

February 17, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1083.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Charles Williams, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, both of the Department of Defense; and

871 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Northern Command and United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal

year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 5884–5909; 2 private bills, H.R. 5910–5911; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 857–859, were introduced. **Pages H1156–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1158**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4990, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Science Foundation to carry out research and other activities to promote the security and modernization of voting systems, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–396, Part 1); and

H.R. 4979, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support STEM education and workforce development research focused on rural areas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–397). **Page H1156**

Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment: The House passed H.J. Res. 79, removing the deadline for the ratification of

the equal rights amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 70. **Pages H1129–43**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the joint resolution shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1129**

H. Res. 844, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) was agreed to Tuesday, February 11th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, February 14th. **Page H1143**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress that the national emergency with respect to the southern border of the United States that was declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2019 is to continue in effect beyond February 15, 2020. Referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–99). **Page H1145**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1142–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ASSESSING U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Security Assistance to Mexico”. Testimony was heard from Hugo Rodriguez, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Richard Glenn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Barbara Feinstein, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

THE YOUTH BULGE IN AFRICA: CONSIDERATIONS FOR US POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Youth Bulge in Africa: Considerations for US Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING FEDERAL JUDICIARY EMPLOYEES FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, AND OTHER WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Protecting Federal Judiciary Employees from Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Other Workplace Misconduct”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D141)

S. 153, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research. Signed on February 11, 2020. (Public Law 116–115)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.