

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4363–S4431

Measures Introduced: Thirty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4258–4289, and S. Res. 655–656. **Pages S4421–22**

Measures Reported:

S. 2525, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct a study of personal protective equipment worn by firefighters to determine the prevalence and concentration of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4421**

Measures Passed:

Reinforcing American-Made Products Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 4065, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4397–99**

Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act: Senate passed S. 906, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S4398–99**

Glioblastoma Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 617, designating July 22, 2020, as “Glioblastoma Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4431**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 136), Tester Modified Amendment No. 1972 (to Amendment No. 2301), to expand the list of diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for which there is a presumption of service connection for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 2, 2020, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S4370–71, S4375**

Rejected:

By 23 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 135), Sanders/ Markey Amendment No. 1788 (to Amendment No. 2301), to reduce the bloated Pentagon budget by 10 percent and invest that money in jobs, education, health care, and housing in communities in the United State in which the poverty rate is not less than 25 percent. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 2, 2020, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4371–75**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 2301, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4365**

McConnell (for Portman) Amendment No. 2080 (to Amendment No. 2301), to require an element in annual reports on cyber science and technology activities on work with academic consortia on high priority cybersecurity research activities in Department of Defense capabilities. **Page S4365**

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

By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 137), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Inhofe Amendment No. 2301 (listed above). **Pages S4375–76**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 23, 2020; and that all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on Inhofe Amendment No. 2301, as amended. **Page S4431**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was established in Executive Order 13581 on July 24, 2011; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-55)

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—137) Pages S4375–76

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4431.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNITED STATES AND CHINA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the United States and China, focusing on winning the economic competition, after receiving testimony from J. Christopher Giancarlo, Willkie Farr and Gallagher, Jersey City, New Jersey; Tim Morrison, Hudson Institute, and Martjin Rasser, Center for a New American Security, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lisa D. Cook, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 933, to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1730, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials and systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3152, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3771, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Federal Advisory Committee on the Development and Implementation of Artificial Intelligence, with an amendment;

S. 3891, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to advance the development of technical standards for artificial intelligence, to establish the National Program to Advance Artificial Intelligence Research, to promote research on artificial intelligence at the National Science Foundation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3958, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects, with an amendment;

S. 4144, to amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety;

S. 4162, to provide certainty for airport funding; and

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, Michael J. Walsh, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel, and Mary A. Toman, of California, to be Under Secretary Economic Affairs, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the Coast Guard,

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2718, to provide for the conduct of certain water security measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 3811, to provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, S. 4188, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, S. 4189, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, and an original bill entitled, "Water-Energy Technology Demonstration and Deployment Act", after receiving testimony

from Senators Feinstein and Udall; Aubrey Bettencourt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance, Klamath Falls, Oregon; and Joe S. Whitworth, The Freshwater Trust, Portland, Oregon.

ZOONOTIC DISEASE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the increased risk of zoonotic disease from illegal wildlife trafficking, after receiving testimony from Catherine E. Semcer, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana; Jonathan Epstein, EcoHealth Alliance, New York, New York; and Dan Ashe, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Washington, D.C.

COMPETITION WITH CHINA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing effective United States competition with China, focusing on objectives, priorities, and next steps, after receiving testimony from Stephen E. Biegun, Deputy Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4204, to establish an Interagency Task Force to analyze preparedness for national pandemics, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4210, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the transfer of certain equipment during a public health emergency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4153, to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to evaluate the National Response Framework based on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4157, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to expand the authority of the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4158, to examine the extent of the reliance of the United States on foreign producers for personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic and produce recommendations to secure the supply chain of personal protective equipment, with amendments;

S. 4133, to modernize the REAL ID Act of 2005, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4165, to repeal section 692 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006, with an amendment;

S. 3997, to strengthen the security and integrity of the United States scientific and research enterprise, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4200, to establish a program to facilitate the adoption of modern technology by executive agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4077, to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules;

S. 92, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law;

S. 4138, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to conduct a telework travel expenses program;

S. 4222, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective;

S. 3287, to modify the governmentwide financial management plan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3455, to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4024, to establish in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security a Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2967, to establish the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations of the United States to facilitate the fullest cooperation, coordination, and mutual accountability among all levels of government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3658, to establish an Office of Equal Rights and Community Inclusion at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3038, to promote innovative acquisition techniques and procurement strategies;

S. 3896, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish and maintain a public directory of the individuals occupying Government policy and supporting positions, with amendments;

S. 4224, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to assess technology needs along the Southern border and develop a strategy for bridging such

gaps, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1313, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to clarify certain allowable uses of funds for public transportation security assistance grants and establish periods of performance for such grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4727, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a mentor-protégé program, with an amendment;

H.R. 542, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3461, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the “Audie Murphy Post Office Building”;

S. 3462, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the “Ralph Hall Post Office”;

S. 3839, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the “Opha May Johnson Post Office”;

S. 4126, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 104 East Main Street in Port Washington, Wisconsin, as the “Joseph G. Demler Post Office”; and

The nominations of Derek Kan, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Mark A. Robbins, Carl Ezekiel Ross, and Elizabeth J. Shapiro, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting the integrity of college athletics, after receiving testimony from Dan Radakovich, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina; Matthew J. Mitten, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; George Wrightster, Unafraind Show, Los Angeles, California; Mark Emmert, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Indianapolis, Indiana; Ramogi Huma, National College Players Association, Norca, California; William C. Miller, Jr., American Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; and Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2020 GENERAL ELECTION PREPARATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 2020 general election preparations, after receiving testimony from Tre Hargett, Tennessee Secretary of State, Nashville; Mac Warner, West Virginia Secretary of State, Charleston; Rick Stream, Saint Louis County Election Board, St. Louis County, Missouri; and Kristen Clarke, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher C. Miller, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, who was introduced by Senator Grassley, and Patrick Hovakimian, of California, to be General Counsel, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 7718–7732; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1061, were introduced.

Pages H3692–93

Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1060, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7608) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related

programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–459).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:49 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act: The House agreed to

the Jayapal motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2486, to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions, with an amendment specified in section 4(a) of H. Res. 891, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 153.

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Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act: The House agreed to the Jayapal motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2486, to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions, with an amendment specified in section 4(b) of H. Res. 891, by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 154.

Pages H3624–42, H3666–67

Taxpayer First Act: The House agreed to the Grilavala motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1957, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, by a yea-and-nay vote of 310 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 155.

Pages H3642–57, H3667–68

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education, and to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and for other purposes.”

Unanimous Consent Agreement—Consideration of H.R. 7573: Agreed by unanimous consent that debate under clause 1(c) of rule XV on the motion to suspend the rules relating to H.R. 7573 be extended to one hour.

Pages H3657–58

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

Directing the Architect of the Capitol to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the United States Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library and to remove certain statues from areas of the United States Capitol which are accessible to the public, to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the United States Capitol: H.R. 7573, amended, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the United States Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be ob-

tained by the Joint Committee on the Library and to remove certain statues from areas of the United States Capitol which are accessible to the public, to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the United States Capitol, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 305 yeas to 113 nays, Roll No. 156.

Pages H3657–65, H3668–69

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the United States Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library and to remove certain statues from areas of the United States Capitol which are accessible to the public, to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the United States Capitol, and for other purposes.”.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2020—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–137).

Pages H3670–71

Senate Referral: S. 3989 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3642.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3666, H3666–67, H3667–68, and H3668–69.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE WORSENING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: PART II

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the National Response to the Worsening Coronavirus Pandemic: Part II”. Testimony was heard from Peter T. Gaynor, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.R. 958, the “Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act”; H.R. 6237, the “PRC for Native

Veterans Act”; H.R. 6535, the “Coverage for Urban Indian Health Providers Act”; and H.R. 7119, the “Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act of 2020”. Testimony was heard from Jason O’Neal, Assistant Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs—Office of Justice Services, Department of the Interior; Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER: ENSURING SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE GOVERNMENT’S TRILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “F-35 Joint Strike Fighter: Ensuring Safety and Accountability in the Government’s Trillion Dollar Investment”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Eric T. Fick, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Joint Program Office, Department of Defense; Theresa Hull, Assistant Inspector General, Department of Defense; Ellen Lord, Under Secretary for Acquisitions and Sustainment, Department of Defense; Diana Maurer, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7608, the “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2021” [State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7608, the “State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021”. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–59 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that clause 2(e) of Rule XXI shall not apply during consideration of the bill. Section 2 of the rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report not

earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 3 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 3. The rule provides that during consideration of the amendments described in sections 2 and 3, it shall not be in order to use a decrease in Overseas Contingency Operations funds to offset an amendment that increases an appropriation not designated as Overseas Contingency Operations funds or vice versa. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey, and Representatives Rogers of Kentucky, Bishop of Georgia, Fortenberry, McCollum, Joyce of Ohio, Wasserman Schultz, Carter of Texas, Jackson Lee, Titus, Burgess, Crawford, Gianforte, González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Graves of Louisiana, Grothman, and Stauber.

21ST CENTURY SBA: AN ANALYSIS OF SBA’S TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “21st Century SBA: An Analysis of SBA’s Technology Systems”. Testimony was heard from Guy Cavallo, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Small Business Administration.

SAFETY FOR ALL: ENDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Women Veterans Task Force held a joint hearing entitled “Safety for All: Ending Sexual Harassment in the Department of Veterans Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Pamela Powers, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of

Veterans Affairs; Cindy Brown Barnes, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine the state of United States spectrum policy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on users of public lands, forests, and national parks, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa S. Kenna, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Leora Rosenberg Levy, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Aldona Z. Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Canada, and William W. Popp, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 4212, to amend title 28, United States Code, to strip foreign sovereign immunity of certain foreign states to secure justice for victims of novel coronavirus in the United States, and the nominations of David W. Dugan, and Stephen P. McGlynn, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, John W. Holcomb, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Hala Y. Jarbou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Iain D. Johnston, and Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, 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, Christy Criswell Wiegand, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Roderick C. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, 10 a.m., SD-325.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine capital access for minority small businesses, focusing on COVID-19 resources for an equitable and sustainable recovery, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled “On Farm Energy Production: Impacts on Farm Income and

Rural Communities”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Underfunded and Unprepared: Examining How to Overcome Obstacles to Safely Reopen Public Schools”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Heroes Act: Providing for a Strong Economic Recovery from COVID-19”, 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s FY2021 Foreign Assistance Budget Request”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2678, the “No President is Above the Law Act”; H.R. 7694, the “Abuse of the Pardon Prevention Act”; and to Ratify Subcommittee Assignments, 10 a.m., CVC-200 and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Transformation of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA)”, 3:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Empowering Women and Girls and Promoting International Security”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6039, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the city of Vallejo, California, for the transfer of Mare Island Naval Cemetery in Vallejo, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 6082, the “Forgotten Vietnam Veterans Act”; H.R. 4908, the “Native American PACT Act”; H.R. 2791, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Advisory Committee Act of 2019”; H.R. 4526, the “Brian Tally VA Employment Transparency Act”; H.R. 3582, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 96, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish dental care in the same manner as any other medical service, and for other purposes; H.R. 4281, the “Access to Contraception Expansion for Veterans Act”; H.R. 3010, the “Honoring All Veterans Act”; H.R. 7163, the “VA FOIA Reform Act of 2020”; H.R. 7111, the “Veterans Economic Recovery Act of 2020”; H.R. 2435, the “Accelerating Veterans Recovery Outdoors Act”; H.R. 7287, to clarify the licensure requirements for contractor medical professionals to perform medical disability examinations for the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3228, the “VA Mission Telehealth Clarification Act”; H.R. 6141, the “Protecting Moms Who Served Act”; H.R. 6493, the “Veterans Benefits Fairness and Transparency Act”; H.R. 7445, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for home loans from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces; legislation on the Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act of 2020; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend

certain employment and reemployment rights to members of the National Guard who perform State active duty; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the scope of procedural rights of members of the uniformed services with respect to their employment and reemployment rights, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., HVC-210 and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Trade, Manufacturing, and Critical Supply Chains: Lessons from COVID-19”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine human rights at home, focusing on media, politics and safety of journalists, 11 a.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Thursday, July 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 4049, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 7608—State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021 (*Subject to a Rule*).

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