Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3979–S4081

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4101–4118, and S. Res. 638–639. **Pages S4032–33**

Measures Reported:

S. 2381, to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–238)

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Measures Passed:

Stopping Improper Payments to Deceased People Act: Senate passed S. 4104, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay Initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals. **Pages S3999–S4002**

Paycheck protection program: Senate passed S. 4116, to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act. **Page S4023**

Ensuring Quality Care for Our Veterans Act: Senate passed S. 123, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care.

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Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act Corrections: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 3758, to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to make certain technical corrections, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Perdue (for Merkley) Amendment No. 2388, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4080**

Sergeant Daniel Somers Veterans Network of Support Act: Senate passed S. 2864, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on information sharing between the Department of Veterans Affairs and designated relatives and friends of veterans regarding the assistance and benefits available to the veterans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 4049, 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 2301, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3980**

McConnell (for Portman) Amendment No. 2080 (to Amendment No. 2301), to require an element in annual reports on cyber science and technology activities on work with academic consortia on high priority cybersecurity research activities in Department of Defense capabilities. **Page S3980**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

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Vought Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S4011**

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 on Thursday, July 2, 2020. **Page S4011**

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 S4011**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

William Perry Pendley, of Wyoming, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management. **Page S4081**

Messages from the House: **Page S4031**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4081.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DIGITIZATION OF MONEY AND PAYMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the digitization of money and payments, including S. 2563, to improve laws relating to money laundering, and S. 3571, to require member banks to maintain pass-through digital dollar wallets for certain persons, after receiving testimony from J. Christopher Giancarlo, Willkie Farr and Gallagher, and Charles Cascarilla, Paxos, both of New York, New York, and Nakita Q. Cuttino, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine safety on our roads, focusing on an overview of traffic safety and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant programs, after receiving testimony from Chris Peterson, Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln, Nebraska; John Saunders, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Arlington, on behalf of the Governors Highway Safety Association; and Jane Terry, National Safety Council, Washington, D.C.

IMPACTS OF COVID–19 IN THE TERRITORIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic in the territories, after receiving testimony from Representatives Sablan, Radewagen, Plaskett, González-Colón, and San Nicolas.

IRS COVID–19 RECOVERY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 2020 filing season and Internal Revenue Service COVID–19 recovery, after receiving testimony from Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

CENSORSHIP AND TRADE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine censorship as a non-tariff barrier to trade, after receiving testimony from Richard Gere, International Campaign for Tibet, Nigel Cory, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Clete R. Williams, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld, and Beth Baltzan, Open Markets Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

COVID–19

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine COVID–19 and United States international pandemic preparedness, prevention, and response, focusing on additional perspectives, after receiving testimony from Mark Dybul, Georgetown University Medical Center, Jimmy Kolker, former Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, and Jeremy Konyndyk, Center for Global Development, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ashish K. Jha, Harvard Global Health Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

COVID–19: UPDATE ON GETTING BACK TO WORK AND SCHOOL

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine COVID–19, focusing on an update on progress toward safely getting back to work and back to school,