

Thursday, July 16, 2020

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:32:15 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:32:57 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Monday, July 20, 2020.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 50 public bills, H.R. 7615, 7618–7666; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1046–1052 were introduced. **Pages H3088–90**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3091–93**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed on Tuesday, July 14 as follows:

H.R. 7611, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–447); and

H.R. 7612, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–448).

Reports were filed on Wednesday, July 15 as follows:

H.R. 7613, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–449); and

H.R. 7614, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–450).

Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Lori Trahan (H. Rept. 116–451);

Supplemental report on H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military ac-

tivities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–442, Part 2);

H.R. 7616, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–452);

H.R. 7617, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–453);

Committee on Appropriations. Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2021 (H. Rept. 116–454); and

H.R. 7667, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–455). **Page H3088**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Gary Studniewski, St. Peter's Catholic Church Washington, DC. **Page H3087**

**Permission to File Report:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page H3087**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* On July 14, 2020, Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2021 Defense Appropriations Bill; the FY 2021 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2021 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2021 Defense Appropriations Bill; the FY 2021 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2021 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill were ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* On July 15, 2020, Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2021 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill; the FY 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill; and the Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2021. The FY 2021 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill were ordered reported, as amended. The Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2021 was approved.

### SOFTWARE UPDATE REQUIRED: COVID-19 EXPOSES NEED FOR FEDERAL INVESTMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on the Budget:* On July 15, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Software Update Required: COVID-19 Exposes Need for Federal Investments in Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT OF DOE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* On July 14, 2020, Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Oversight of DOE During the COVID-19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Dan Brouillette, Secretary, Department of Energy.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* On July 15, 2020, Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1426, the

“Timely Review of Infrastructure Act”; H.R. 3079, the “Energy Savings Through Public-Private Partnerships Act of 2019”; H.R. 3361, the “Reliable Investment in Vital Energy Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 5541, the “Tribal Power Act”; H.R. 5758, the “Ceiling Fan Improvement Act of 2020”; H.R. 2477, the “BENES Act of 2019”; H.R. 3935, the “Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act”; H.R. 5201, the “Telemental Health Expansion Act of 2019”; H.R. 5534, the “Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act”; H.R. 7539, the “Strengthening Behavioral Health Parity Act”; H.R. 1646, the “HERO Act of 2019”; H.R. 2117, the “FASTER Act of 2019”; H.R. 2271, the “Scarlett’s Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act”; H.R. 2468, the “School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act”; H.R. 4564, the “Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4585, the “Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act”; H.R. 4712, the “Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act”; H.R. 4866, the “National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Act of 2019”; H.R. 5619, the “Suicide Prevention Act”; H.R. 5663, the “Safeguarding Therapeutics Act”; H.R. 5668, the “MODERN Labeling Act of 2020”; H.R. 7574, the “Strengthening America’s Strategic National Stockpile Act of 2020”; H.R. 451, the “Don’t Break Up the T-Band Act of 2019”; H. Res. 549, a resolution reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to media diversity and pledging to work with media entities and diverse stakeholders to develop common ground solutions to eliminate barriers to media diversity; H.R. 4194, the “National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2019”; H.R. 5567, the “MEDIA Diversity Act of 2020”; H.R. 5918, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting; H.R. 6096, the “READI Act”; H.R. 6624, the “USA Telecommunications Act”; and H.R. 7310, the “Spectrum IT Modernization Act of 2020”. H.R. 1426, H.R. 3079, H.R. 3361, H.R. 5758, H.R. 4564, H. Res. 549, H.R. 5567, H.R. 6096, H.R. 6624, and H.R. 7310 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 5541, H.R. 2477, H.R. 3935, H.R. 5201, H.R. 5534, H.R. 7539, H.R. 1646, H.R. 2117, H.R. 2271, H.R. 2468, H.R. 4585, H.R. 4712, H.R. 4866, H.R. 5619, H.R. 5663, H.R. 5668, H.R. 7574, H.R. 451, H.R. 4194, and H.R. 5918 were ordered reported, as amended.

**PROMOTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY:  
EXAMINING CAPITAL MARKETS AND  
WORKER PROTECTIONS IN THE COVID-19  
ERA**

*Committee on Financial Services:* On July 14, 2020, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Promoting Economic Recovery: Examining Capital Markets and Worker Protections in the COVID-19 Era”. Testimony was heard from Anne Simpson, Director of Board Governance and Strategy, California Public Employees’ Retirement System; and public witnesses.

**PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS DURING THE  
PANDEMIC: OVERSIGHT OF MORTGAGE  
SERVICERS’ IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
CARES ACT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Protecting Homeowners During the Pandemic: Oversight of Mortgage Servicers’ Implementation of the CARES Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSATLANTIC  
COOPERATION DURING THE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* On July 14, 2020, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a hearing entitled “The Importance of Transatlantic Cooperation During the COVID-19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**REVIEWING FEDERAL AND STATE  
PANDEMIC SUPPLY PREPAREDNESS AND  
RESPONSE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* On July 14, 2020, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability; and Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery held a joint hearing entitled “Reviewing Federal and State Pandemic Supply Preparedness and Response”. Testimony was heard from Mark Ghilarducci, Director, Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, California; Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

**CHILDREN IN CBP CUSTODY: EXAMINING  
DEATHS, MEDICAL CARE PROCEDURES,  
AND IMPROPER SPENDING**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* On July 15, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Children in CBP Custody: Examining Deaths, Medical Care Procedures, and Improper Spending”. Testimony was

heard from Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Washington D.C.; Joseph V. Cuffari, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

**ASSESSING THE THREAT FROM  
ACCELERATIONISTS AND MILITIA  
EXTREMISTS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Threat from Accelerationists and Militia Extremists”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: LESSONS FOR A  
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* On July 14, 2020, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Energy Infrastructure and Environmental Justice: Lessons for a Sustainable Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NATIVE YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON  
MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALING**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing entitled “Native Youth Perspectives on Mental Health and Healing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* On July 15, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7331, the “National Cyber Director Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Langevin and Gallagher; and public witnesses.

**SWELTERING IN PLACE: COVID-19,  
EXTREME HEAT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
JUSTICE**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* On July 14, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Sweltering in Place: COVID-19, Extreme Heat, and Environmental Justice”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LONG-LASTING SOLUTIONS FOR A SMALL  
BUSINESS RECOVERY**

*Committee on Small Business:* On July 15, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Long-Lasting Solutions for a Small Business Recovery”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PUTTING AMERICA BACK TO WORK: THE ROLE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS REHIRING

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Putting America Back to Work: The Role of Workforce Development and Small Business Rehiring”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* On July 15, 2020, Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7575, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2020”. H.R. 7575 was ordered reported, as amended.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 5639, the “Chuck Osier Burial Benefits Act”; H.R. 5487, the “Veterans Cemetery Grants Improvement Act”; H.R. 5048, the “Fairness for Local Veteran Cemeteries Act”; H.R. 5019, the “Veterans Legal Support Act of 2019”; H.R. 697, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans’ cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization; H.R. 6013, the “Veteran Families Financial Support Act”; H.R. 6060, the “Veterans Burial Benefit Correction Act”; and legislation on The Veterans Claim Transparency Act of 2020. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sablan, Allred, Watkins, Brindisi, Delgado, and Norton; Matthew Sullivan, Deputy Under Secretary for Finance and Planning, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Dan Keenaghan, Executive Director, Insurance Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Laurine Carson, Deputy Executive Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sean Clark, National Director, Veterans Justice Programs, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Homeland Security,* July 17, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Defending Against Future Cyberattacks: Evaluating the Cyberspace Solarium Commission Recommendations”, 12:30 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on House Administration,* July 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Exploring the Feasibility and Security of Technology to Conduct Remote Voting in the House”, 1 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Oversight And Reform,* July 17, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Former Federal Reserve Chairs on Responding to Our Nation’s Economic Crisis”, 12:30 p.m., Webex.

July 20, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Federal IT Modernization: How the Coronavirus Exposed Outdated Systems”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Rules,* July 17, Full Committee, hearing on Senate Amendment to H.R. 1957, the “Great American Outdoors Act”; H.R. 6395, the “William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021”; H.R. 7027, the “Child Care Is Essential Act”; and H.R. 7327, the “Child Care for Economic Recovery Act”, 11 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* July 17, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “From Lab to Market: Accelerating our Progress toward Economic Recovery and a Clean Energy Future”, 1:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, July 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration and Department of Treasury Pandemic Programs”, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 17, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “The Impact of COVID-19 on Social Security and its Beneficiaries”, 12 p.m., Webex.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, July 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Monday, July 20

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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