

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2893–S2949

Measures Introduced: Forty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1499–1540, S. Res. 212–213, and S. Con. Res. 17.

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Measures Passed:

Protecting America's First Responders Act: Senate passed S. 1208, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program: Senate passed H.R. 2379, to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

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Effective Prosecution of Possession of Biological Toxins and Agents Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 744, to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error, and the bill was then passed.

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Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 1379, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and the bill was then passed.

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Debbie Smith Act: Senate passed S. 820, to strengthen programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Supporting and Treating Officers In Crisis Act: Senate passed S. 998, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduc-

tion, and suicide prevention, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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Collins Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel P. Collins, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 16, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 20, 2019.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Nielson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Howard C. Nielson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Daniel P. Collins, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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Clark Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephen R. Clark, Sr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Howard C. Nielson, Jr., of

Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S2907**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2907**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2907**

Nichols Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Carl J. Nichols, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S2907**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Stephen R. Clark, Sr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Page S2907**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2907**

Bell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kenneth D. Bell, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Carl J. Nichols, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S2908**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2907**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2908**

Wallace Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Robert Wallace, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, sent to the Senate by the President on May 13, 2019, be referred jointly to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Pages S2915–16**

Collins, Nielson, Clark, Nichols, and Bell Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions

filed on Thursday, May 16, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 20, 2019. **Pages S2948–49**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 114), Wendy Vitter, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 115), Brian J. Bulatao, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management). **Pages S2903, S2949**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 116), Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General. **Pages S2903–07, S2949**

Jane L. Corwin, of New York, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Robert C. Sisson, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Lance V. Yohe, of North Dakota, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada. **Pages S2916, S2949**

Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq. **Pages S2916, S2949**

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Pages S2916, S2949**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—116) **Pages S2903, S2906–07**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:04 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2948–49.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather concluded a hearing to examine atmospheric science research and forecasting innovation, after receiving testimony from Waleed Abdalati, University of Colorado Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, Boulder; Deborah A. Bronk, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, Maine; Radley Horton, Columbia University, Palisades, New York; and Erika Washburn, Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, Superior, Wisconsin.

CARBON CAPTURE, UTILIZATION, AND STORAGE PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's carbon capture, utilization, and storage programs, including S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Winberg, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy; S. Julio Friedmann, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Center on Global Energy Policy, Livermore, California; Adam Goff, 8 Rivers Capital, LLC, Durham, North Carolina; John Harju, University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center, Grand Forks; Richard Jackson, Occidental Petroleum Low Carbon Ventures, Houston, Texas; and Judith Lagano, NRG Energy, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1328, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens; and

S. 1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 2780–2818, and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 385–387, were introduced. **Pages H3923–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3925–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2779, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–64);

H.R. 1994, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement savings, and for

other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–65, Part 1);

H.R. 1318, to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building (H. Rept. 116–66, Part 1);

H.R. 1775, to establish a task force on NOTAM improvements, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–67);