

**Daily Digest**

**Senate**

**Chamber Action**

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6179–S6204*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2712–2721.

**Measures Reported:**

- S. 439, to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan. (S. Rept. No. 116–153)
- S. 2177, to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–154)

**Measures Passed:**

- *Combat Online Predators Act:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 134, to amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to stalking, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: McConnell (for Toomey/Casey) Amendment No. 1196, in the nature of a substitute.
- *Measures Considered:*
  
  - *Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:* Senate resumed 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 motions and amendments proposed thereto:
  
    - Adopted: By 90 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 334), Cortez Masto/Lankford Amendment No. 961 (to Amendment No. 948), to require a report relating to the challenges that food distribution programs face in reaching underserved populations. Pages S6179–87
  
  - By 91 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 336), Jones Amendment No. 1067 (to Amendment No. 948), to provide funding for the relending program to resolve ownership and succession on farmland. Pages S6187
  
  - Rejected: By 24 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 335), Paul Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 948), to reduce the amounts appropriated to be 2 percent less than the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2019. Pages S6185–86
  
- *Rejected:* Shelby Amendment No. 948, in the nature of a substitute.
- *Pending:* McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 950, to make a technical correction.
- A motion was entered to close further debate on Shelby Amendment No. 948 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, October 30, 2019.
- A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Shelby Amendment No. 948.
- A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked, the following deadline for first-degree amendments to Shelby Amendment No. 948, and the bill, be 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.
- A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.
- 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 closure 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.  

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

David M. DeVillers, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Messages from the House: 

Measures Referred: 

Additional Cosponsors: 

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: 

Additional Statements: 

Amendments Submitted: 

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—336) 

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6204.) 

Committee Meetings 

(Committees not listed did not meet) 

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 4860–4893; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 657–658, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors: 

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 359, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threats to, the electric grid, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–254);

H.R. 362, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act with respect to functions assigned to Assistant Secretaries, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–255);

H.R. 360, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a voluntary Cyber Sense program to test the cybersecurity of products and technologies intended for use in the bulk-power system, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–256);

H.R. 1781, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission with access to certain drug payment information, including certain rebate information, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–257, Part 1);

H.R. 4334, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2020 through 2024, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–258);

H.R. 886, to direct the Attorney General to establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program (H. Rept. 116–259);

H.R. 3942, to apply requirements relating to delivery sales of cigarettes to delivery sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–260);

H.R. 3111, to make administrative reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program to increase fairness and accuracy and protect the taxpayer from program fraud and abuse, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–261);

H.R. 3167, to reform and reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–262, Part 1);

H. Res. 655, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 296) affirming the United States record on Armenian Genocide (H. Rept. 116–263); and

H. Res. 656, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 823) to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2181) to provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 1, 2019, through November 11, 2019 (H. Rept. 116–264).
Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Evans to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.  

Recess: The House recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.  

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC.  

Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.  

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

* **Dignity in Aging Act of 2019:** H.R. 4334, amended, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2020 through 2024;  
  
* **Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act:** H.R. 2440, amended, to provide for the use of funds in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for the purposes for which the funds were collected and to ensure that funds credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used to support navigation, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 296 yeas to 109 nays, Roll No. 585;  
  
* **Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act:** H.R. 1306, amended, to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments;  
  Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes.”;  
  
* **Notice to Airmen Improvement Act of 2019:** H.R. 1775, to establish a task force on NOTAM improvements;  
  
* **Transparency in Federal Buildings Projects Act of 2019:** H.R. 2502, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require certain prospectuses for public buildings to be made publicly available;  
  
* **Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019:** H.R. 886, amended, to direct the Attorney General to establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program;  
  
* **Preventing Online Sales of E–Cigarettes to Children Act:** H.R. 3942, amended, to apply require-ments relating to delivery sales of cigarettes to delivery sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems;  

Amending the Securities Act of 1933 to subject crowdfunding vehicles to the jurisdiction of the Securities and Exchange Commission: H.R. 4860, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to subject crowdfunding vehicles to the jurisdiction of the Securities and Exchange Commission;  


Financial Inclusion in Banking Act of 2019: H.R. 4067, amended, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to direct the Office of Community Affairs to identify causes leading to, and solutions for, under-banked, un-banked, and underserved consumers;  

National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1865, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia;  

Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2423, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving women in the United States the right to vote;  

Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness for Health Act of 2019: H.R. 2781, amended, to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to the health professions workforce;  

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019: H.R. 728, amended, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs;  

Public Disclosure of Drug Discounts Act: H.R. 2115, amended, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide greater transparency for discounts provided by drug manufacturers, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”;  

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide greater transparency for discounts provided by manufacturers, to include real-time benefit
information as part of a prescription drug plans electronic prescription program under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.”;

**Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act:** H.R. 647, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine; and

**Payment Commission Data Act of 2019:** H.R. 1781, amended, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission with access to certain drug payment information, including certain rebate information.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2065 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 2107 was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Agriculture.

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8466.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8519–20 and H8520–21. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**Committee Meetings**

**AFFIRMING THE UNITED STATES RECORD ON THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE; COLORADO OUTDOOR RECREATION AND ECONOMY ACT; GRAND CANYON CENTENNIAL PROTECTION ACT; CHACO CULTURAL HERITAGE AREA PROTECTION ACT OF 2019**

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 296, the “Affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide”; H.R. 823, the “Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act”; H.R. 1373, the “Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act”; and H.R. 2181, the “Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 823, the “Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act”, H.R. 1373, the “Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act”, and H.R. 2181, the “Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 823, the “Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1373, the “Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report. The
rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2181, the “Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in Part D of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part E of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in Part E of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from November 1, 2019, through November 11, 2019: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 4 shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 4 shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. The Committee granted, by nonrecord vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 296, Affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva, Chairman Engel, and Representatives Bishop of Utah, Tipton, Lesko, Smith of New Jersey, and Eshoo.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Hershman, of Indiana, to be Chief Management Officer, Dana S. Deasy, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, and Robert John Sander, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine aviation safety and the future of Boeing’s 737 MAX, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Roxanne Cabral, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Kelly C. Degnan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Robert S. Gilchrist, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Yuri Kim, of Guam, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 4 p.m., SH–219.

House


Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4674, the “College Affordability Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Repurposing the C–Band to Benefit all Americans”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Protecting the RFS: The Trump Administration’s Abuse of Secret Waivers”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Reauthorization Brand USA and the U.S. SAFE WEB Act”, 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Financial Services and the LGBTQ+ Community: A Review of Discrimination in Lending and Housing”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4458, the “Cybersecurity and Financial System Resilience Act”; H.R. 4634, the “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 4841, the “Prudential Regulator
Oversight Act”; and H.R. 4863, the “United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019”, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “The FY20 Budget: Examining the Administration’s Policy Objectives for a Turbulent Middle East”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.


Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled “The Impact of Current Immigration Policies on Service Members and Veterans, and their Families”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 139, the “Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument Act”; H.R. 486, the “Chicano Park Preservation Act”; H.R. 3250, the “Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools Act of 2019”; H.R. 3824, the “Cahokia Mounds Mississippian Culture National Historical Park Act”; and H.R. 4139, to provide for the boundary of the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park to be adjusted, to authorize the donation of land to the United States for addition to that historic park, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.


Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Trump’s Wrong Turn on Clean Cars: The Effects of Fuel Efficiency Rollbacks on the Climate, Car Companies and California”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Creating the Clean Energy Workforce”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1497, the “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019”; H.R. 4719, the “FISH SAFE Act”; and H. Con. Res. 37, expressing support for designation of October 28 as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4852, the “GIVE Act”; H.R. 4356, the “Protecting Families of Fallen Servicemembers Act”; H.R. 4183, the “Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act”; H.R. 4360, the “VA Overpayment Accountability Act”; H.R. 3996, the “VA Design-Build Construction Enhancement Act of 2019”; and H.R. 1424, the “Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.


CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 29 through November 1, 2019

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3055, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. If cloture is invoked, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Shelby Amendment No. 948, and on the bill, is at 2:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: October 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Hershman, of Indiana, to be Chief Management Officer, Dana S. Deasy, of Virginia, to be Chief Information Officer, and Robert John Sander, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

October 30, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on the Budget: October 30, to hold hearings to examine the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 29, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety and the future of Boeing’s 737 MAX, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 30, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the use of technology and innovation to increase water security and enable economic development in the West, 10 a.m., SD–366.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1665, to modify the procedures for issuing special recreation permits for certain public land units, S. 1723, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and S. 1967, to promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to increase opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 30, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sean O’Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD–406.
Committee on Finance: October 30, Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine Medicaid, focusing on compliance with eligibility requirements, 2 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Roxanne Cabral, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Kelly C. Degnan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Robert S. Gilchrist, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Yuri Kim, of Guam, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andeliz N. Castillo, of New York, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Alma L. Golden, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Peter M. Hay mond, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Leslie Meredith Tsou, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 30, business meeting to consider S. 1657, to provide assistance to combat the escalating burden of Lyme disease and other tick and vector-borne diseases and disorders, S. 2619, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Healthy Start program, S. 1399, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Services Act to revise and extend nursing workforce development programs, S. 995, to amend title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program under such title relating to lifespan respite care, S. 1130, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, S. 1608, to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans, S. 2629, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Public Health Service Corps, and an original bill entitled, “Over-the-Counter Drug Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 30, Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management, to hold hearings to examine the unauthorized and unaccountable government, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine supply chain security, global competitiveness, and 5G, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 30, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–226.

October 30, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine promoting the useful arts, focusing on how Congress can prevent the issuance of poor quality patents, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

October 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2511, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States and Supreme Court Police with the authority to protect the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and other individuals in any location, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jodi W. Dishman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Daniel Mack Traynor, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, Barbara Lagoa and Robert J. Luck, both of Florida, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, 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, and Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 29, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 4 p.m., SH–219.

October 31, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 30, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing entitled “Reviewing the State of Organic Agriculture—Producer Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 30, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.


October 30, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for the U.S. Power Sector”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 30, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2153, the “Keeping Girls in School Act”; H. Res. 189, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development’s commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy; H. Res. 230, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States condemns all forms of violence against children globally and recognizes the harmful impacts of violence against children; H.R. 1771, the “Divided Families Reunification Act”; H. Res. 410, encouraging reunions of
divided Korean-American families; H. Res. 349, reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond; H.R. 4754, the “Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019”; S. 178, the “Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019”; H. Res. 585, reaffirming support for the Good Friday Agreement and other agreements to ensure a lasting peace in Northern Ireland; H.R. 554, the “Saudi Educational Transparency and Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 2881, the “Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2019”; H.R. 3763, the “Promoting United States International Leadership in 5G Act of 2019”; H. Res. 446, reaffirming German-American friendship and cooperation under the Wunderbar Together—Germany and the U.S. initiative; H.R. 1819, the “War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act”; H.R. 4802, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards under the Department of State’s reward program relating to information regarding individuals or entities engaged in activities in contravention of United States or United Nations sanctions, and for other purposes; legislation on the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Extension Act; H. Res. 649, expressing the support of the United States for the grassroots development programs the Inter-American Foundation has undertaken for the past 50 years; and H. Res. 546, disapproving the Russian Federation’s inclusion in future Group of Seven summits until it respects the territorial integrity of its neighbors and adheres to the standards of democratic societies, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Global Terrorism: Threats to the Homeland, Part II”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

October 31, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 8:30 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Sexual Harassment at the Department of the Interior”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.


Committee on Oversight and Reform, October 30, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Decision to Deport Critically Ill Children and Their Families”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on National Security, joint hearing entitled “Examining the White House’s Dysfunctional Security Clearance System”, 2 p.m. 2154 Rayburn.


Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Boeing 737 MAX: Examining the Design, Development, and Marketing of the Aircraft”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.


October 30, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Preparing for Blue Water Claims—VA Status Update on Implementation”, 2 p.m., HVAC–210.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, October 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Opportunities in Agriculture”, 2:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

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