

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate upon reconsideration passed H.R. 6395, William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7995–S8016

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 5086, and S.J. Res. 82. **Page S8005**

Measures Passed:

Senate Shared Employee Act: Senate passed S. 5086, to allow Senators, Senators-elect, committees of the Senate, leadership offices, and other offices of the Senate to share employees. **Pages S8005–09**

50 Years of ASEAN: Senate agreed to S. Res. 406, recognizing that for 50 years, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its ten members, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, have worked with the United States toward stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia, and expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States will continue to remain a strong, reliable, and active partner in the ASEAN region, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8009–11**

Boozman (for Menendez) Amendment No. 2735, to make a technical correction to the preamble. **Pages S8010–11**

Eastern European Security Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2444, to authorize the Secretary of State to make direct loans under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8011–12**

Violence in Cameroon: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 684, calling on the Government of Cameroon and separatist armed groups from the English-speaking Northwest and Southwest regions to end

all violence, respect the human rights of all Cameroonians, and pursue a genuinely inclusive dialogue toward resolving the ongoing civil conflict in Anglophone Cameroon, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8012–15**

Boozman (for Risch) Amendment No. 2736, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8012**

Boozman (for Risch) Amendment No. 2737, to amend the preamble. **Pages S8012–14**

Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4508, to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S8015–16**

Measures Considered:

JUSTICE Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3985, to improve and reform policing practices, accountability, and transparency. **Page S7995**

Veto Messages:

William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act—Veto Message: By 81 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 292), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 6395, 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, upon reconsideration was passed, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. **Pages S8000–01**

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

By 80 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 291), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having

voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the veto message.

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Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act—Veto Message: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the veto message to accompany S. 906, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, be considered as having been read and spread upon the Journal in full, and that the message be printed in the Congressional Record.

Pages S8001–02

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions through Sunday, January 3, 2021.

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First Session of the 117th Congress—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon, on Sunday, January 3, 2021, pursuant to the Constitution, Senate present the certificates of election, swear-in elected Members, and proceed to the required live quorum.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S. 906, the Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–63) **Pages S8004–05**

Messages from the House: **Page S8005**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S8005**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S8005–06**

Additional Statements: **Page S8004**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8006–08**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—292) **Page S8001**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 4:12 p.m., until 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 3, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8016.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 3, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.