

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4683–S4703

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2054–2057. **Page S4698**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 34, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military and to immediately release unjustly imprisoned journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 1895, to lower health care costs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4698**

Measures Passed:

American Grown Flower Month: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 208, expressing support for the designation of July as “American Grown Flower Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4700**

Bress Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S4685–89**

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

By 50 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 190), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4689**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, that the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 9, 2019; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the pending motions to invoke cloture on the following nominations in the order listed: T. Kent Wetherell II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Damon Ray Leichty, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and J. Nicholas Ranjan, to be

United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania; and that if cloture is invoked, the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader. **Page S4689**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. **Page S4700**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Yuri Kim, of Guam, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

Kerry Lee Pettingill, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Lee Philip Rudofsky, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—190) **Page S4689**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4700.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D775)

H.R. 3151, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service. Signed on July 1, 2019. (Public Law 116–25)

H.R. 3401, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Signed on July 1, 2019. (Public Law 116–26)

H.R. 2940, to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through September 30, 2019. Signed on July 5, 2019. (Public Law 116–27)

H.J. Res. 60, requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on July 16, 2019 and ending on July 20, 2019. Signed on July 5, 2019. (Public Law 116–28)

S. 2047, to provide for a 2-week extension of the Medicaid community mental health services demonstration program. Signed on July 5, 2019. (Public Law 116–29)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine im-

plementation of the National Defense Strategy in the United States Southern Command area of responsibility, 3 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA exploration plans, focusing on where we have been and where we are going, 3 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine S. 1602, to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, S. 1593, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, a demonstration program, and a technical assistance and grant program, S. 1183, to establish an energy storage and microgrid grant and technical assistance program, S. 1741, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to advance energy storage deployment by reducing the cost of energy storage through research, development, and demonstration, S. 2048, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a demonstration initiative focused on the development of long-duration energy storage technologies, including a joint program to be established in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, S. 1685, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for the research, development, and demonstration of commercially viable technologies for the capture of carbon dioxide produced during the generation of natural gas-generated power, S. 143, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, S. 983, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to reauthorize the weatherization assistance program, S. 1857, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to improve Federal energy and water performance requirements for Federal buildings and establish a Federal Energy Management Program, S. 1064, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the national security implications of building ethane and other natural-gas-liquids-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, and H.R. 1138, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine protecting innocence in a digital world, 10 a.m., SD–226.