

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5635–S5672

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2531–2542, S.J. Res. 55, and S. Res. 324–329. **Pages S5663–64**

Measures Reported:

S. 903, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–114)

S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology. (S. Rept. No. 116–115)

S. 1706, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities. (S. Rept. No. 116–116) **Page S5663**

Measures Passed:

Whistleblower Complaint: Senate agreed to S. Res. 325, expressing the sense of the Senate that the whistleblower complaint received on August 12, 2019, by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community should be transmitted immediately to the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives. **Pages S5649, S5666**

Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act: Senate passed H.R. 1590, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel. **Page S5669**

DHS Cyber Hunt and Incident Response Teams Act: Senate passed H.R. 1158, to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5669**

McConnell (for Hassan) Amendment No. 941, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5669**

Gold Star Families Remembrance Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 313, designating the week of September 22 through September 28, 2019, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5669**

AmeriCorps 25th anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 326, recognizing the 25th anniversary of AmeriCorps. **Page S5666**

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 327, designating September 23, 2019, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Pages S5666–67**

Honoring Marca Bristo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 328, honoring the life, legacy, and achievements of Marca Bristo. **Page S5667**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, designating September 2019 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S5667**

National Defense Legislation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President of February 15, 2019, be discharged from the Committee on Armed Services, and Senate begin consideration of the joint resolution; that the time until 12:15 p.m. be equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, on the joint resolution, and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the joint resolution; and that following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate begin consideration of resolutions to instruct conferees to be submitted pursuant to the order of Thursday, September 18, 2019; that they be made pending and reported by number with concurrent consideration until 3:45 p.m., equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, and that at 3:45 p.m., Senate vote on the resolutions in the order listed with two minutes of debate equally divided prior to the votes. **Pages S5668–69**

Hyten Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gen. John E. Hyten for

appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility in accordance with title 10, U.S.C., sections 154 and 601: to be General. **Page S5659**

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 on Thursday, September 26, 2019. **Page S5659**

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 S5659**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 88 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 298), Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S5643, S5643–49, S5672**

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 299), Joseph Cella, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu. **Pages S5636–42, S5649–50, S5672**

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

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 295), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5642**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 300), Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. **Pages S5642, S5650, S5672**

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

By 50 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5642**

By 68 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 301), David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2025. **Pages S5642–43, S5650–51, S5672**

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

By 66 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 297), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5642–43**

Messages from the House: **Page S5663**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5668**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—301) **Pages S5642, S5643, S5648–49, S5650, S5651**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5670.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

IMPROVING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation and Space concluded a hearing to examine improving air traffic control for the American people, focusing on examining the current system, after receiving testimony from Mark Baker, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Frederick, Maryland; and Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, Joe DePete, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Trish Gilbert, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, AFL–CIO, and Sharon Pinkerton, Airlines for America, all of Washington, D.C.

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Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism