

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6383–S6406

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4843–4849, and S. Res. 751–755. **Page S6403**

Measures Considered:

Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session: By 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. EX. 210), Senate did not agree to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session in order to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 409, requesting information on Turkey's human rights practices in Syria pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. **Page S6388**

Point of Order: By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 212), Senate sustained the ruling of the Chair. Subsequently, Schumer motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, should not be placed on the Executive Calendar because it was reported in violation of the rules of the Senate Judiciary committee, was rejected and the decision of the Chair stands as the judgment of the Senate. **Page S6389**

Motion to Recess: By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 214), Senate agreed to the McConnell motion to recess. **Page S6397**

Nominations Confirmed:

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 213), Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Pages S6383–6397**

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

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 211), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6388–89**

Executive Communications: **Pages S6401–02**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S6404–06**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6399–S6401**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—214) **Pages S6388–89, S6397**

Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon and recessed at 5:22 p.m., until 12 noon on Friday, October 23, 2020, after agreeing to the motion to recess. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6406.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Benjamin Joel Beaton, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Kristi Haskins Johnson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Taylor B. McNeel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Thompson Michael Dietz, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D920)

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. Signed on October 17, 2020. (Public Law 116–170)

S.785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on October 17, 2020. (Public Law 116–171)

S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line. Signed on October 17, 2020. (Public Law 116–172)

H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006. Signed on October 20, 2020. (Public Law 116–173)

S.294, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation commu-

nities. Signed on October 20, 2020. (Public Law 116–174)

S.832, to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865. Signed on October 20, 2020. (Public Law 116–175)

H.R. 1812, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to certain individuals. Signed on October 20, 2020. (Public Law 116–176)

H.R. 2372, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of all memoranda of understanding and memoranda of agreement between Under Secretary of Health and non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities relating to suicide prevention and mental health services. Signed on October 20, 2020. (Public Law 116–177)

H.R. 6168, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2020, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on October 20, 2020. (Public Law 116–178)

S.1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Signed October 20, 2020. (Public Law 116–179)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Friday, October 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Friday, October 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senators should expect procedural roll call votes in relation to the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.



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