

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2020.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 5574–5584; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 788–789, were introduced. **Pages H179–80**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H181**

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

H.R. 560, to amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes”, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–373, Part 1);

H.R. 1492, to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National Monument, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–374); and

H.R. 4737, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security to research and evaluate existing Federal research regarding approaches to mitigate climate change on homeland security to identify areas for further research within the Department, research and develop approaches to mitigate the consequences of climate change on homeland security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–375). **Page H179**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cicilline to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H151**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Barry H. Block, Congregation Bnai Israel, Little Rock, Arkansas. **Page H151**

**PFAS Action Act:** The House passed H.R. 535, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 247 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 13. Consideration began yesterday, January 9th. **Pages H153–64**

Rejected the Rodgers (WA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 12. **Pages H162–63**

Agreed to:

Tlaib amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–366) that adds the term “disproportionately exposed communities” to “disadvantaged communities”; **Pages H153–55**

Malinowski amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–366), as modified, that adds stain resistant, water resistant, and grease resistant coatings that are not subject to requirements under section 409 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to the list of products eligible for a voluntary label indicating an absence of PFAS; **Pages H155–56**

Levin (MI) amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–366) that requires within 5 years a study of EPA actions under CERCLA to clean up PFAS contamination sites; **Pages H156–58**

Slotkin amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–366) that requires the Administrator

of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with other relevant government agencies, to report to Congress on efforts to identify viable alternatives to firefighting foam and other related equipment containing PFAS; and **Pages H158–60**

Pappas amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–366) that was debated on January 9th that requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to review and develop effluent standards, pretreatment standards, and water quality criteria for PFAS under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 11). **Pages H161–62**

Rejected:

Burgess amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–366) that was debated on January 9th that sought to strike Section 2, which directs the EPA to designate PFAS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 9); and **Page H160**

Balderson amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–366) that was debated on January 9th that sought to prevent implementation of the underlying bill until after the EPA Administrator certifies that its own PFAS Action Plan is completed (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 10). **Pages H160–61**

H. Res. 779, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) was agreed to Wednesday, January 8th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, January 13th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H164**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued an Executive Order with respect to Iran that

takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Financial Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–94). **Page H174**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H160, H160–61, H161–62, H163. and H164. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1230, the “Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act”; and H.J. Res. 76, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, January 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 p.m., Monday, January 13

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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