

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6897–S6907

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2997–3002, and S. Res. 448. **Pages S6903–04**

Measures Passed:

National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 448, designating December 3, 2019, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”. **Page S6907**

Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation and Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Senate proceed to legislative session and to the immediate consideration of S. 2740, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application; that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the bill be considered read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate, and Senate resume executive session. **Page S6900**

Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12:00 noon, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Senate proceed to legislative session and to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2333, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention

coordinators, which was received from the House, and the bill be considered read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S6900**

Bumatay Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S6898–S6900**

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

By 47 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 386), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6900**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12:15 p.m., on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. **Page S6900**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. **Page S6907**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Finch Fulton, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol for the term of ten years. **Page S6907**

Messages from the House: **Page S6902**

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Additional Statements: **Page S6902**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—386) **Page S6900**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6907.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 19, 5360–5373; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 749–754 were introduced. **Pages H9386–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9388**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3, to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–324, Part 3);

H.R. 5038, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–328, Part 1);

H.R. 5035, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–329);

H. Res. 748, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 729) to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–330);

H.R. 3621, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to remove adverse information for certain defaulted or delinquent private education loan borrowers who demonstrate a history of loan repayment, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–331);

H.R. 2328, reauthorize and extend funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps; with amendments (H. Rept. 116–332, Part 1); and

Conference report on S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–333). **Pages H9385–86**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Horsford to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9351**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Pages H9352–53**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H9353, H9382**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m. **Page H9353**

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

MSI STEM Achievement Act: H.R. 4372, amended, to direct Federal science agencies and the Office of Science and Technology Policy to undertake activities to improve the quality of undergraduate STEM education and enhance the research capacity at the Nation's HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs; **Pages H9353–56**

Engineering Biology Research and Development Act of 2019: H.R. 4373, amended, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology; **Pages H9356–59**

Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019: H.R. 2051, amended, to provide for Federal coordination of activities supporting sustainable chemistry; **Pages H9359–62**

Building Blocks of STEM Act: S. 737, to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood; **Pages H9362–63**

Identifying Outputs of Generative Adversarial Networks Act: H.R. 4355, amended, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on the outputs that may be generated by generative adversarial networks, otherwise known as deepfakes, and other comparable techniques that may be developed in the future; **Pages H9363–64**