

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 8337, Continuing Appropriations Act and Other Extensions Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5899–S6007

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and sixteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4759–4777, S. Res. 727–741, and S. Con. Res. 48.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–272)

S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–273)

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Measures Passed:

Intercountry Adoption Information Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1952, to amend the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of State to report on intercountry adoptions from countries which have significantly reduced adoption rates involving immigration to the United States, and the bill was then passed.

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Senator Kay Hagan Airport Traffic Control Tower: Senate passed S. 4762, to designate the airport traffic control tower located at Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro, North Carolina, as the “Senator Kay Hagan Airport Traffic Control Tower”.

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Continuing Appropriations Act and Other Extensions Act: By 84 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 197), Senate passed H.R. 8337, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S5902–06, S5906–18, S5923

Rejected:

McConnell Amendment No. 2663, to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the amendment.)

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

McConnell Amendment No. 2664, of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2663 was tabled.

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National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 730, supporting the designation of the week beginning September 20, 2020, as “National Small Business Week” and commending the entrepreneurial spirit of the small business owners of the United States and their impact on their communities.

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Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 731, supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 22, 2020.

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National Bison Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 732, designating November 7, 2020, as “National Bison Day”.

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Preservation Society of Charleston Centennial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 733, recognizing 2020 as the centennial of the Preservation Society of Charleston.

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National Falls Prevention Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 734, designating the week of September 21 through September 25, 2020, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Week” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults.

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National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 735, designating September 29, 2020, as “National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day”.

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National Kinship Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 736, designating September 2020 as “National Kinship Care Month”. **Page S5985**

National Veterans Suicide Prevention Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 737, expressing support for the designation of September 30, 2020, as “National Veterans Suicide Prevention Day”. **Pages S5985–86**

National Suicide Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 738, recognizing suicide as a serious public health problem and expressing support for the designation of September as “National Suicide Prevention Month”. **Page S5986**

National Family Service Learning Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 739, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 21 through September 25, 2020, as “National Family Service Learning Week”. **Page S5986**

Energy Efficiency Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 740, designating October 7, 2020, as “Energy Efficiency Day” in celebration of the economic and environmental benefits that have been driven by private sector innovation and Federal energy efficiency policies. **Pages S5986–87**

Nuclear weapons program workers remembrance day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 741, designating October 30, 2020, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States. **Page S5987**

Honoring Coya Knutson: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 687, honoring the life and legacy of Coya Knutson, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5998**

Chief petty officers 100 years of service: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 694, recognizing 100 years of service by chief petty officers in the United States Coast Guard, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5998–99**

National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 910, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5999–S6000**

Portman (for Wicker) Amendment No. 2674, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6000**

Digital Coast Act: Senate passed S. 1069, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal

data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region. **Pages S6000, S6003–04**

Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6000**

Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 4403, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6001**

Extension of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 991, to extend certain provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act until September 30, 2030, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6001**

Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 561, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S6001–02**

Ensuring Health Safety in the Skies Act: Senate passed S. 3681, to require a joint task force on air travel during and after the COVID–19 Public Health Emergency, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6002–03**

Portman (for Markey) Amendment No. 2677, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6003**

House Messages:

Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5923**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with

McConnell Amendment No. 2652, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5923**

McConnell (for Tillis) Amendment No. 2673 (to Amendment No. 2652), to amend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act to prohibit pre-existing condition exclusions. (By 47 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 199), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S5923–24**

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

By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 198), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 178 (listed above). **Page S5923**

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 issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by our Nation's undue reliance on critical minerals, in processed or unprocessed form, from foreign adversaries; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–59) **Pages S5945–46**

Cannon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S5924**

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 upon disposition of S. 4653, to protect the healthcare of hundreds of millions of people of the United States and prevent efforts of the Department of Justice to advocate courts to strike down the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Page S5924**

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 S5924**

Crouse Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Toby Crouse, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S5924**

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 upon disposition of the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S5924**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5924**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5924**

Calabrese Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S5924**

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 upon disposition of the nomination of Toby Crouse, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S5924**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5924**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5924**

Knepp II Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Pages S5924–25**

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 upon disposition of the nomination of J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S5925**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5925**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5925**

Newman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Pages S5925–31**

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 upon disposition of the nomination of James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S5925**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5925**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5925**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 12:00 noon, on Thursday, October 1, 2020. **Page S6003**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
 - 6 Army nominations in the rank of general.
 - 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
 - 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
 - 2 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S6006–07**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brian S. Davis, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

33 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S6004–06**

Messages from the House: **Page S5946**

Measures Referred: **Pages S5946–47**

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Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S5947**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5944–45**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5987–98**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5998**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—199) **Pages S5923–24**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:39 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, October 1, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6004.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine NASA missions and programs, focusing on update and future plans, after receiving testimony from James Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Chad F. Wolf, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

CROSSFIRE HURRICANE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane Investigation, after receiving testimony from James Comey, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 8443–8469; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1160–1163, were introduced. **Pages H5104–05**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5106–07**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 1161, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 925) to extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects

under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024 (H. Rept. 116–556).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5057**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m. **Page H5060**

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