

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3055, Further Continuing Appropriations Act and Further Health Extenders Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6725–S6773

Measures Introduced: Thirty-six bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2923–2958, and S. Res. 436–444. **Pages S6755–56**

Measures Reported:

S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–160)

S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–161)

S. 1294, to require Federal agencies with jurisdiction over broadband deployment to enter into an interagency agreement related to certain types of funding for broadband deployment. (S. Rept. No. 116–162) **Pages S6754–55**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 75, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3055. **Page S6736**

Stomach Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 437, expressing support for the goals of Stomach Cancer Awareness Month. **Page S6759**

National Adoption Month and National Adoption Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 438, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Month and National Adoption Day by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children waiting for adoption, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the

United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S6759–60**

Drive Safer Sunday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 439, designating December 1, 2019, as “Drive Safer Sunday”. **Page S6760**

Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 440, designating December 14, 2019, as “Wreaths Across America Day”. **Pages S6760–61**

Apollo 12 Moon landing 50th anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 12 Moon landing. **Page S6761**

Charging Helps Agencies Realize General Efficiencies Act: Senate passed S. 2193, to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S6764**

Representative Payee Fraud Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 1430, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6764–66**

Fischer (for Lankford/Peters) Amendment No. 1251, to make certain corrections. **Page S6766**

Travis W. Atkins Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 900, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bozeman, Montana, as the “Travis W. Atkins Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S6766–67**

Wilson and Young Medal of Honor VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2334, to designate the

Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Odessa, Texas, as the “Wilson and Young Medal of Honor VA Clinic”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6767**

Elizabeth Buffum Chace Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 575 Dexter Street in Central Falls, Rhode Island, as the “Elizabeth Buffum Chace Post Office”. **Page S6767**

Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2712, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 South Knowles Avenue in New Richmond, Wisconsin, as the “Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building”. **Page S6767**

Jerry C. Washburn Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 887, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 877 East 1200 South in Orem, Utah, as the “Jerry C. Washburn Post Office Building”. **Page S6767**

Marilyn Monroe Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1252, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6531 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the “Marilyn Monroe Post Office”. **Page S6767**

Ritchie Valens Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1253, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13507 Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima, California, as the “Ritchie Valens Post Office Building”. **Page S6767**

Eva G. Hewitt Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1526, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Israel Road Southeast in Tumwater, Washington, as the “Eva G. Hewitt Post Office”. **Page S6767**

Corporal Alex Martinez Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1844, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Grove Court in Elgin, Illinois, as the “Corporal Alex Martinez Memorial Post Office Building”. **Page S6767**

Jeannette Rankin Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 West Kent Avenue in Missoula, Montana, as the “Jeannette Rankin Post Office Building”. **Page S6767**

Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2151, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7722 South Main Street in Pine Plains, New York, as the “Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office”. **Page S6767**

65th Infantry Regiment Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Calle Alondra in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “65th Infantry Regiment Post Office Building”. **Page S6767**

Jose Ramos Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3144, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8520 Michigan Avenue in Whittier, California, as the “Jose Ramos Post Office Building”. **Page S6767**

Lake Havasu City Combat Veterans Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 McCulloch Boulevard North in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, as the “Lake Havasu City Combat Veterans Memorial Post Office Building”. **Page S6767**

National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act: Senate passed S. 333, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training. **Page S6768**

State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act: Senate passed S. 1846, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6768–70**

Fischer (for Peters) Amendment No. 1252, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6769–70**

General Security of Military Information Agreement between the Republic of Korea and Japan: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 435, reaffirming the importance of the General Security of Military Information Agreement between the Republic of Korea and Japan, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6770**

House Messages:

Further Continuing Appropriations Act and Further Health Extenders Act: By 74 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 365), Senate agreed to McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment Senate to H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, after taking action on the following motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6734–36**

Rejected:

Paul motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Paul Amendment No. 1250, to reduce the

amount appropriated by 1 percent and put the savings towards the Highway Trust Fund and certain Environmental Protection Agency Infrastructure Assistance. (By 73 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 363), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S6734–35**

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

By 75 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 364), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment Senate to the bill. **Page S6735**

Virginia Beach Strong Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if Senate receives H.R. 4566, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 31, 2019, and the text is identical to the text of S. 2592, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 31, 2019, as introduced, Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4566, the bill be considered read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that if passed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S6764**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Pages S6767–68**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, November 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 7 a.m.; Friday, November 29, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 29, 2019, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, December 2, 2019. **Page S6772**

Brouillette Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy. **Pages S6726, S6739**

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

By 74 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 366), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6739**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 2, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, with the post-cloture time on the nomination expiring at 5:30 p.m.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, November 21, 2019, ripen following disposition of the nomination. **Page S6772**

Komitee Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eric Ross Komitee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S6726**

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 nomination of Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy. **Page S6726**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6726**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6726**

Sinatra Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. **Page S6726**

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 nomination of Eric Ross Komitee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S6726**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6726**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6726**

Pitlyk Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Pages S6726–27**

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 nomination of John L. Sinatra, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. **Page S6727**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6726**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6726**

Cole Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Douglas Russell Cole, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S6727**

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 nomination of Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. **Page S6727**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6727**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6727**

Huffaker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Page S6727**

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 nomination of Douglas Russell Cole, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S6727**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6727**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6727**

Barlow Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Page S6727**

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 nomination of R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. **Page S6727**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6727**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6727**

Myers Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard Ernest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S6727**

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 nomination of David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Pages S6727–28**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6727**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6727**

Lydon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Pages S6728–34**

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 nomination of Richard Ernest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S6728**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6728**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6728**

Duncan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service. **Page S6736**

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 nomination of Sherri A. Lydon, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S6736**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6736**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

John E. Kramer, of Florida, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Joshua A. Deahl, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Deborah J. Israel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Andrea L. Hertzfeld, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2024.

E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

Ralph Ignatius Sozio, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

Robert Anthony Dixon, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

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

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

Pages S6772–73

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jason Myung-Ik Chung, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

John W. Holcomb, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Knut Sveinbjorn Johnson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Steve Kim, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Joshua M. Kindred, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Michelle M. Pettit, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Todd Wallace Robinson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Jennifer P. Togliatti, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Page S6772**

Messages from the House: **Page S6754**

Measures Referred: **Page S6754**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S6754**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S6754**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S6755**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6756–59**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6752–54**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6762–63**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6763**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S6764**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—366) **Pages S6735–36, S6739**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 22, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6772.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FCC SPECTRUM AUCTIONS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded an oversight hearing examine the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on the spectrum auctions program, after receiving testimony from Julius Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, and Giulia McHenry, Acting Chief, Office of Economics and Analytics, both of the Federal Communications Commission.