

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1161–S1237

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and nineteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3340–3366, S. Res. 506–523, and S. Con. Res. 37.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2472, to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility. (S. Rept. No. 116–218)

S. 2964, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to issue non-premium aviation insurance. (S. Rept. No. 116–219)

Measures Passed:

Hiram Rhodes Revels as the first African American United States Senator: Senate agreed to S. Res. 508, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the historic seating of Hiram Rhodes Revels as the first African American United States Senator.

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Clotilda Discovery: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 315, memorializing the discovery of the *Clotilda*, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Stalking Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 480, raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2020 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 512, designating March 2, 2020, as “Read Across America Day”.

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American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 513, designating February 2020 as “American Heart Month” and February 7, 2020, as “National Wear Red Day”.

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Remembering Donald Stratton: Senate agreed to S. Res. 514, expressing the sense of the Senate that Donald Stratton be remembered for a lifetime of heroism and service to the United States.

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Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month.

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Black History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 516, celebrating Black History Month.

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Honoring Judge Nathaniel R. Jones: Senate agreed to S. Res. 517, honoring the life and legacy of Judge Nathaniel R. Jones.

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Disabled American Veterans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 518, honoring the 100th anniversary of Disabled American Veterans.

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Honoring Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 519, honoring the life and achievements of Katherine Coleman Goble Johnson.

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National Speech and Debate Education Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 520, designating March 6, 2020, as “National Speech and Debate Education Day”.

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Public Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 521, designating the week of February 24 through February 28, 2020, as “Public Schools Week”.

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Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act: Senate passed H.R. 4998, to prohibit certain Federal subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such risks.

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Electing Secretary for the Majority Robert M. Duncan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 522, electing Robert M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate.

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Measures Considered:

ADVANCED GEOTHERMAL INNOVATION LEADERSHIP ACT—CLOTURE: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development. **Page S1173**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 27, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020. **Page S1173**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1173**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, March 2, 2020; and that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 2, 2020. **Page S1236**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 85 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 62), Travis Greaves, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. **Pages S1164–73**

58 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1177–78, S1236–37**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Katherine Camille Henderson, of Tennessee, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

John Peter Cronan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023. **Page S1236**

Messages from the House: **Pages S1214–15**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1235**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—62) **Page S1173**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 3:49 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1236.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 5984–6012; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 868–875, were introduced. **Pages H1249–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1252–53**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3641, to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–410). **Page H1249**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1227**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1231**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1231, H1241**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2:02 p.m. **Page H1239**

Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 866, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2339) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the sale and marketing of tobacco products, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 75, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 74.

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Committee Election and Ranking: The House agreed to H. Res. 870, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives and ranking a Member on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1239–40 and H1240–41. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Testimony was heard from Mark A. Morgan, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Betsy DeVos, Secretary, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Sue Murrin, Deputy Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND (EUCOM)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled "U.S. European Command (EUCOM)". Testimony was heard from General Tod D. Wolters, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. European Command, and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Vivki Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress.

OVERSIGHT OF VA'S ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Oversight of VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization Implementation". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Melissa Glynn, Assistant Secretary for Enterprise Integration; Richard Stone, Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration; and John H. Windom, Executive Director, Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Dan Brouillette, Secretary, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

MEMBERS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Members Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern, and Representatives Espaillat, Hill, Jackson Lee, Spanberger, Costa, and Judy Chu of California.

WORLD-WIDE THREAT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “World-Wide Threat”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Robert P. Ashley, Jr., Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; and Joseph D. Kernan, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security. This hearing was closed.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy”. Testimony was heard from Thomas B. Modly, Acting Secretary of the Navy, U.S. Navy; Admiral Michael M. Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; and General David H. Berger, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

STRATEGIC FORCES POSTURE HEARING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Strategic Forces Posture Hearing”. Testimony was heard from James Anderson, Performing the Duties of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; General John Raymond, Commander, U.S. Space Command; and Admiral Charles Richard, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

AIR FORCE PROJECTION FORCES AVIATION PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES RELATED TO THE 2021 PRESIDENT’S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities Related to the 2021 President’s

Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from William Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, U.S. Air Force; and Lieutenant General David S. Nahom, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, U.S. Air Force.

BUDGET PRIORITIES: MEMBERS’ DAY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Budget Priorities: Members’ Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Budd, Burgess, Cline, Correa, and Cloud.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 EPA BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2021 EPA Budget”. Testimony was heard from Andrew Wheeler, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS TO HELP AMERICANS IN CRISIS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Communications Networks to Help Americans in Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Anthony Gossner, Fire Chief, Santa Rosa, California; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 149, the “Housing Fairness Act of 2020”; H.R. 4351, the “Yes In My Backyard Act”; H.R. 5187, the “Housing Is Infrastructure Act”; H.R. 5929, the “Shareholder Political Transparency Act”; H.R. 5930, the “Workforce Investment Disclosure Act”; H.R. 5931, the “Improving FHA Support for Small Dollar Mortgages Act of 2020”; H.R. 5932, the “Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act”; Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget; and a resolution electing minority members to the subcommittees of the Committee on Financial Services.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019: THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Coronavirus Disease 2019: The U.S. and International Response”. Testimony was heard from Ian Brownlee, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Jonathan Fritz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State;

William A. Walters, Executive Director and Managing Director for Operational Medicine, Bureau of Medical Services, Department of State; and Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

EXAMINING THE EFFECT OF THE BORDER WALL ON PRIVATE AND TRIBAL LANDOWNERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Effect of the Border Wall on Private and Tribal Landowners”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE TO MEET THE HOMELAND SECURITY MISSION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Building a Diverse and Inclusive Workforce to Meet the Homeland Security Mission”. Testimony was heard from Angela Bailey, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Yvonne Jones, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

RETURNING CITIZENS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR REENTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Returning Citizens: Challenges and Opportunities for Reentry”. Testimony was heard from Vanessa Martin, Director, Reentry Services, Office of Diversion and Reentry, Los Angeles County Department of Health and Human Services, California; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a business meeting on the Request for a Department of Homeland Security Departmental Report on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 4225. The Request for a Department of Homeland Security Departmental Report on the Beneficiaries of H.R. 4225 passed.

THE CURRENT STATE OF THE U.S. REFUGEE PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “The Current State of the U.S. Refugee Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hear-

ing on H.R. 3651, to facilitate the use of certain lands in Nebraska for public outdoor recreational opportunities, and for other purposes; H.R. 3681, the “Green Spaces, Green Vehicles Act of 2019”; H.R. 4236, the “Reducing Waste in National Parks Act”; and H.R. 4512, the “Outdoors for All Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Quigley, Barragán, Fortenberry, and Levin of California; Lena McDowall, Deputy Director, Management and Administration, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Allegra Haynes, Executive Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Denver, Colorado; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Opportunities to Improve Prevention and Response of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration”. Testimony was heard from Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, performing the duties of Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSAULT ON LGBT RIGHTS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s Religious Liberty Assault on LGBT Rights”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Takano, and Representatives Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Kennedy, and Kelly of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

KARSHI-KHANABAD: HAZARDOUS EXPOSURES AND EFFECTS ON U.S. SERVICEMEMBERS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Karshi-Khanabad: Hazardous Exposures and Effects on U.S. Servicemembers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION’S FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Administration’s Federal Research and Development Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2021”. Testimony

was heard from Kelvin Droegemeier, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

AN EXAMINATION OF FEDERAL FLOOD MAPS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a joint hearing entitled “An Examination of Federal Flood Maps in a Changing Climate”. Testimony was heard from Michael Grimm, Assistant Administrator for Risk Management, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Mark Osler, Senior Advisor for Coastal Inundation and Resilience, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MOVING AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE FORWARD

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled “Moving America’s Infrastructure Forward”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROPOSALS FOR A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2020: MEMBERS’ DAY HEARING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2020: Members’ Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kilmer, and Representatives Marshall, Flores, Case, Steube, Keating, Jayapal, Vela, Barragán, Kaptur, Morelle, Schrader, Matsui, Slotkin, Gianforte, Schneider, Waltz, Scott of Virginia, Carter of Georgia, Schiff, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Comer, Keller, Foster, Higgins of New York, Sánchez, Cooper, Steil, Huizenga, Higgins of Louisiana, Posey, Fortenberry, Allen, Sherrill, Cleaver, Speier, Gottheimer, Gomez, Wittman, Johnson of Louisiana, Escobar, Axne, Olson, Cloud, Gonzalez of Ohio, O’Halloran, and Shalala.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Af-

fairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2021”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Robert Wilkie, Secretary; Richard Stone, Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration; Paul Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits; Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET WITH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY AZAR

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget With Health and Human Services Secretary Azar”. Testimony was heard from Alex Azar, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 149, the “Housing Fairness Act of 2020”; H.R. 4351, the “Yes In My Backyard Act”; H.R. 5187, the “Housing Is Infrastructure Act”; H.R. 5929, the “Shareholder Political Transparency Act”; H.R. 5930, the “Workforce Investment Disclosure Act”; H.R. 5931, the “Improving FHA Support for Small Dollar Mortgages Act of 2020”; H.R. 5932, the “Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act”; Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget; and a resolution electing minority members to the subcommittees of the Committee on Financial Services, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Trump Administration’s Policies on Iran, Iraq and the Use of Force”, 8:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, March 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, February 28

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2339—Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act.

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