

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2740, Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6909–S6956

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3003–3014, and S. Res. 449–452. **Pages S6949–50**

Measures Reported:

S. 1342, to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–170) **Page S6949**

Measures Passed:

Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act: By 91 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 389), Senate passed S. 2740, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application. **Pages S6921–30**

Virginia Beach Strong Act: Pursuant to the order of November 21, 2019, and the text being identical to S. 2592, Senate passed 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. **Page S6956**

Historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions funding: Senate passed H.R. 5363, to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions. **Page S6956**

Congratulating astronauts Dr. Jessica U. Meir and Christina H. Koch: Senate agreed to S. Res. 451, congratulating astronauts Dr. Jessica U. Meir

and Christina H. Koch for the historic accomplishment of completing the first all-female spacewalk. **Page S6956**

VanDyke Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S6920, S6930–43**

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

By 53 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 388), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6920**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 11, 2019; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S6956**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 387), Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S6910–20**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Sean O'Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on October 15, 2019, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S6956**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—389)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6956.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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 Bank.

SEC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, including S. 945, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to require certain issuers to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission information regarding foreign jurisdictions that prevent the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from performing inspections under that Act, after receiving testimony from Jay Clayton, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

IMO 2020 MARINE SULFUR STANDARD

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the upcoming implementation of the International Maritime Organization's new global sulfur standard for marine fuels, which is set to take effect on January 1, 2020, after receiving testimony from Linda Capuano, Administrator, Energy Information Agency, Department of Energy; and John W. Butler, World Shipping Council, Derrick Morgan, American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, Neelesh Nerurkar, ClearView Energy Partners, LLC, and Jamie Webster, Boston Consulting Group, all of Washington, D.C.

ENCRYPTION AND LAWFUL ACCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine encryption and lawful access, focusing on evaluating benefits and risks to public safety and privacy, after receiving testimony from Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., New York County District Attorney, New York, New York; Matt Tait, University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, Austin; Erik Neuenschwander, Apple Inc., Cupertino, California; and Jay Sullivan, Facebook, Menlo Park, California.

U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded an oversight hearing to examine modernization of the United States Copyright Office, after receiving testimony from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, and Bernard A. Barton, Jr., Chief Information Officer, both of the Library of Congress; and Jody A. Harry, Chief Financial Officer and Acting Chief of Operations, United States Copyright Office.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5374–5388; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 755–757, 759 were introduced. Pages H10015–16

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H10016–17

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 758, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3) to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other