

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2981–S3024

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3964–3970, and S. Res. 623–624. **Page S3012**

Measures Passed:

Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative: Senate agreed to 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3014–15**

Iwo Jima 75th Anniversary: Senate agreed to 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. **Page S3016**

Vaccine Alliance: Senate agreed to 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3016–17**

Support of Nicaragua: Senate agreed to 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, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S3017–19**

International Women’s Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 533, supporting the goals of International Women’s Day, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3019–22**

Liberation of Dachau 75th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 542, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp during World War II, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3022–24**

Improving Social Security’s Service to Victims of Identity Theft Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 3731, to amend title VII of the Social Security Act to provide for a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration for individuals who are victims of identity theft, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3024**

Measures Considered:

Taxpayer First Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1957, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service. **Pages S2982–S3010**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2020; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the post-cloture time with respect to the bill expire at 11:45 a.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. **Page S3024**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3024.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FCC SPECTRUM AUCTIONS PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission spectrum auctions program for fiscal year 2021, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Michael P. O’Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Nancy B. Beck, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Michael J. Walsh, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel, and Mary A. Toman, of California, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COVID-19 IMPACT ON ENERGY INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of COVID-19 on the energy industry, after receiving testimony from Stephen Nalley, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; David M. Turk, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; Lisa Jacobson, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, and Frank J. Macchiarola, American Petroleum Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jackie Roberts, National Association of State Utility Advocates, Charleston, West Virginia.

POLICE USE OF FORCE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine police use of force and community relations, after receiving testimony from Erin Nealy Cox, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, and Bill Woolf, Senior Advisor to the Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, both of the Department of Justice; Mayor Melvin Carter, Saint Paul, Minnesota; Phillip Atiba Goff, Center for Policing Equity, New York, New York; Doug Logan, Jr., Grimke Seminary, Richmond, Virginia; S. Lee Merritt, Merritt Law Firm, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Vanita Gupta, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Washington, D.C.; Art Acevedo, Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association; Patrick Yoes, Fraternal Order of Police, Norco, Louisiana; Cerelyn J. Davis, Durham Police Department, Durham, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; and Steven R. Casstevens, Buffalo Grove Police Department, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, on behalf of International Association of Chiefs of Police.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Committee Meetings

RACIAL DISPARITY IN THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM—HOW TO FIX THE CULTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Racial Disparity in the Military Justice System—How to Fix the Culture”. Testimony was heard from Brenda

Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office; Lieutenant General Charles N. Pedo, Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral John G. Hannink, Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Jeffrey A. Rockwell, Judge Advocate General, U.S. Air Force; Major General Daniel J. Lecce, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; and a public witness.

REVIVING OUR ECONOMY: COVID-19'S IMPACT ON THE ENERGY SECTOR

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Reviving our Economy: COVID-19’s Impact on the Energy Sector”. Testimony was heard from public witness.

CYBERCRIMINALS AND FRAUDSTERS: HOW BAD ACTORS ARE EXPLOITING THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Cybercriminals and Fraudsters: How Bad Actors Are Exploiting the Financial System During the COVID-19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OBJECTIVES OF U.S. ARMS SALES TO THE GULF: EXAMINING STRATEGIC GOALS, RISKS AND BENEFITS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “Objectives of U.S. Arms Sales to the Gulf: Examining Strategic Goals, Risks and Benefits”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS AS USUAL? ASSESSING HOW DHS CAN RESUME OPERATIONS SAFELY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Business as Usual? Assessing How DHS Can Resume Operations Safely”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration’s oversight of aircraft certification, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine responding to the challenges facing recycling in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s 2020 trade policy agenda, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on assessing arms control, focusing on new START and beyond, 4:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine telehealth, focusing on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John W. Holcomb, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Brett H. Ludwig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, R. Shireen Matthews, and Todd Wallace Robinson, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Christy Criswell Wiegand, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 1:45 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Health Care Inequality: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 and the Health Care System”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Diversity and Diplomacy: Why an Inclusive State Department Would Strengthen U.S. Foreign Policy”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7120, the “Justice in Policing Act of 2020”, 10 a.m., CVC-200 and Webex.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Paycheck Protection Program: Loan Forgiveness and Other Challenges”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2, the “INVEST in America Act”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The 2020 Trade Policy Agenda”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1957, Taxpayer First Act (the legislative vehicle for the Great American Outdoors Act), post-cloture.

At 11:45 a.m., Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 1957, as amended. Following disposition of the bill, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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