

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2511–S2562*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3771–3791, and S. Res. 589–593. **Pages S2551–52**

**Measures Passed:**

***Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 945, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to require certain issuers to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission information regarding foreign jurisdictions that prevent the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from performing inspections under that Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2519–20**

Kennedy Amendment No. 1589, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2520**

***National Senior Fraud Awareness Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 590, supporting the designation of May 15, 2020, as “National Senior Fraud Awareness Day” to raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent schemes targeting seniors in the United States, to encourage the implementation of policies to prevent those schemes, and to improve protections from those schemes for seniors. **Page S2559**

***National Minority Health Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 591, promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2020, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders. **Page S2559**

***National Charter Schools Week:*** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 571, congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education and sup-

porting the ideals and goals of the 21st annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 10 through May 16, 2020, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2559**

***Due Process Protections Act:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1380, to amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to remind prosecutors of their obligations under Supreme Court case law, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2559**

***Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:*** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 72, providing for the reappointment of Michael M. Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Pages S2559–60**

***Small Business Lending Continuity Act:*** Senate passed S. 3782, to modify the amount authorized for commitments for 7(a) loans. **Page S2560**

***Scarlett’s Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act:*** Senate passed S. 1130, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2560–62**  
Portman (for Alexander) Amendment No. 1590, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2560–62**

***NIMHD Research Endowment Revitalization Act:*** Senate passed S. 2927, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence. **Page S2562**

**Ratcliffe and Badalamenti Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of John L. Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of National Intelligence, at 12 noon, on Thursday, May 21, 2020; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to

invoke cloture on the nomination of John Leonard Badalamenti, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, occur at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2020; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the post-cloture time be deemed expired, and the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 1, 2020.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2020, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John L. Ratcliffe; and that following disposition of the nomination of John L. Ratcliffe, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of John Leonard Badalamenti.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 71 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 99), Anna M. Manasco, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

**Pages S2513–19, S2532**

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

By 72 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 97), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

**Pages S2518–19**

By 75 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 100), John F. Heil III, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma.

**Pages S2525–32, S2537**

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

By 76 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 98), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—100) **Pages S2518–19, S2524–25, S2532, S2537**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2562.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2894, to establish a National Shipper Advisory Committee, with an amendment;

S. 2904, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3681, to require a joint task force on the operation of air travel during and after COVID-19 pandemic, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3704, to amend the Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992 to further support advanced technological manufacturing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3712, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish national cybersecurity grand challenges, with an amendment;

S. 3717, to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a plan for the modernization of the information technology systems of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration;

S. 3729, to provide relief for the recipients of financial assistance awards from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration;

S. 3734, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Finch Fulton, of Alabama, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission, Joseph Ryan Gruters, of Florida, Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, and Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**EPA OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Andrew R. Wheeler, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee approved the issuance of a subpoena pursuant to Blue Star Strategies as described in Schedule A.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Cory T. Wilson, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020.

***Committee Meetings***

No hearings were held.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 3667, to require the establishment of a repatriation task force during major infectious disease outbreaks, to authorize additional paid leave for employees of certain independent agencies involved in the conduct of foreign affairs, and to extend the application period and use of certain special immigrant visas, S. 238, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, S. 712, to provide assistance for United States citizens and nationals taken hostage or unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad, S. 2743, to establish the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group, S. 2953, to provide congressional oversight of United States talks with Taliban officials and Afghanistan's comprehensive peace process, 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 assist-

ance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, 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, H.R. 4331, to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, 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. Res. 148, supporting efforts by the Government of Colombia to pursue peace and regional stability, S. Res. 215, calling for greater religious and political freedoms in Cuba, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, S. Res. 533, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, S. Res. 542, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp during World War II, and the nomination of Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, 10:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: business meeting to consider S. 685, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General, the nomination of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and an authorization for subpoenas relating to the Crossfire Hurricane investigation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine caring for seniors amid the COVID-19 crisis, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, May 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John L. Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of National Intelligence, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon. Following which, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of John Leonard Badalamenti, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 1:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Friday, May 22

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.



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