

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S619–S644

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3227–3247, S. Res. 484–487, and S. Con. Res. 35.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce. (S. Rept. No. 116–208)

Report to accompany S. 2425, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish the CHP Technical Assistance Partnership Program. (S. Rept. No. 116–209)

Report to accompany S. 2508, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a council to conduct a survey and analysis of the employment figures and demographics in the energy, energy efficiency, and motor vehicle sectors of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 116–210)

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Measures Considered:

Impeachment of President Trump: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against Donald John Trump, President of the United States. **Pages S619–27**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the question period for Senators start at approximately 1 p.m., on Wednesday, January 29, 2020; that the questions alternate between the Majority and the Minority sides for up to 8 hours during that session of the Senate; and that on Thursday, January 30, 2020, Senate continue time for Senators questions alternating between the sides for up to 8 hours during that session of the Senate. **Page S626**

Senate will continue consideration of the articles of impeachment against President Trump, on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. **Page S644**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles A. Stones, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Thomas M. Mistele, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Judy Shelton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010.

Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.

Finch Fulton, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Jenny A. McGee, of Texas, to be an Associate Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Julie Elizabeth Hocker, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years. **Page S644**

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1:03 p.m. and adjourned at 2:54 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S644.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE IN AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a

hearing to examine building infrastructure in America, focusing on an overview of the Build America Bureau and the Department of Transportation Rural Transportation Initiatives, after receiving testimony from Joel Szabat, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, performing the duties of Under Secretary for Policy, and Morteza Farajian, Executive Director, Build America Bureau, both of the Department of Transportation; and John McCarthy, Port of Tacoma Commission, Tacoma, Washington, on behalf of The Northwest Seaport Alliance.

U.S.-IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on United States-Iran policy and authorities for the use of force from Brian H. Hook, Special Representative for Iran, Joey Hood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Marik String, Acting Legal Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, all of the Department of State.

AMERICA'S FISCAL PATH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's fiscal path, including S. 2733, to save and strengthen critical social contract programs of the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; Charles P. Blahous, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Rockville, Maryland; and Brian Riedl, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5685–5698; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 86; and H. Res. 815–817, were introduced. **Pages H632–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H633–34**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H571**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H576–77**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Jeffrey F. Kirby, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Indian Land, SC. **Page H577**

Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act and Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 811, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3621) to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to remove adverse information for certain defaulted or delinquent private education loan borrowers who demonstrate a history of loan repayment, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 550) to award a Congressional Gold

Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 26, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 25. **Pages H579–88, H605–06**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Global Hope Act: H.R. 5338, amended, to authorize the Secretary of State to pursue public-private partnerships, innovative financing mechanisms, research partnerships, and coordination with international and multilateral organizations to address childhood cancer globally; **Pages H588–90**

Supporting the rights of the people of Iran to free expression, condemning the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests: H. Res. 752, amended, supporting the rights of the people of Iran to free expression, condemning the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests; **Pages H590–94**

Tibetan Policy and Support Act: H.R. 4331, amended, to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 27; and

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