

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1123–S1160*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3328–3339. **Page S1155**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 500, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1081, to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, with amendments.

S. 2418, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to modify a definition and the disposition and authorized uses of qualified outer Continental Shelf revenues under that Act and to exempt State and county payments under that Act from sequestration, to provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska, with amendments. **Page S1155**

#### Measures Considered:

**Protect Pain-Capable Unborn Children:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3275, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children. **Pages S1129–36**

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 57), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1136**

**Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act:** By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 58), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 311, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner

from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. **Pages S1136–37**

**Printing of Statements and Opinions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing to modify the order of January 31, 2020, to allow Senators to have until Thursday, February 27, 2020 to have printed statements and opinions in the *Congressional Record*, if they choose, explaining their votes and include those in the documentation of the impeachment proceedings; and that the two page rule be waived. **Page S1160**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13660 on March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47) **Pages S1154–55**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels, as amended; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–48) **Page S1155**

**Greaves Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court. **Pages S1137–38, S1138–42**

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

By 91 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 61), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1137–38**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 27, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, under the order of Monday, February 24, 2020. **Page S1160**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 54), Robert Anthony Molloy, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years. **Pages S1124–28, S1160**

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 59), Silvia Carreno-Coll, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. **Pages S1128, S1137, S1160**

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

By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 55), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1128**

By 58 yeas 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 60), Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S1129, S1137, S1160**

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

By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 56), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1129**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

William Jordan Gillis, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Douglas Benevento, of Colorado, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for the term of three years.

Alex Nelson Wong, of New Jersey, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Alex Nelson Wong, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Aldona Z. Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Canada.

Elizabeth Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2020.

Jesse Merriam, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024. **Page S1160**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S1155, S1160**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1155–58**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S1158–59**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1153–54**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1159**

**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—61) **Pages S1128–29, S1136–38**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1160.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Alex Azar, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, Commander, United States European Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Stephen R. Lyons, USA, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program from General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, Commander,