Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2659–S2700

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3869–3888, and S. Res. 604–606. **Pages S2696–97**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 192, to establish an interagency program to assist countries in North and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 148, supporting efforts by the Government of Colombia to pursue peace and regional stability, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 392, recognizing the importance of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative to the relationship between the United States and the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and to advancing the policy of the United States in the Indo-Pacific region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 454, calling for the immediate release of Cuban democracy activist Jose Daniel Ferrer and commending the efforts of Jose Daniel Ferrer to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cuba, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 502, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II and the raisings of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi.

S. Res. 511, supporting the role of the United States in helping save the lives of children and protecting the health of people in developing countries with vaccines and immunization through GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 523, recognizing the 199th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

S. Res. 525, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should continue to support the people of Nicaragua in their peaceful efforts to promote the restoration of democracy and the defense of human rights, and use the tools under United States law to increase political and economic pressure on the government of Daniel Ortega, with amendments and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 533, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 542, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp during World War II, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 567, commending career professionals at the Department of State for their extensive efforts to repatriate United States citizens and legal permanent residents during the COVID–19 pandemic.

S. 238, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 712, to provide assistance for United States citizens and nationals taken hostage or unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3176, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act: Senate passed H.R. 7010, 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. **Pages S2690–91**

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls: Senate agreed to S. Res. 606, designating May 5, 2020, as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls". **Page S2700**

Pack Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, ripen at 11:40 a.m., on Thursday, June 4, 2020, with 20 minutes of debate under the control of Senator Menendez prior to the vote; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the post-cloture time expire at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 4, 2020. **Page S2691**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 4, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination. **Page S2700**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 78 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 109), James H. Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Pages S2660–79**

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

By 74 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 108), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2670**

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 111), Drew B. Tipton, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S2679–85**

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

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 110), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2679**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—111) **Pages S2670, S2679, S2685**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2700.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing examine the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

COVID–19, TRANSPORTATION, AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of transportation and critical infrastructure, focusing on the impact of the COVID–19 pandemic, after receiving testimony from John Bozzella, Alliance for Automotive Innovation, Randy Guillot, American Trucking Associations, Ian N. Jefferies, Association of American Railroads, Alex Oehler, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and Larry I. Willis, Transportation Trades Department, AFL–CIO, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Donald Lee Moak, of Florida, and William Zollars, of Kansas, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Mark A. Robbins, Carl Ezekiel Ross, and Elizabeth J. Shapiro, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Keith E. Sonderling, of Florida, Andrea R. Lucas, of Virginia, and Jocelyn Samuels, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Marvin Kaplan, of Kansas, and Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Sethuraman Panchanathan, of Arizona, to be Director of the National Science