

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5453–S5483

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2469–2478, and S. Res. 309–312. **Page S5474**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 116–104)

S. 2470, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–102)

S. 2474, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. (S. Rept. No. 116–103)

S. 1273, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims. (S. Rept. No. 116–105) **Page S5474**

Measures Passed:

Wheeling, West Virginia Semiquincentennial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 310, recognizing the semiquincentennial of the community of Wheeling, West Virginia. **Pages S5478–80**

Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Senate passed H.R. 1200, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2019, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. **Page S5482**

Patriot Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 311, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17 as “Patriot Week”. **Page S5482**

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, designating the week beginning September 8, 2019, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”. **Pages S5482–83**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to request from the House of Representatives the return of the papers to S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide for a correction; provided further that if the House of Representatives agrees to the Senate’s request, upon receipt of the papers from the House of Representatives in the Senate, notwithstanding passage of the bill, the amendment at the desk be agreed to and the papers be returned to the House of Representatives. **Page S5466**

Subsequently, the Senate having received the papers with respect to S. 1790, notwithstanding the passage of the bill, Inhofe Amendment No. 938, of a perfecting nature, was agreed to and the measure was returned to the House. **Page S5466**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–28) **Page S5473**

Rakolta, Jr. Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. **Page S5467**

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, September 12, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 16, 2019. **Page S5467**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5467**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 5 p.m., on Monday, September 16, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, September 12, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S5483**

Howery Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kenneth A. Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden. **Page S5467**

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 John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. **Page S5467**

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Destro Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert A. Destro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. **Page S5467**

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McIntosh Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S5467**

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Callanan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury. **Page S5467**

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 Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S5468**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 60 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 280), Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2020. **Pages S5453–61**

By 85 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 281), Thomas Peter Feddo, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security. **Pages S5461–62**

Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years. **Page S5461**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—281) **Pages S5461, S5462**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:21 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5483.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill (S. 2470) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020;

An original bill (S. 2474) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020; and

302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ryan McCarthy, of Illinois, to be Secretary of the Army, and

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force, who was introduced by Senator McSally, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GLOBAL INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISORY FORUMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developments in global insurance regulatory and supervisory forums, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Seitz, Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of the Treasury; Thomas Sullivan, Associate Director, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Eric A. Cioppa, Maine Bureau of Insurance, Augusta, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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.