

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,

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.

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on public transportation stakeholders' perspectives, including S. 436, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the development of public transportation operations safety risk reduction programs, and S. 1553, to repeal the debt ceiling, after receiving testimony from Paul P. Skoutelas, American Public Transportation Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Patrick K. McKenna, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, St. Louis, Missouri; Scott Bogren, Community Transportation Association of America, Germantown, Maryland; and Ed Mortimer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Larry I. Willis, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

### **FOREST SERVICE BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Vic-

toria Christiansen, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### **NORTH KOREA POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine North Korea policy one year after Hanoi, after receiving testimony from Robert R. King, and Sue Mi Terry, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Bruce Klingner, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

### **UNIVERSAL INJUNCTIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine rule by district judge, focusing on the challenges of universal injunctions, after receiving testimony from Loren L. AliKhan, Solicitor General of the District of Columbia, and Jesse Panuccio, Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Samuel L. Bray, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana; Mila Sohoni, University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California; and Nicholas Bagley, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor.

### **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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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 5952–5970; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 91; and H. Res. 863–865, were introduced. **Pages H1189–90**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1191–92**

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

H.R. 315, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–404);

H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the

program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–405);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Improve Transparency in the U.S. House of Representatives (H. Rept. 116–406);

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Streamline House Human Resources, Overhaul the Onboarding Process, Improve Member Continuing Education Opportunities, Modernize House Technology, and Improve Accessibility (H. Rept. 116–407); and

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Recommendations to Encourage Civility and Bipartisanship in Congress, Streamline Processes and Save Taxpayer Dollars, and Increase the Quality of Constituent Communication (H. Rept. 116–408).