

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6051–S6134*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2669–2690, S. Res. 374–375, and S. Con. Res. 28.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 1751, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–140)

S. 1821, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide for research on, and the development and deployment of, marine energy, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–141)

S. 1931, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers. (S. Rept. No. 116–142)

S. 2137, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–143)

S. 2333, to provide for enhanced energy grid security. (S. Rept. No. 116–144)

H.R. 1420, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies. (S. Rept. No. 116–145)

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#### Measures Failed:

**SALT Congressional Review Act:** By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 331), Senate failed to pass to S.J. Res. 50, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, relating to “Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits”.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:** Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6080–86**

Pending:

Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6080**

McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction. **Page S6080**

**Walker Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, ripen at 12 noon, on Thursday, October 24, 2019; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 24, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Petitions and Memorials:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—331)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday,

October 24, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6134.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SYRIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and assistance in Syria, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and the Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Department of State.

### SPECTRUM OF CONFLICT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the Navy's "Spectrum of Conflict" strategic framework from Vice Admiral Stuart B. Munsch, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy, Department of Defense.

### SATELLITE TELEVISION EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act, after receiving testimony from Emily Barr, Graham Media Group, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Denny Law, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Wall, South Dakota; Rob Thun, AT&T, Dallas, Texas; J.C. Watts, Black News Channel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Jonathan Schwantes, Consumer Reports, Washington, D.C.

### WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and Charlotte Bertrand, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

### WESTERN BALKANS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine successes and unfinished business in the Western Balkans, after receiving testimony from Matthew A. Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Janusz Bugajski, Center for European Policy Analysis, and Majda Ruge, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

### MARIJUANA AND AMERICA'S HEALTH

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* Caucus concluded a hearing to examine marijuana and America's health, focusing on questions and issues for policy makers, including S. 2032, to expand research on the cannabidiol and marihuana, after receiving testimony from Jerome Adams, Surgeon General of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services; Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse; Robert Fitzgerald, University of California, San Diego; Staci Gruber, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; Sean Hennessy, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia; and Madeline Meier, Arizona State University, Tempe.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 54 public bills, H.R. 4801–4854; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 78; H. Con. Res. 69; and H. Res. 652–653 were introduced. **Pages H8455–57**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8459–60**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Rush to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8391**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8395**

**Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act:** The House passed H.R. 4617, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of