

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-three bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1438–1470, S.J. Res. 21–26, and S. Res. 205–210.

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Measures Passed:

National Police Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, designating the week of May 12 through May 18, 2019, as “National Police Week”. **Page S2837**

National Senior Fraud Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, supporting the designation of May 15, 2019, as “National Senior Fraud Awareness Day” to raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent schemes targeting seniors in the United States, to encourage the implementation of policies to prevent those schemes, and to improve protections from those schemes for seniors.

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Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program: Senate passed S. 1231, to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S2837**

Lee Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kenneth Kiyul Lee, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S2799–S2802, S2802–06**

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

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 109), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2800**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S2800**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. **Pages S2837–38**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 108), Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for the remainder of the term expiring January 3, 2021.

John Leslie Carwile, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Monica David Morris, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—109) **Pages S2799–S2800**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S2837–38.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of

Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, Naomi C. Earp, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, all of the Department of Agriculture.

BUDGET AND SPENDING PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, focusing on the perspectives of two former Chairmen, after receiving testimony from former Senators Judd Gregg and Kent Conrad.

THE EMERGING SPACE ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation and Space concluded a hearing to examine the emerging space environment, focusing on operational, technical, and policy challenges, after receiving testimony from James F. Bridenstine, Administrator, and Pamela A. Melroy, Astronaut (Ret.), both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Kevin M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Space Commerce, Department of Commerce; Lieutenant General David D. Thompson, Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, Department of Defense; and Robert Cardillo, former Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Alexandria, Virginia.

ACHIEVING MINERAL SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the importance of and path to achieving mineral security, including S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, and S. 1317, to facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs, after receiving testimony from Joseph Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; David Solan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Power, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Jonathan Evans, Lithium Americas, Reno, Nevada; John Warner, American Battery Solutions, Holly, Michigan, on behalf of the National Alliance for Advanced Technology Batteries; and Paul F. Ziemkiewicz, West Virginia University Water Research Institute, Morgantown.

PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 242, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary

and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona, S. 258, to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, S. 434, to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, S. 490, to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B-47 Ridge", S. 499, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, S. 526, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 1079, to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, and S. 1262, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, after receiving testimony from Senators Braun and Udall; Frank R. Beum, Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Nedd, Deputy Director for Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM CHALLENGES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges in the retirement system, after receiving testimony from Tobias Read, Oregon State Treasurer, Salem; Joni Tibbetts, Principal Financial Group, Des Moines, Iowa; and Joan Ruff, AARP, and Lynn D. Dudley, American Benefits Council, both of Washington, D.C.

5G

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 5G, focusing on national security concerns, intellectual property issues, and the impact on competition and innovation, after receiving testimony from Christopher Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Robert L. Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; James Andrew Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Peter Harrell, Center for a New American Security,

both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles Clancy, Virginia Tech Hume Center for National Security and Technology, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act (IAA) for Fiscal Year 2020”.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 2689–2736; 2 private bills, H.R. 2737–2738; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 38; and H. Res. 378–382 were introduced. **Pages H3787–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3791–93**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on Appropriations. Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2020 (H. Rept. 116–59);

H.R. 389, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay rewards under an asset recovery rewards program to help identify and recover stolen assets linked to foreign government corruption and the proceeds of such corruption hidden behind complex financial structures in the United States and abroad, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–60); and

H. Res. 377, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 312) to reaffirm the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe reservation, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 987) to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for Federal Exchange outreach and educational activities (H. Rept. 116–61). **Page H3787**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Raskin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3731**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Pages H3732–41**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H3743**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019: H.R. 299, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the

vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 203; **Pages H3743–51, H3771**

Reauthorizing the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program: H.R. 2379, amended, to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 400 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 204; **Pages H3751–55, H3771–72**

First Responder Access to Innovative Technologies Act: H.R. 1594, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a process to review applications for certain grants to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards; **Pages H3755–56**

Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act: H.R. 1313, amended, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to clarify certain allowable uses of funds for public transportation security assistance grants and establish periods of performance for such grants; **Pages H3756–58**

Securing Department of Homeland Security Firearms Act of 2019: H.R. 1437, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to achieve security of sensitive assets among the components of the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H3758–59**

DHS Acquisition Documentation Integrity Act of 2019: H.R. 1912, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for requirements relating to documentation for major acquisition programs; **Pages H3759–61**

DHS Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program Act of 2019: H.R. 2066, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program in the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H3762–63**