

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumés of Congressional Activity (July and August).

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2443–2448, and S.J. Res. 53. **Page S5360**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, August 16, during the adjournment:

H.R. 1138, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project. (S. Rept. No. 116–69)

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. Rept. No. 116–70)

S. 174, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–71)

S. 520, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–72)

S. 816, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas. (S. Rept. No. 116–73)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–74)

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, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–75)

S. 1286, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of En-

ergy facilities with promising commercial potential. (S. Rept. No. 116–76)

S. 494, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants. (S. Rept. No. 116–77)

S. 737, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood. (S. Rept. No. 116–78)

S. 1494, to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Reported on Monday, September 9:

S. 1207, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in Utah. (S. Rept. No. 116–79) **Pages S5359–60**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 57, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States. **Page S5364**

Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act: Senate passed S. 349, to require the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for, and make determinations regarding, roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5366**

Drinking Water Revolving Fund: Senate passed S. 1689, to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances. **Page S5367**

Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 831, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for and make determinations regarding roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and the bill was then passed.

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Craft Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Department of State.

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

By 54 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 263), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:50 a.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2019; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, the post-cloture time expire at 2:15 p.m.; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Secretary of the Army.

Robert John Sander, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Sandra E. Clark, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

Kelly C. Degnan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Peter M. Haymond, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Rahkel Bouchet, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Owen McCurdy Cypher, of Michigan, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

David M. DeVillers, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Thomas L. Leonard III, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Richard Earnest Myers II, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Sarah E. Pitlyk, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Anuraag Singhal, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Ralph Ignatius Sozio, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Mina Chang, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2022, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—263) **Page S5353**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5364.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4243–4259; and 1 private bill, H.R. 4260 were introduced. **Pages H7558–59**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7559–60**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2726, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains (H. Rept. 116–199); and

H. Res. 548, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146) to amend Public Law 115–97 (commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–200). **Page H7558**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clay to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7539**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Pages H7539–40**

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

Energy Efficient Government Technology Act: H.R. 1420, amended, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 384 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 515; **Pages H7540–41, H7546–47**

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2019: H.R. 1768, to reauthorize subtitle G of title VII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, relating to diesel emis-

sions reduction, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 295 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 516; **Pages H7541–43, H7547–48**

Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2019: H.R. 2114, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans; and **Pages H7543–44**

Advanced Nuclear Fuel Availability Act: H.R. 1760, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish and carry out a program to support the availability of HA–LEU for domestic commercial use. **Pages H7544–46**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7546**

Consensus Calendar: Representative Thompson (CA) presented to the clerk a motion to place on the Consensus Calendar the bill H.R. 3589, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Greg LeMond, in recognition of his service to the Nation as an athlete, activist, role model, and community leader, it having accumulated 290 cosponsors. **Page H7558**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7546–47 and H7547–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PROTECTING AND SECURING FLORIDA'S COASTLINE ACT OF 2019; ARCTIC CULTURAL AND COASTAL PLAIN PROTECTION ACT; COASTAL AND MARINE ECONOMIES PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 205, the "Protecting and Securing Florida's