

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010 with respect to Somalia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-9) **Page S2383**

**Bernhardt Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S2375–76**

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

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 76), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2375**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2019; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S2397**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 70), Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Pages S2350–55, S2398**

By 92 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 71), John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **Pages S2355, S2398**

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 73), Holly A. Brady, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Pages S2355–65, S2398**

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

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 72), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2355**

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 75), David Steven Morales, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S2366–75, S2398**

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

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 74), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2365–66**

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

Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia.

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Page S2398**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019. **Page S2398**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2383**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S2349, S2383**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2392**

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—76) **Pages S2355, S2365, S2366, S2375**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Ernest F. Hollings, of South Carolina, in accordance with S. Res. 155, at 7:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2397.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on child nutrition reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Brandon Lipps, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Kathryn A. Larin, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Joshua Mathiasmeier, Kansas Public Schools, Kansas City; Michael J. Halligan, God’s Pantry Food Bank, Inc., Lexington, Kentucky; Lauren Waits, Atlanta Community Food Bank, Atlanta, Georgia; Kati Wagner, National CACFP Sponsors Association, Round Rock, Texas; and Olanrewaju Falusi, American Academy of Pediatrics, Washington, D.C.

**APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from William P. Barr, Attorney General, and Lee Lofthus, Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Justice.

**APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from General Joseph L. Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Charles D. Luckey, Chief of the Army Reserve, Lieutenant General Richard W. Scobee, Chief of the Air Force Reserve, Vice Admiral Luke M. McCollum, Chief of the Navy Reserve, and Major General Bradley S. James, Commander of the Marine Corps Forces Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

**APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

**APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

*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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of Interior, after receiving testimony from R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and Brenda Burman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Timothy R. Petty, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

**DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization and naval aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Lieutenant General David H. Berger, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Lieutenant General Steven R. Rudder, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters United States Marine Corps, and Rear Admiral Scott D. Conn, USN, Director, Air Warfare, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

**DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE CYBERSECURITY POLICY**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a closed hearing to examine defense industrial base cybersecurity policy, after receiving testimony from Kevin M. Fahey, Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Garry P. Reid, Director for Defense Intelligence (Intelligence and Security), Office of the Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Major General Thomas E. Murphy, USAF, Director, Protecting Critical Technology Task Force, Office of the Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

**BROADBAND MAPPING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine broadband mapping, focusing on challenges and solutions, after receiving testimony from Tim Donovan, Competitive Carriers Association, and Jonathan Spalter, USTelecom, both of Washington, D.C.; Mike McCormick, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Jackson; Mike Oblizalo, Hood Canal Communications, Shelton, Washington; and Chip Strange, Ookla, LLC, Seattle, Washington.

**PIPELINE SAFETY**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine pipeline safety, focusing on Federal oversight and stakeholder perspectives, after receiving testimony from Howard Elliott, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert Sumwalt, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Paul R. Amato, Iroquois Pipeline Operating

Company, Shelton, Connecticut, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America; and Robin Rorick, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.383, to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines;

S.747, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program;

An original bill entitled, “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2019”; and

8 General Services Administration resolutions.

### TAX FILING SEASON

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2019 tax filing season and the 21st century Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State.

### HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on strengthening accountability to protect students and taxpayers, after receiving testimony from Tressie McMillan Cottom, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; Adam Looney, Brookings Institution Center on Regulation and Markets, Washington, D.C.; David A. Tandberg, State Higher Education Executive Officers, Boulder, Colorado; and Belle Wheelan, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Decatur, Georgia.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine building out Indian country, focusing on tools for community development, after receiving testimony from Tara Mac Lean Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Jodie Harris, Director, Community Development Fi-

ancial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury; Henry Childs II, National Director, Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce; Jacki Ponti-Lazaruk, Chief Innovation Officer, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture; and Mark Thompson, Acoma Pueblo, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Indian Pueblos Marketing, Inc.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Portman; and Jeffrey Vincent Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Stephanie L. Haines, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Toomey, and Brantley Starr, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FREE SPEECH

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine free speech, focusing on technological censorship and the public discourse, after receiving testimony from Carlos Monje, Twitter, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Neil Potts, Facebook, Menlo Park, California; Chuck Konzelman, *Unplanned*, Los Angeles, California; Francesca Tripodi, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Marilyn Musgrave, Susan B. Anthony List, Fort Morgan, Colorado; Eugene Kontorovich, George Mason University Antonin Scalia School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert Parker, Brush Prairie, Washington.

### SBA’S INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROGRAM

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration’s international trade programs, after receiving testimony David M. Glaccum, Associate Administrator, Office of International Trade, Small Business Administration; Manny Mencia, Enterprise Florida, on behalf of the State International Development Organizations, and Daniel J. Pische, First American Bank, both of Coral Gables, Florida; Signe Pringle, Maryland Department of Commerce, Baltimore, on behalf of the State International Development Organizations; and Scott Gornall, BAON Enterprises, LLC, Chestertown, Maryland.

## VA MISSION ACT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine VA MISSION Act, focusing on implementing the Veterans Community Care Program, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Stone, Executive in Charge, Kameron Matthews, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community

Care, and Jennifer MacDonald, VA MISSION Act Lead, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sharon M. Silas, Acting Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.; and Merideth Randles, Milliman, Inc., Seattle, Washington.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 97 public bills, H.R. 2195–2291; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56; H. Con. Res. 33; and H. Res. 302–314 were introduced. **Pages H3251–56**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3259–60**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cisneros to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3223**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Jesse Bernard Bilberry, Jr., Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA. **Page H3223**

**Save the Internet Act of 2019:** The House passed H.R. 1644, to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 167. Consideration began yesterday, April 9th. **Pages H3224–39**

Rejected the Walden motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 166. **Pages H3237–39**

Agreed to:

Davids (KS) amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that requires that within 1 year of enactment, the GAO shall produce a report examining the FCC's efforts to assess competition in the wireline and wireless broadband internet access markets, and how the FCC can better assess competition, and what steps, if any the FCC can take to better increase competition in the wireless and wireline broadband internet access markets; **Pages H3224–26**

Stanton amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that directs the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission to engage trib-

al stakeholders and providers to ensure accessible and affordable broadband on tribal lands; **Pages H3226–29**

Trone amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that finds that annual FCC reports on the state of broadband deployment are important to fostering further deployment and that Congress relies on the accuracy of these reports; requires that 1) the FCC may not release such a report based on information it knows to be inaccurate and 2) the Commission use its best efforts to ensure all future reports are accurate and to correct past inaccuracies prior to the report's release; **Pages H3229–30**

Brindisi amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that requires the GAO to produce a report about the ways in which the U.S. government can promote the deployment of broadband Internet access service, especially to rural areas and areas currently unserved by high-speed broadband access; **Pages H3230–32**

Spanberger amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that requires the GAO to determine the accuracy and granularity of broadband maps produced by the FCC, and to submit to Congress a report that identifies programs and actions restored under 2(b) that rely on these maps and that makes recommendations for how the FCC can produce more accurate maps; **Pages H3232–33**

Delgado amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that was debated on April 9th that requires GAO to produce a report, within 1 year, reviewing the benefits to consumers of broadband internet access providers offering broadband internet access service on a standalone basis and what steps Congress can take to increase the availability of standalone broadband internet access service to consumers, particularly those living in rural areas (by a recorded vote of 363 ayes to 60 noes, Roll No. 163); **Page H3235**

Wexton amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–37) that was debated on April 9th that requires the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress within 30 days a plan