Thursday, May 28, 2020

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:00:08 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:00:43 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Monday, June 1, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 7042–7063; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 982–987, were introduced. **Pages H2358–59**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2359–60**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Carson (IN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2325**

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

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2020: 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; **Pages H2327–28**

Major Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2020: S. 3414, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2020; **Pages H2328–29**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to modify the limitation on pay for certain high-level employees and officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs: S. 3084, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the limitation on pay for certain high-level employees and officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H2329–30**

Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020: H.R. 7010, amended, to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to modify certain provisions related to the forgiveness of loans under the paycheck protection program, to allow recipients of loan forgiveness under the paycheck protection program to defer payroll taxes, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 114. **Pages H2332–38, H2339–40**

Suspensions: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Small Business Transparency and Reporting for the Underbanked and Taxpayers at Home Act: H.R. 6782, amended, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit a report on recipients of assistance under the paycheck protection program and the economic injury disaster loan program, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 269 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 113. **Pages H2330–32, H2338–39**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the over 100,000 Americans who have passed away from the COVID–19 virus. **Page H2340**

USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020: The House agreed to the Nadler motion to disagree to the Senate amendments and request a conference with the Senate on H.R. 6172, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit a report on recipients of assistance under the paycheck protection program and the economic injury disaster loan program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 284 yeas to 122 nays, Roll No. 115. **Pages H2340–46**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Nadler, Schiff, Lofgren, Jordan, and Nunes. Page H2346

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable Sam Johnson of Texas. Page H2346

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2338–39, H2339–40, and H2345–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—RESPONSE TO COVID–19

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled ''Department of Veterans Affairs—Response to COVID–19''. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Paul Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits; Jennifer MacDonald, Chief Consultant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Health; Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer; and Robert Wilkie, Secretary.

EXAMINING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM COVID–19

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled ''Examining the Federal Government's Actions to Protect Workers from COVID–19''. Testimony was heard from Loren Sweatt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled ''The Status of the U.S. Maritime Supply Chain During the COVID–19 Pandemic'', 1 p.m., Webex.