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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—394)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6995.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine an update on the situation and United States strategy in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Austin S. Miller, USA, Commander, NATO Resolute Support mission and United States Forces-Afghanistan, and Randall G. Schriver, Assistant Secretary for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, both of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 137 nominations in the Army and Air Force.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2204, to allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2381, to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2638, to amend title 49, United State Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers;

S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2786, to establish a Federal advisory committee to provide policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on positioning the United States to take advantage of emerging opportunities for Arctic maritime transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2802, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2881, to require the Federal Communications Commission to make not less than 280 megahertz of spectrum available for terrestrial use, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2898, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers;

S. 2909, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration;

S. 2964, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to issue non-premium aviation insurance;

S. 2979, to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, with an amendment; and

S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2641, to promote United States national security and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, with an amendment;

S. 2547, to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China, with an amendment;

H.R. 2744, to authorize the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prescribe the manner in which programs of the agency are identified overseas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2977, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014;

S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 133, to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1830, to enhance the security of the United States and its allies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 704, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1189, to require the Secretary of State to determine whether the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism and whether Russian-sponsored armed entities in Ukraine should be designated as foreign terrorist organizations, with an amendment;

S.J. Res. 4, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 142, condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, with amendments;

S. Res. 152, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States, with amendments;

S. Res. 260, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy, with amendments;

S. Res. 297, commending the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for its significant accomplishments and contributions to the economic and social development of the Americas;

S. Res. 343, congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the people of the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the 26th anniversary of the formation of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and the 101st anniversary of the declaration of independence of Czechoslovakia;

S. Res. 371, reaffirming the support of the United States for the people of the Republic of South Sudan and calling on all parties to uphold their commitments to peace and dialogue as outlined in the 2018 revitalized peace agreement, with amendments;

S. Res. 375, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, with an amendment;

S. Res. 385, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of both Germany and Europe, and the spread of democracy around the world, with an amendment;

S. Res. 395, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis;

S. Res. 447, expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date, with amendments;

S. Con. Res. 23, honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II, recognizing the valiant efforts of the Allied Forces in December 1944, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, all of which contributed to the Allied victory in the European Theater, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, and Stephen E. Biegun, of Michigan, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of State.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.1853, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S.2365, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### DOJ IG FISA REPORT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice Inspector General's report on alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Rubio, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 5389–5405; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; and H. Res. 760–761 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Trump-Ukraine Impeachment Inquiry Report (H. Rept. 116–335);*

H.R. 4242, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to disclose information on pay raises made to executives and non-executive employees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–336); and

H.R. 4320, to ensure that irresponsible corporate executives, rather than shareholders, pay fines and penalties, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–337).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act—Motion to Reconsider:** The House agreed to the Representative McCollum motion to table the Representative Himes motion to reconsider the vote on passage of H.R. 729, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, by a

yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 670. Consideration began yesterday, December 10th.

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**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1790) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 672.

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H. Res. 758, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3) and (H.R. 5038) and the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1790) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 669, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 668. Subsequently, Representative McGovern moved to reconsider the vote on agreeing to H. Res. 729 and Representative Nadler moved to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 671.

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**Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2019:** The House passed H.R. 5038, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, by a recorded vote of 260 yeas to 165 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 674. Subsequently, Representative Lofgren moved to