

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

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 213), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

Page S4886

**Blanchard Nomination—Cloture:** By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 214), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Department of State.

Pages S4886–87

**Tapia Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Department of State.

Pages S4887–S4901

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

By 67 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 215), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

Page S4887

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2019, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Department of State; following disposition of the nominations, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Department of State.; and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Department of State.

Page S4901

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Page S4915

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of three years.

Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Keith E. Sonderling, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Page S4921

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2019, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Page S4921

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

Page S4905

**Executive Communications:**

Pages S4905–06

**Petitions and Memorials:**

Pages S4906–07

**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages S4907–09

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

Pages S4909–14

**Additional Statements:**

Pages S4904–05

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

Pages S4914–15

**Privileges of the Floor:**

Page S4915

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—215)

Pages S4875–76, S4878, S4886–87

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4915.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ECONOMIC MOBILITY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine economic mobility, focusing on whether the American dream is in crisis, after receiving testimony from Oren M. Cass, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Berkeley, California; Yuval Levin, Silver Spring, Maryland, and Ramesh Ponnuru, Kansas City, Missouri, both of the American Enterprise Institute; Thea M. Lee, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Keith R. Miller, Fanchisee Advocacy Consulting, Meadow Vista, California.

**DEEP SPACE EXPLORATION**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans for deep space exploration, focusing on the Moon to Mars, after receiving testimony from James F. Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ELECTRIC BATTERY PRODUCTION AND WASTE**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine electric battery production and waste, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from James J. Greenberger, NAATBatt International, Chicago, Illinois; Michael L. Sanders, Avicenne Energy, Landenberg, Pennsylvania; and Ajay Chawan, Navigant Consulting, Inc., Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michelle A. Bekkering, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Richard K. Bell, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Jessica E. Lapenn, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and Lana J. Marks, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**MIGRATION AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on bipartisan policy recommendations from the Homeland Security Advisory Council, after receiving testimony from Karen Tandy, Chair, Jayson Ahern, Vice Chair, Sharon W. Cooper, and Leon Fresco, both a Member, all of the Customs and Border Protection Families and Children Care Panel Subcommittee, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security.

**FEDERALLY INCURRED COST OF REGULATORY CHANGES**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine the Federally incurred cost of regulatory changes and how such changes are made, after receiving testimony from James Broughel, George Mason University Mercatus Center, and Thomas Berry, Pacific Legal Foundation, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Richard W. Parker, University of Connecticut School of Law, Washington, D.C.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 886, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2071, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senator Romney, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**COMBATING ROBOCALL FRAUD**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating robocall fraud, focusing on using telecom advances and law enforcement to stop scammers and protect seniors, after receiving testimony from Delany De Leon-Colon, Postal Inspector in Charge, Criminal Investigations Group, Postal Inspection Service; Jerry L. Sanders, Jr., Delaware County Sheriff, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania; David Frankel, ZipDX LLC, Monte Serano, California; and Angela Stancik, Ganado, Texas.

---

# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 31 public bills, H.R. 3788–3818; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 497–501, were introduced. **Pages H5998–99**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6000–02**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5915**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5924**