

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.

**ARIA IN ACTION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act in action, focusing on implementation and the Indo-Pacific strategy, after receiving testimony from David R. Stilwell, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Randall Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and Gloria Steele, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, United States Agency for International Development.

**HOMEOWNERSHIP IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine lending opportunities, focusing on homeownership in Indian country, after receiving testimony from R. Hunter Kurtz, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Patrice H. Kunesh, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Center for Indian Country Development, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Max Zuni, Pueblo of Isleta, Isleta, New Mexico; and Nathaniel Mount, Fort Belknap Indian Community Council, Harlem, Montana.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Barbara Lagoa and Robert J. Luck, both of Florida, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who were introduced by Senator Rick Scott, Sylvia Carreno-Coll, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, John M. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, and Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, who was introduced by Senator Tim Scott, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**FALLS PREVENTION**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine falls prevention, focusing on national, state, and local solutions to better support seniors, after receiving testimony from Kathleen A. Cameron, National Council on Aging Center for Healthy Aging, and Elizabeth Thompson, National Osteoporosis Foundation, both of Arlington, Virginia; Peggy Haynes, MaineHealth, Portland; and Virginia Demby, accompanied by Ellen Williams, both of Chester, Pennsylvania.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4687–4709; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 632–634 were introduced. **Pages H8197–98**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8199–H8201**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Phillips to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8147**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8150**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Father Brian K. Burgess, Christ Church Episcopal, Woodbury, New Jersey. **Page H8150**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Biggs announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H8153–54**

**Securities and Exchange Commission Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act and Outsourcing Accountability Act of 2019—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 629, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1815) to require the Securities and Exchange Commission, when developing rules and regulations about disclosures to retail investors, to conduct investor testing, including a survey and interviews of retail investors, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the disclosure of the total number of domestic and foreign employees of certain public companies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 559, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 558. **Pages H8154–57, H8163–64**

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