

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4363–S4431*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4258–4289, and S. Res. 655–656. **Pages S4421–22**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2525, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct a study of personal protective equipment worn by firefighters to determine the prevalence and concentration of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4421**

#### Measures Passed:

**Reinforcing American-Made Products Act:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 4065, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4397–99**

**Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act:** Senate passed S. 906, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S4398–99**

**Glioblastoma Awareness Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 617, designating July 22, 2020, as “Glioblastoma Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4431**

#### Measures Considered:

**National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S4365–97, S4399–S4414**

#### Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 136), Tester Modified Amendment No. 1972 (to Amendment No. 2301), to expand the list of diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for which there is a presumption of service connection for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 2, 2020, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S4370–71, S4375**

#### Rejected:

By 23 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 135), Sanders/Markey Amendment No. 1788 (to Amendment No. 2301), to reduce the bloated Pentagon budget by 10 percent and invest that money in jobs, education, health care, and housing in communities in the United States in which the poverty rate is not less than 25 percent. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 2, 2020, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4371–75**

#### Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 2301, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4365**

McConnell (for Portman) Amendment No. 2080 (to Amendment No. 2301), to require an element in annual reports on cyber science and technology activities on work with academic consortia on high priority cybersecurity research activities in Department of Defense capabilities. **Page S4365**

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

By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 137), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Inhofe Amendment No. 2301 (listed above). **Pages S4375–76**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 23, 2020; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on Inhofe Amendment No. 2301, as amended.

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**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was established in Executive Order 13581 on July 24, 2011; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–55)

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—137) Pages S4375–76

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4431.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### UNITED STATES AND CHINA

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the United States and China, focusing on winning the economic competition, after receiving testimony from J. Christopher Giancarlo, Willkie Farr and Gallagher, Jersey City, New Jersey; Tim Morrison, Hudson Institute, and Martjin Rasser, Center for a New American Security, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lisa D. Cook, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 933, to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1730, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials and systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3152, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3771, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Federal Advisory Committee on the Development and Implementation of Artificial Intelligence, with an amendment;

S. 3891, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to advance the development of technical standards for artificial intelligence, to establish the National Program to Advance Artificial Intelligence Research, to promote research on artificial intelligence at the National Science Foundation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3958, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects, with an amendment;

S. 4144, to amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety;

S. 4162, to provide certainty for airport funding; and

The nominations of Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Michael J. Walsh, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel, and Mary A. Toman, of California, to be Under Secretary Economic Affairs, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the Coast Guard,

### WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2718, to provide for the conduct of certain water security measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 3811, to provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, S. 4188, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, S. 4189, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, and an original bill entitled, "Water-Energy Technology Demonstration and Deployment Act", after receiving testimony