

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6681–S6724

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2902–2922, and S. Res. 435. **Pages S6717–18**

House Messages:

Further Continuing Appropriations Act and Further Health Extenders Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 21, 2019, the Chair lay before the Senate the House message to accompany H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020; that Senator Paul, or his designee, be recognized to offer a motion to concur with further amendment, the text of which is at the desk, and that following two minutes of debate, equally divided, Senator Shelby, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to table the Paul motion; that following disposition of the Paul motion, the Majority Leader, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, if cloture is filed on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment, that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture occur immediately, and that if cloture is invoked, the post-cloture time be yielded back and Senate vote on the motion to concur, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S6707**

Brouillette Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy. **Pages S6694–S6707**

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 on Friday, November 22, 2019. **Pages S6706–07**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6694**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6694**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 21, 2019. **Page S6707**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 80 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 360), Barbara Lagoa, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Pages S6682–88**

By 65 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 362), Adrian Zuckerman, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Romania. **Pages S6688–94**

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

By 65 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 361), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6688**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S6723–24**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—362) **Pages S6687–88, S6694**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6707.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUDIT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense audit, after receiving testimony from David L. Norquist, Deputy Secretary Of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CYBER STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a closed hearing to examine implementation of the 2018 Department of Defense Cyber Strategy, after receiving testimony from John W. Wilmer, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, Vice Admiral Ross A. Myers, USN, Deputy Commander, United States Cyber Command, Lieutenant General Mary F. O'Brien, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Cyber Effects Operations, Air Force, and Major General Dennis A. Crall, USMC, Deputy Principal Cyber Advisor and Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy, all of the Department of Defense.

BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine biological threats to United States national security, after receiving testimony from Thomas V. Inglesby, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Health Security; Tara J. O'Toole, In-Q-Tel; and Julie L. Gerberding, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2877, to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mitchell A. Silk, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and David Carey Woll, Jr., of Connecticut, and John Bobbitt, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine highly automated vehicles, focusing on Federal perspectives on the deployment of safety technology, after receiving testimony from Joel Szabat, Acting Under Secretary for Policy, and James C. Owens, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; and Robert L. Sumwalt, III, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sean O'Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine Alzheimer's awareness, focusing on barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and care coordination, after receiving testimony from Jason Karlawish, University of Pennsylvania Penn Memory Center, Philadelphia; Janet Tomcavage, Geisinger, Winfield, Pennsylvania; Marc A. Cohen, UMass Boston LeadingAge LTSS Center, Newton, Massachusetts; and Lauren Kovach, Brighton, Michigan.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Stephen E. Biegun, of Michigan, to be Deputy Secretary of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Roxanne Cabral, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Kelley Eckels Currie, of Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Kelly C. Degan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, David T. Fischer, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Robert S. Gilchrist, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Peter M. Haymond, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Yuri Kim, of Guam, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, John Joseph Sullivan,