

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7037–S7058

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3052–3061. **Page S7048**

Measures Reported:

S. 2513, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–175)

H.R. 135, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–176)

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Measures Passed:

President George H.W. Bush and First Spouse Barbara Bush Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 457, to require that \$1 coins issued during 2019 honor President George H. W. Bush and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bullion coins during 2019 in honor of Barbara Bush, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1257, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7057**

Artistic Recognition for Talented Students Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2824, to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7058**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military ac-

tivities 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. **Pages S7037–38, S7042–46**

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

By 76 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 398), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill. **Page S7042**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, at 11:45 a.m., on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, all post-cloture time be considered expired on the conference report to accompany the bill, and that Senate vote on the pending motion to waive the budget act, if applicable, prior to a vote on adoption of the conference report. **Pages S7045–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. **Page S7058**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, received during adjournment of the Senate on December 13, 2019; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–39) **Pages S7047–48**

McFarland Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Matthew Walden McFarland, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S7038**

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 Wednesday, December 18, 2019. **Page S7038**

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 S7038**

Singhal Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anuraag Singhal, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S7038**

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 Matthew Walden McFarland, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S7038**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7038**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7038**

Marston Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7038**

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 Anuraag Singhal, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S7038–39**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7038**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7038**

Traynor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. **Page S7039**

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 Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7039**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Dishman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S7039**

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 Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. **Page S7039**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Gallagher Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John M. Gallagher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7039**

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 Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S7039**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Jones II Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Bernard Maurice Jones II, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S7039**

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 M. Gallagher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7039**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Vyskocil Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary Kay Vyskocil,

of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S7039–40**

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 Bernard Maurice Jones II, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7039**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7039**

Riggs Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kea Whetzal Riggs, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Page S7040**

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 Mary Kay Vyskocil, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Colville Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert J. Colville, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7040**

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 Kea Whetzal Riggs, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Liman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lewis J. Liman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S7040**

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 Robert J. Colville, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Brown Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gary Richard Brown, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S7040**

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 Lewis J. Liman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S7040**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Davis Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephanie Dawkins Davis, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S7040–41**

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 Gary Richard Brown, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S7041**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7040**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7040**

Vote Correction—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator King be permitted to change his vote from nay to yea on Vote No. 397 since it will not affect the outcome. **Page S7042**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—398) Page S7042

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7058.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5434–5443; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 81, were introduced. Pages H10305–06

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H10306–07

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2474, to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–347);

H.R. 2647, to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–348);

H.R. 4227, to prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map (H. Rept. 116–349);

H.R. 4229, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–350);

H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–351);

H.R. 4998, to prohibit certain Federal loans, grants, and subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such

risks, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–352); and

H. Res. 765, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1158) to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (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, and for other purposes; and providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 761) permitting individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center (H. Rept. 116–353). Page H10305

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McCollum to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10269

Recess: The House recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H10269

Order of Business—Consideration of H.R. 5430: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 5430), to implement the Agreement between the United States of America, the United Mexican States, and Canada attached as an Annex to the Protocol Replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement, that the bill be considered as read, that the bill be debatable for two hours equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees, and that, pursuant to section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question