

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5805–S5854

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2602–2616, S.J. Res. 58, and S. Res. 358–359. **Pages S5840–41**

Measures Reported:

S. 2159, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation”. (S. Rept. No. 116–130) **Page S5840**

Measures Passed:

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 358, designating the week beginning October 20, 2019, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Page S5852**

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 356, designating September 4, 2019, as “National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day”, and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5852–53**

National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 324, designating September 29, 2019, as “National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5853**

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 359, authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a semiannual event for the Drug Enforcement Administration. **Page S5853**

Congressional Review Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 17, 2019, the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 53, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States

Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Repeal of the Clean Power Plan; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Electric Utility Generating Units; Revisions to Emission Guidelines Implementing Regulations”; that if a motion to proceed is made and agreed to, the time until noon be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees, on the joint resolution; and that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the joint resolution be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution. **Page S5852**

National Emergency Veto Message—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the veto message on S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, be considered as having been read, that it be printed in the Record, and spread in full upon the Journal. **Page S5852**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019, Senate vote on passage of S.J. Res. 54, notwithstanding the objections of the President to the contrary. **Page S5852**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 54, a Joint Resolution that would terminate the national emergency the President of the United States declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2019, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, regarding the ongoing crisis on the southern border; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–32) **Page S5838**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 85 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 319), Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S5806–12, S5815–28, S5854**

By a unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 320), Frank William Volk, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. **Pages S5828, S5854**

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

By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. 315), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5812–13**

By 61 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 321), Charles R. Eskridge III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S5828–29, S5854**

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

By 61 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 316), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5813**

By 89 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 322), David John Novak, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S5829, S5854**

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

By 86 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 317), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5813**

By 88 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 323), Rachel P. Kovner, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S5829, S5854**

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

By 85 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 318), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5814**

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—323) **Pages S5812–13, S5813, S5814, S5828, S5829**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5853.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEEDING AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine feeding America, focusing on making sustainable offshore aquaculture a reality, after receiving testimony from Paul Doremus, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Linda Cornish, Seafood Nutrition Partnership, Arlington, Virginia; Kathryn Unger, Cargill Aqua Nutrition North America, Wayzata, Minnesota, on behalf of Stronger America Through Seafood, Inc.; Benjamin S. Halpern, University of California National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, Santa Barbara; and Jay Julius, Lummi Nation, Bellingham, Washington.

IMPACTS OF DISEASES ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of diseases on wildlife conservation and management, after receiving testimony from Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Holly Niederriter, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Division of Fish and Wildlife, Smyrna; and Walter E. Cook, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, College Station.

U.S.-IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-Iran policy, after receiving testimony from Brian H. Hook, Special Representative, Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of 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, who was introduced by Senator Young, Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Morse H. Tan, of Illinois, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, and Kelley Eckels Currie, of Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.