiving testimony from Peter Gaynor, Acting Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Administrator, Charles P. Verdon, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, Brent K. Park,

Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation, and Admiral James F. Caldwell, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Ben Carson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS: SERGEANT AT ARMS AND CAPITOL POLICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Michael Stenger, Sergeant at Arms, United States Senate; and Matthew Verderosa, Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John C. Rood, Under Secretary for Policy, General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, Lieutenant General Samuel A. Greaves, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General James H. Dickinson, USA, Commander, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 151, to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;