

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2707–S2749

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1357–1380, and S. Res. 194–197. **Pages S2742–43**

Measures Passed:

American Peanut Shellers Association: Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, recognizing the American Peanut Shellers Association for a century of effective leadership in the peanut industry and the beneficial work of the peanut industry in the United States and the State of Georgia. **Page S2748**

Recognizing the roles and contributions of U.S. teachers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 197, recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States. **Pages S2748–49**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–12) **Page S2740**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, with respect to the Central African Republic; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–13) **Page S2741**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the President's intent to designate Brazil as a Major Non-NATO Ally; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–14) **Page S2741**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to Iran that takes additional steps with respect to the

national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–15) **Page S2741**

Park Nomination-Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michael H. Park, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S2723–40**

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

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 105), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2722–23**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, May 9, 2019. **Page S2740**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 9, 2019. **Page S2749**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 99), Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S2707–10**

By 79 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 100), Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021. **Page S2710**

By 72 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 101), Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2023. **Pages S2710–11**

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 102), Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021. **Page S2711**

By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 104), Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 103), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2711**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—105) **Pages S2710, S2710–11, S2711, S2722, S2723**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2749.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: CFTC AND SEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from J. Christopher Giancarlo, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Jay Clayton, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Patrick M. Shanahan, Acting Secretary, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's atomic defense activities and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Re-

quest for fiscal year 2020, after receiving testimony from Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, Administrator, and Admiral James F. Caldwell, Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Office of Naval Reactors, both of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and Anne Marie White, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy.

NEW ENTRANTS IN THE NATIONAL AIRSPACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new entrants in the national airspace, focusing on policy, technology, and security issues for Congress, after receiving testimony from Jay Merkle, Director, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Office, and Brigadier General Wayne R. Montieth, USAF (Ret.), Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, both of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Dallas Brooks, Mississippi State University Rasmussen Flight Research Laboratory, Starkville; and Zach Lovering, Airbus, and Eric Stallmer, Commercial Spaceflight Federation, both of Washington, D.C.

USACE CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works program, after receiving testimony from R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Major General Scott Spellmon, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; Lynn Budd, Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, Cheyenne; and Kyle R. Kline, Jr., Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Baton Rouge.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Medicare physician payment reform after two years, focusing on Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act implementation and the road ahead, after receiving testimony from Barbara L. McAneny, American Medical Association, and Frank Opelka, American College of Surgeons, both of Chicago, Illinois; John S. Cullen, American Academy of Family Physicians, Leawood, Kansas; Scott Hines, American Medical Group Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Matthew Fiedler, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.