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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—189)	Pages S5739–40, S5749

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5751.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OFFSHORE AND MARINE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine emerging offshore and marine energy technologies in the United States, including offshore wind, marine and hydrokinetic energy, and alternative fuels for maritime shipping, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Simmons, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; Stuart Davies, ORPC, Inc., Portland, Maine; Siri Kindem, Equinor Wind U.S., Stamford, Connecticut; and Jonathan F. Lewis, Clean Air Task Force, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Erik Paul Bethel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Keith W. Dayton, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, William A. Douglass, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, Melanie

Harris Higgins, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Jeanne Marie Maloney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini, Michael A. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Jonathan Pratt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Manisha Singh, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, James Broward Story, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Barbera Hale Thornhill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Thomas Laszlo Vajda, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, Kenneth R. Weinstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Japan, and 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, and 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, all of the Department of State, and Edward A. Burrier, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ashok Michael Pinto, of Illinois, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, who was introduced by Senator Thune, and William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be an Under Secretary (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights), both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 8333–8349; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1135–1141 were introduced. **Pages H4715–16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4716–17**
Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
 H.R. 3798, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for limitations on copayments for

contraception furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–529); and

H.R. 2468, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain allergies and asthma-related grants, to States that require certain public schools to have allergies and asthma management programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–530).

Pages H4714–15

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m.

Page H4651

Recess: The House recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:59 a.m.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Richmond wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Homeland Security.

Pages H4666–67

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1135, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Extension of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act: H.R. 991, amended, to extend certain provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act until September 30, 2030;

Pages H4654–57

Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act: H.R. 6210, amended, ensuring that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 196;

Pages H4657–66, H4687–88

Global Health Security Act: H.R. 2166, amended, to authorize a comprehensive, strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to strengthen global health security;

Pages H4667–71

Global Child Thrive Act: H.R. 4864, amended, to develop and implement policies to advance early childhood development, to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries;

Pages H4671–74

Leveraging Information on Foreign Traffickers Act: H.R. 5664, amended, To amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to ensure adequate time for the preparation of the annual Trafficking in

Persons Report, require the timely provision of information to the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and the Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the Department of State regarding the number and location of visa denials based, in whole or in part, on grounds related to human trafficking, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 197;

Pages H4674–77, H4688

Honoring All Veterans Act: H.R. 3010, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Pages H4677–78

Native American Veteran Parity in Access to Care Today Act: H.R. 4908, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of a health care copayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from a veteran who is a member of an Indian tribe;

Pages H4678–79

CFO Authority and Collaboration Act of 2020: H.R. 6589, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and submit to Congress a plan to address the material weakness of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Pages H4679–80

VA Mission Telehealth Clarification Act: H.R. 3228, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize health professional trainees to provide treatment via telemedicine;

Pages H4680–82

Veteran's Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act: H.R. 6092, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national clinical pathway for prostate cancer, access to life-saving extending precision clinical trials and research;

Pages H4682–85

Veterans Benefits Fairness and Transparency Act of 2020: H.R. 7795, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of veterans to access and submit disability benefit questionnaire forms of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

Pages H4685–87

Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021: H.R. 8337, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 57 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 198.

Pages H4689–H4705

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the over 200,000 Americans who have passed away from the COVID–19 virus.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:38 p.m. and reconvened at 3:51 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:33 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Pages H4688–89

Authorizing the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 8276, to authorize the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Page H4705**

Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 1923, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue quarter dollars in commemoration of the Nineteenth Amendment, as amended by Representative Cleaver. **Pages H4705–09**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue certain circulating collectible coins, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4708**

Negro Leagues Baseball Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4104, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Negro Leagues baseball, as amended by Representative Cleaver. **Pages H4709–11**

1921 Silver Dollar Coin Anniversary Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6192, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to honor the 100th anniversary of completion of coinage of the “Morgan Dollar” and the 100th anniversary of commencement of coinage of the “Peace Dollar”, as amended by Representative Cleaver. **Pages H4711–12**

Merrill's Marauders Congressional Gold Medal Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 743, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the soldiers of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), commonly known as “Merrill's Marauders”, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in the jungles of Burma during World War II. **Page H4712**

Senate Referrals: S. 924 was held at the desk. S. 1160 was held at the desk. S. 1646 was held at the desk. S. 4072 was held at the desk. S. Con. Res. 45 was held at the desk. **Page H4650**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4650.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4687–88, H4688, and H4704–05.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MODERNIZATION OF THE CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION PRODUCTION INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Modernization of the Conventional Ammunition Production Industrial Base”. Testimony was heard from Bruce Jette, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of the Army; and General Edward M. Daly, U.S. Army, Commanding General, Army Materiel Command.

OVERSIGHT OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S AND FEDERAL RESERVE'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Treasury Department's and Federal Reserve's Pandemic Response”. Testimony was heard from Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Jerome Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

STEMMING A RECEDING TIDE: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES IN ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Stemming a Receding Tide: Human Rights and Democratic Values in Asia”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIVERSITY AND DIPLOMACY: ASSESSING THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD IN PROMOTING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Diversity and Diplomacy: Assessing the State Department's Record in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion”. Testimony was heard from Carol Z. Perez, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Global Talent, Department of State; and Gregory B. Smith, Director and Chief Diversity Officer, Office of Civil Rights, Department of State.

MAINTAINING JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE RULE OF LAW: EXAMINING THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF COURT CAPTURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing