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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 12 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

The Senate met at 3 and 2 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LISA MURKOWSKI, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 17, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LISA MURKOWSKI, a Senator from the State of Alaska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. MURKOWSKI thereupon assumed Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,  
JUNE, 18, 2019, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3 and 33 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 10 a.m.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate met at 3:00:02 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 3:00:33 p.m. until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

### Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas Peter Feddo, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security, Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Paul Shmotolokha, of Washington, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Allison Herren Lee, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Security, to hold hearings to examine drone

security, focusing on enhancing innovation and mitigating supply chain risks, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine deferred maintenance needs and potential solutions on Federal lands administered by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the President's 2019 trade policy agenda and the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, 10:15 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine Ukraine's progress and Russia's malign activities five years after the revolution of dignity, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the Lower Health Care Costs Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine keeping Congress accountable, focusing on term limits in the United States, 3:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, begin hearing on H.R. 3055, the "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020" [Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020], 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, June 20, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled “How Farm Policy Helps Farmers in Adverse Conditions”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

June 20, Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations, hearing entitled “The Potential Implications of Eliminating Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility for SNAP Households”, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on the Budget*, June 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Poverty in America: Economic Realities of Struggling Families”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, June 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Innovation to Improve Equity: Exploring High-Quality Pathways to a College Degree”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Breathless and Betrayed: What is MSHA Doing to Protect Miners from the Resurgence of Black Lung Disease?”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, June 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Protecting Title X and Safeguarding Quality Family Planning Care”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Legislative Solutions to Make Our Nation’s Pipelines Safer”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce; and the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, joint hearing entitled “Driving in Reverse: The Administration’s Rollback of Fuel Economy and Clean Car Standards”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Strengthening Health Care in the U.S. Territories for Today and Into the Future”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, June 19, Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Promoting Economic Growth: The Impact of Recent Trade Policies on the U.S. Economy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “Putting Investors First: Examining Proposals to Strengthen Enforcement Against Securities Law Violators”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Diversity in the Boardroom; Examining Proposals to Increase the Diversity of America’s Boards”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “What’s Your Home Worth? A Review of the Appraisal Industry”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, June 19, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Trump Administration’s Iran Policy”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3190, the “BURMA Act of 2019”; H.R. 2327, the “Burma Political Prisoners Assistance Act”; H.R. 1632, the “Southeast Asia Strategy Act”; H.R. 3194, the “NATO Defense Financing Act”; H.R. 3206, to impose sanctions with re-

spect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines; H.R. 3252, the “Global Respect Act”; H. Res. 259, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the repatriation of religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq to their ancestral homelands; H. Res. 432, condemning the attacks on peaceful protesters and supporting an immediate peaceful transition to a civilian-led democratic government in Sudan; H. Res. 441, condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994 and expressing the concern of the United States regarding the continuing, 25-year-long delay in the resolution of this case and encouraging accountability for the attack; H.R. 2529, the “Richard G. Lugar and Ellen O. Tauscher Act to Maintain Limits on Russian Nuclear Forces”; and H. Res. 444, reaffirming the importance of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The State Department and USAID FY 2020 Operations Budget”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, June 19, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3256, the “Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

June 20, Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations, hearing entitled “Examining the Department of Defense’s Deployment to the U.S.-Mexico Border”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, June 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Congressional Research Service”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, June 19, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “H.R. 40 and the Path to Restorative Justice”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Oversight of Bankruptcy Law and Legislative Proposals”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Ending the TCJA Tax on Houses of Worship, Charities, and Nonprofits”, 2:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

June 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Lessons from the Mueller Report, Part II: Bipartisan Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 21, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “The Federal Judiciary in the 21st Century: Ideas for Promoting Ethics, Accountability, and Transparency”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, June 19, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 182, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; H.R. 205, the “Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act of 2019”; H.R. 759, the “Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act”; H.R. 1088, the “First Infantry Recognition of Sacrifice in Theater Act”; H.R. 1225, the “Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act”;

H.R. 1305, the “Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act”; H.R. 1365, to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; H.R. 1941, the “Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act”; H.R. 2427, the “Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 3195, the “Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Funding Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Oil and Gas Development: Restoring Community Input and Public Participation in Leasing Decisions”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, June 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Medical Experts: Inadequate Federal Approach to Opioid Treatment and the Need to Expand Care”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Ensuring Quality Health Care for Our Veterans”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, June 19, Full Committee, continue hearing on H.R. 3055, the “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020” [Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020], 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, June 19, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Fossil Energy Research: Enabling our Clean Energy Future”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2528, the “STEM Opportunities Act of 2019”; H.R. 36, the “Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2019”; H.R. 3196, the “Vera Rubin Survey Telescope Designation Act”; and H.R. 3153, the “Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and Treatment Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, June 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unlocked Potential? Small Businesses in the Cannabis Industry”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “The Importance of Accurate Census Data to Small Business Formation and Growth”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, June 19, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Status of

the Boeing 737 MAX: Stakeholder Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Short Sea Shipping: Rebuilding America’s Maritime Industry”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “The State of the Rail Workforce”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, June 19, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Examining Mid-Semester School Closures Impact on Student Veterans Mission Readiness: VA’s Emergency Response and Cache Program”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

June 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Mission Readiness: VA’s Emergency Response and Cache Program”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

June 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Ensuring Access to Disability Benefits for Veterans Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

June 20, Full Committee, business meeting to assign Representative Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan of Northern Mariana Islands to the Health Subcommittee, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

June 20, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2943, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs in English and Spanish; H.R. 2942, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women’s Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; H.R. 2676, the “VA Survey of Cannabis Use Act”; H.R. 2677, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide training in the use of medical cannabis for all Department of Veterans Affairs primary care providers, and for other purposes; H.R. 712, the “VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2019”; H.R. 1647, the “Veterans Equal Access Act”; H.R. 3083, the “AIR Acceleration Act”; H.R. 485, the “VREASA”; legislation on Specially Adaptive Housing; and legislation on Work Study, 2:05 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, June 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The 2019 Trade Policy Agenda: Negotiations with China, Japan, the EU, and UK; new NAFTA/USMCA; U.S. Participation in the WTO; and other matters”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress*, June 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cultivating Diversity and Improving Retention Among Congressional Staff”, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12 noon. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Sean Cairncross, Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Allen Cothrel Winsor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, James David Cain, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Greg Girard Guidry, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, June 18

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.



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