Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7787–S9709

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 5302–5329, and S. Res. 875. **Pages S9625–26**

Measures Reported:

S. 3129, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River system in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–283)

S. 3370, to release the reversionary interest of the United States in certain non-Federal land in Salt Lake City, Utah. (S. Rept. No. 117–284)

S. 3692, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, with amendments. **Page S9625**

Measures Passed:

Not Invisible Act: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 5087, to amend the Not Invisible Act of 2019 to extend, and provide additional support for, the activities of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7803–04**

Schatz Amendment No. 6556, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7803–04**

Private Relief: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 785, for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, and Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7804–05**

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation: Senate passed S. 3773, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. **Page S7808**

Coronavirus Relief Funds: Senate passed S. 5323, to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to allow States and local governments to use coronavirus relief funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act for infrastructure projects, improve the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, provide Tribal governments with more time to use Coronavirus Relief Fund payments. **Pages S7813–16**

Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 7939, to make permanent certain educational assistance benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the case of changes to courses of education by reason of emergency situations, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9609–10**

Heinrich (for Moran/Tester) Amendment No. 6578, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9609–10**

21st Century President Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3285, to amend gendered terms in Federal law relating to the President and the President's spouse, and the bill was then passed. **Page S9610**

Protecting American Intellectual Property Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1294, to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons that have engaged in significant theft of trade secrets of United States persons, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9610**

Heinrich (for Van Hollen) Amendment No. 6580, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9610**

Abolish Trafficking Reauthorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3946, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9610**

Heinrich (for Cornyn/Klobuchar) Amendment No. 6581, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9610**

Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 4859, to

reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9610–11**

Heinrich (for Durbin/Cornyn) Amendment No. 6582, to support multi-jurisdictional task forces. **Pages S9610–11**

Civilian Cyber Security Reserve Act: Senate passed S. 1324, to establish a Civilian Cyber Security Reserve as a pilot project to address the cyber security needs of the United States with respect to national security, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9611–12**

Technical Amendments to U.S. Code: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5961, to make revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code, and the bill was then passed. **Page S9612**

Terminal Lakes Assistance: Senate passed S. 5328, to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend terminal lakes assistance. **Pages S9612–13**

Food Donation Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 5329, to amend the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to improve the program. **Page S9613**

Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3949, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9613**

Heinrich (for Grassley/Feinstein) Amendment No. 6583, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9613**

Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access, and Research Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 4120, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9613–14**

Heinrich (for Reed) Amendment No. 6584, (no statement of purpose on file). **Pages S9613–14**

Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail Designation Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 3519, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9614**

Heinrich (for Boozman) Amendment No. 6586, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9614**

National Heritage Area Act: Senate passed S. 1942, to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9614–18**

Heinrich (for Manchin) Amendment No. 6587, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9614–18**

House Messages:

Performance Enhancement Reform Act: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate No. 4 to H.R. 2617, to amend section 1115 of title 31, United States Code, to amend the description of how performance goals are achieved, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S9591–S9609**

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate No. 4 to the bill, with Schumer (for Leahy) Amendment No. 6552, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9591**

Schumer Amendment No. 6571 (to Amendment No. 6552), to add an effective date. **Page S9591**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 6572, to add an effective date. **Page S9591**

Schumer Amendment No. 6573 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 6572) of the motion to refer), to modify the effective date. **Page S9591**

Schumer Amendment No. 6574 (to Amendment No. 6573), to modify the effective date. **Pages S9591–S9609**

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

By 70 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 403), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the message of the House on the bill. **Page S9591**

Appointments:

National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology: Dr. Michelle Rozo of Pennsylvania. **Page S9609**

Tracy Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation; that there be ten minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; and that 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate. **Page S9609**

Schaefer Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Agnes Schaefer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army; that there be ten minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate. **Page S9618**

Parker Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Franklin R. Parker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy; that there be ten minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 80 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 401), R. Russell Rumbaugh, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy. **Pages S7787–S7803**

By 57 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 402), Robert Harley Shriver III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

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Kathy K. Im, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Alan J. Patricof, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Alan J. Patricof, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Cynthia Dyer, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Lucy Tamlyn, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

Gene Rodrigues, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability). **Pages S9609, S9618**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S9626**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S9629–S9709**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total–403) **Pages S7803, S7805, S9591**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 and adjourned at 12:11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, until 10:00 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9709.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.