

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5855–S5906

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2617–2647, and S. Res. 360–365. **Pages S5895–96**

Measures Passed:

Government of Saudi Arabia: Senate passed S. 2635, to require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to declassify any and all information relating to whether the government of Saudi Arabia assisted a citizen or national of Saudi Arabia in departing the United States while the citizen or national was awaiting trial or sentencing for a criminal offense committed in the United States. **Pages S5884–85**

Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act: Senate passed H.R. 1396, to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden, to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, and to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor all of the women who contributed to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race. **Page S5904**

Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act: Senate passed S. 2258, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers. **Pages S5904–05**

Congratulating the Washington Mystics: Senate agreed to S. Res. 364, congratulating the Washington Mystics on winning the 2019 Women's National Basketball Association championship. **Page S5905**

World Food Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 365, designating October 16, 2019, and October 16, 2020, as "World Food Day". **Page S5905**

Measures Failed:

Clean Power Congressional Review Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was 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 re-

lating 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", and the joint resolution failed to pass, 41 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 324), after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S5858–69**

Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. **Pages S5880–81**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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 Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S5881**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5881**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5880**

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2740, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. **Page S5881**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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 H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. **Page S5881**

Veto Messages:

National Emergency Declaration—Veto Message: By 53 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 325), two-thirds of the Senators voting not having voted in the affirmative, S.J. Res. 54 relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, upon reconsideration, was rejected, and the veto of the President was sustained. **Pages S5869–75**

Treaty on the Republic of North Macedonia—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116–1), taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto: **Page S5880**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 946, to change the enactment date. **Page S5880**

McConnell Amendment No. 947 (to Amendment No. 946), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5880**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the treaty, 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, October 17, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 21, 2019. **Page S5880**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the treaty. **Page S5880**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, October 21, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the treaty; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, October 17, 2019, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 21, 2019. **Page S5905**

Bremberg Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S5880**

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 protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116–1). **Page S5880**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5880**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5880**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Joseph Manso, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Jenny A. McGee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Dorothy Shea, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

Cynthia Attwood, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2025.

Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for the remainder of a term expiring April 27, 2023.

Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Adam L. Braverman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Bernard Maurice Jones II, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Sandy Nunes Leal, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

R. Shireen Matthews, of California, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Thomas Michael O'Connor, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Rick Lloyd Richmond, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—325) Pages S5869, S5875

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5905.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing the 2018 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Stephen Censky, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

FCC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on the spectrum auctions program, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Tom Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, and David Williams, Taxpayers Protection Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.

SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the situation in Syria and the wider region, after receiving testimony from Mark T. Esper, Secretary, and General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Kathleen L. Kraninger, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

IMPROVING SECURITY AT AMERICA'S AIRPORTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Security concluded a hearing to examine improving security at America's airports, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, after receiving testimony from Tori Emerson Barnes, U.S. Travel Association, Lauren Beyer, Airlines for America, and Sara Nelson, Association of Flight Attendants–CWA, AFL–CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; Chris McLaughlin, Denver International Airport, Denver, Colorado; and Ken Cornick, CLEAR, New York, New York.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE STATUS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and related energy security issues, after receiving testimony from Linda Capuano, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Steven E. Winberg, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy; Phillip Brown, Specialist in Energy Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jason E. Bordoff, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Center on Global Energy Policy, New York, New York; and Keisuke Sadamori, International Energy Agency, Paris, France.

REDUCING EMISSIONS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine reducing emissions while driving economic growth, focusing on industry-led initiatives, after receiving testimony from Todd Wilkinson, Redstone Feeders, LLC, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Frank Macchiarola, American Petroleum Institute, Marty Durbin, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Energy