

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;

S. 494, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants;

S. 512, to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors;

S. 529, to establish a national program to identify and reduce losses from landslide hazards, to establish a national 3D Elevation Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 542, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions;

S. 881, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events;

S. 877, to prohibit the sale of shark fins;

S. 906, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 908, to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data;

S. 910, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 914, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect to post-storm assessments, and to require the establishment of a National Water Center;

S. 918, to prohibit the President or a Federal agency from constructing, operating, or offering wholesale or retail services on broadband networks without authorization from Congress, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 919, to reduce regulatory burdens and streamline processes related to commercial space activities; and

The nominations of Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be Chairman and a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Joseph Ryan Gruters, of Florida, Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, and Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Heidi R. King, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 23, supporting the goals and ideals of Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction, with an amendment;

S. Res. 27, calling for a prompt multinational freedom of navigation operation in the Black Sea and urging the cancellation of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline;

S. Res. 35, supporting democratic principles and standards in Bolivia and throughout Latin America, with an amendment;

S. Res. 67, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests, with an amendment;

S. Res. 95, recognizing the 198th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States;

S. Res. 96, commending the Government of Canada for upholding the rule of law and expressing concern over actions by the Government of the People's Republic of China in response to a request from the United States Government to the Government of Canada for the extradition of a Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. executive;

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

The nominations of John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, R. Clarke Cooper, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Kenneth S. George, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Brett P. Giroir, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, W. Patrick Murphy, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the

Republic of Uzbekistan, Robert K. Scott, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Keith Krach, of California, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment), United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years, and United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years, David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs), David Stilwell, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs), and Kip Tom, of Indiana, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, all of the Department of State, John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Jane L. Corwin, of New York, Robert C. Sisson, of Michigan, and Lance V. Yohe, of North Dakota, all to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, and Mark Rosen, of Connecticut, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

ENHANCING TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SAFETY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhancing tribal self-governance

and safety of Indian roads, after receiving testimony from Timothy Hess, Associate Administrator, Office of Federal Lands Highway, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Leroy Gishi, Chief of the Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona; and Joe Garcia, Ohkay Owingeh, Owingeh, New Mexico.

WOMEN INVENTORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine women inventors and the future of American innovation, after receiving testimony from Robin L. Rasor, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; Barbara Gault, Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, D.C.; Patricia E. Bath, American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness, Los Angeles, California; and Sandra K. Nowak, 3M Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's Access to Capital programs, after receiving testimony from William M. Manger, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration; Julie Huston, immito, LLC, Denver, Colorado; Patricia Kibbe, Evergreen Business Capital, Seattle, Washington; Robert Villarreal, CDC Small Business Finance, San Diego, California; and Connie Evans, Association for Enterprise Opportunity, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 2043–2078; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 31–32; and H. Res. 285–289 were introduced. **Pages H3066–68**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3069–70**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Kim to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2989**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Jens Stoltenberg,

Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The House reconvened at 12:26 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H2989**

Condemning the Trump Administration's Legal Campaign to Take Away Americans' Health Care: The House agreed to H. Res. 271, condemning the Trump Administration's Legal Campaign to Take Away Americans' Health Care, by a ye-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 186 nays, with one answering "present", Roll No. 146. Consideration began yesterday, April 2nd. **Pages H3002–03**