

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1641–S1674

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3423–3433, and S. Res. 537–538. **Page S1672**

Measures Considered:

Advanced Geothermal Innovation Leadership Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 1407, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1644**

Portman/Shahen Amendment No. 1514 (to Amendment No. 1407), to establish greater energy efficiency and cost-effectiveness in building codes.

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Shahen Amendment No. 1525 (to Amendment No. 1514), to modify the authorization of appropriations for cost-effective codes implementation for efficiency and resilience. **Page S1644**

Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 56, 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”.

Pages S1658–60, S1660–65

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

Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions from further consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S1669**

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 69), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S1659–60**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday,

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March 11, 2020, and that all time expire at 12 noon. **Page S1675**

House Messages:

Broadband DATA Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1822, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services. **Page S1660**

Danly Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S1658**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, March 12, 2020. **Page S1658**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1658**

Messages from the House: **Page S1669**

Measures Referred: **Page S1669**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S1669**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1668–69**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S1674–75**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—69) **Page S1660**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1675.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FCC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, and Jessica Rosenworcel, Geoffrey Starks, and Brendan Carr, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

THE SAHEL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine fragility in the Sahel, after receiving testimony from Mark Green, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; and David Hale, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Jordan Gillis, of Georgia, who was introduced by Senator Perdue, and Victor G. Mercado, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Kathleen L. Kraninger, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR 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 Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior.

AFGHANISTAN AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Monday, March 9, 2020, Committee received a joint closed briefing

with the Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs on the Afghanistan agreement from Mary Catherine Phee, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation, and Alice G. Wells, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, both of the Department of State.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY MARKETS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine competition in digital technology markets, focusing on self-preferencing by digital platforms, after receiving testimony from Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, Sally Hubbard, Open Markets Institute, and Morgan Reed, ACT The App Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas W. Hazlett, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina; and Luther Lowe, Yelp, San Francisco, California.

COPYRIGHT LAW AND DIGITAL PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine copyright law in foreign jurisdictions, focusing on how other countries are handling digital piracy, after receiving testimony from Justin Hughes, Loyola Marymount University, and Jonathan Yunger, Millennium Media, both of Los Angeles, California; Pamela Samuelson, University of California Law School, Berkeley; Michael D. Smith, Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Daphne Keller, Stanford University Cyber Policy Center, Stanford, California; Stanford K. McCoy, Motion Picture Association EMEA, Brussels, Belgium; Julia Reda, Harvard University Berkman Klein Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Matt Schruers, Computer and Communications Industry Association, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.