

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4584–4604, and S. Res. 697–700. **Pages S5651–52**

Measures Passed:

America's Conservation Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 3051, to improve protections for wildlife, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5666–76**

Portman (for Barrasso/Carper) Amendment No. 2656, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5676**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 698, designating September 2020 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S5676**

Patriot Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 699, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17 as “Patriot Week”. **Page S5676**

National Estuaries Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 700, designating the week of September 19 through September 26, 2020, as “National Estuaries Week”. **Page S5676**

Johnston Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Iain D. Johnston, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S5637–46**

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

By 81 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 181), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5637–38**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2020, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and, if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the post-cloture time be expired, and

Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination; provided further that following disposition of the Valderrama nomination, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Iain D. Johnston, that the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2020, and Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Valderrama Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, at approximately 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2020. **Page S5676**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 86 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 176), Todd Wallace Robinson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S5618–23, S5680**

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 179), David W. Dugan, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

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

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 177), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5623**

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 180), Stephen P. McGlynn, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

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

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 178), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5623–24**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2025.

Michael Rigas, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2019.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—181) **Pages S5623, S5623–24, S5637, S5637–38**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5676.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HHS' CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Health and Human Services' Coronavirus response, focusing on a review of efforts to date and next steps, after receiving testimony from Brett Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health, Bob Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal housing assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Daniel Garcia-Diaz, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; Ed Olsen, University of Virginia, Charlottes-

ville; and Diane Yentel, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 804, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and fossilized ivory products;

S. 1626, to require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to estimate the value of electromagnetic spectrum assigned or otherwise allocated to Federal entities;

S. 3831, to authorize the position of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism, to statutorily establish the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, with an amendment;

S. 4159, to amend the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act to accommodate emerging technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4286, to authorize appropriations for offsetting the costs related to reductions in research productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4462, to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4568, to facilitate the development and distribution of forensic science standards by establishing in the National Institute of Standards and Technology the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Eric J. Soskin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, Sarah E. Feinberg, of West Virginia, and Chris Koos, of Illinois, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Allison Clements, of Ohio, and Mark C. Christie, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PUBLIC LANDS AND WILDFIRES LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 180, to streamline

the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, S. 1295, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a cadastre of Federal real property, S. 1765, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 1870 and H.R. 722, bills to designate a mountain in the State of Utah as “Miracle Mountain”, S. 2533, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, S. 2828, to require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement allowing for adaptive management of certain Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, S. 2890, to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, S. 3241, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, New Mexico, S. 3366, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at no cost to members of Gold Star Families, S. 3427, to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation, S. 3485, to expand the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to expand revenue sharing for offshore wind, to reauthorize the National Oceans and Coastal Security Act, S. 3670, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River System in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, S. 4431, to increase wildfire preparedness and response throughout the United States, S. 4475, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and H.R. 255, to provide for an exchange of lands with San Bernardino County, California, to enhance management of lands within the San Bernardino National Forest, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein, Whitehouse, and Udall; Chris French, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Amanda Kaster, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Mark Dunn,

Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition, Arlington, Virginia; and Haydn Forward, Heritage Waters Coalition, and Jamie Crockett, Gila Backcountry Services, both of Silver City, New Mexico.

NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Navigable Waters Protection Rule under the Clean Water Act, focusing on the stakeholder reaction, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Roose, New Mexico Environment Department Water Protection Division, Santa Fe; Ray Gaesser, Gaesser Farms, Corning, Iowa; and Douglas Davis, Jr., Fletcher Davis Company, St. Augustine, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

A motion to authorize the Chairman to issue notices for taking depositions, subpoenas for records, and subpoenas for testimony, to individuals relating to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Crossfire Hurricane Investigation; the DOJ Inspector General’s review of that investigation; and the “unmasking” of U.S. persons affiliated with the Trump campaign, transition team, and Trump administration, as described in Schedule A (Items 1–3); and

The nominations of John M. Barger, of California, Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, and Frank Dunlevy, of California, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

SECTION 1201 REFORMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine whether the reforms to Section 1201 are needed and warranted, after receiving testimony from Regan A. Smith, General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Vanessa P. Bailey, Intel Corporation, J. Matthew Williams, Mitchell Silberberg and Knupp LLP, Seth D. Greenstein, Constantine Cannon LLP, Morgan Reed, ACT The App Association, and Aaron Lowe, Auto Care Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Blake E. Reid, University of Colorado Law School Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law and Policy Clinic, Boulder.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 8264–8279; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 116–117; and H. Res. 1115–1118, were introduced. **Pages H4489–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4491**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6100, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the criminalization of female genital mutilation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–506);

H.R. 5546, to regulate monitoring of electronic communications between an incarcerated person in a Bureau of Prisons facility and that person's attorney or other legal representative, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–507);

H.R. 2733, to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–508, Part 1); and

H.R. 2438, to increase intergovernmental coordination to identify and combat violent crime within Indian lands and of Indians, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–509, Part 1). **Page H4489**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4431**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:48 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H4436**

Resignation of the House Parliamentarian: Read a letter from Thomas J. Wickham, Jr., in which he announced his resignation as the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, effective September 30, 2020. **Page H4437**

House Parliamentarian—Appointment: The Speaker appointed Jason A. Smith as Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives to succeed Thomas J. Wickham, Jr., resigned. **Page H4437**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Ensuring Children and Child Care Workers Are Safe Act of 2020: H.R. 7909, amended, to facilitate access to child care services safely and securely during the COVID–19 pandemic, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 190; **Pages H4444–47, H4472–73**

Child Care Protection Improvement Act: S. 2683, amended, to establish a task force to assist States in

implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety; **Pages H4447–49**

Danny's Law: H.R. 3659, amended, to establish an Anti-Bullying Roundtable to study bullying in elementary and secondary schools in the United States; **Pages H4449–52**

21st Century Community Learning Centers Coronavirus Relief Act of 2020: H.R. 8162, amended, to allow eligible entities under part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to use subgrant funds for certain activities carried out by community learning centers, regardless of whether such activities are conducted during nonschool hours or periods when school is not in session; **Pages H4452–55**

Promoting Research and Observations of Space Weather to Improve the Forecasting of Tomorrow Act: S. 881, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events; **Pages H4455–63**

Rural STEM Education Act: H.R. 4979, amended, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support STEM education and workforce development research focused on rural areas; and **Pages H4463–67**

Election Technology Research Act: H.R. 4990, amended, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Science Foundation to carry out research and other activities to promote the security and modernization of voting systems. **Pages H4468–72**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2:22 p.m. **Page H4473**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 3:23 p.m. **Page H4474**

Equity and Inclusion Enforcement Act: The House passed H.R. 2574, to amend title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to restore the right to individual civil actions in cases involving disparate impact, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 192. **Pages H4439–44, H4473–74, H4474–75**

Agreed to the Foxx (NC) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 255 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 191. Subsequently, Representative Scott (VA) reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H4443–44, H4473–74**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–502, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1107, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2574), (H.R. 2639), (H.R. 2694), and the resolution (H. Res. 908) was agreed to yesterday, September 15th.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4475.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4472–73, H4473–74, and H4474–75.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUILDING A 100 PERCENT CLEAN ECONOMY: OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN EQUITABLE, LOW-CARBON RECOVERY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Opportunities for an Equitable, Low-Carbon Recovery”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIORITIZING FANNIE’S AND FREDDIE’S CAPITAL OVER AMERICA’S HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS? A REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY’S RESPONSE TO THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Prioritizing Fannie’s and Freddie’s Capital over America’s Homeowners and Renters? A Review of the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s Response to the COVID–19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Mark A. Calabria, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

WHY DID THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR GENERAL?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Why did the Trump Administration Fire the State Department Inspector General?”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of State officials: Brian Bulatao, Under Secretary of State for Management; Marik String, Acting Legal Adviser; and R. Clarke Cooper, Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: On September 15, 2020, Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5309, the “CROWN Act of 2019”; H.R. 7718, the “Protecting the Health and Wellness of Babies and Pregnant Women in Custody Act”; H.R. 8161, the “One-Stop Shop Community Reentry Program Act of 2020”; H.R. 6813, the “Promoting Alzheimer’s Awareness to Prevent Elder Abuse Act”; H.R. 8169, the “Elder Abuse Protection Act of 2020”; H.R. 7636, the “Custodial Interrogation Recording Act”; H.R. 8235, the “Open Courts Act of 2020”; H.R. 8225, the “Fight Notario Fraud Act of 2020”; and H.R. 7636, the “Custodial Interrogation Recording Act”. H.R. 5309 and H.R. 8161 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 7718, H.R. 6813, H.R. 8169, H.R. 7636, H.R. 8235, and H.R. 8225 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5901, the “Technology Modernization Centers of Excellence Program”; H.R. 7496, the “COVID PREPARE Act”; H.R. 4382, the “Integrity Committee Transparency Act”; H.R. 7107, the “Plum Act”; H.R. 7340, the “Chai Suthammanont Remembrance Act”; H.R. 7548, the “PPE Buy America Act”; H.R. 7936, the “Federal Employee Access to Information Act”; H.R. 8109, the “Nonpartisan Postmaster General Act”; H.R. 2277, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1715 Linnerud Drive in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, as the “Fire Captain Cory Barr Post Office Building”; H.R. 5562, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4650 East Rosedale Street in Fort Worth, Texas, as the “Dionne Phillips Bagsby Post Office Building”; H.R. 5972, the “Mary Ann Shadd Cary Post Office Dedication Act”; H.R. 5983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4150 Chicago Avenue in Riverside, California, as the “Woodie Rucker-Hughes Post Office Building”; H.R. 7502, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 16th Street in Clarinda, Iowa, as the “Jessie Field Shambaugh Post Office Building”; H.R. 5451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 599 East Genesee Street in Fayetteville, New York, as the “George H. Bacel Post Office Building”; H.R. 6016, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14955 West Bell Road in Surprise, Arizona, as the “Marc Lee Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 6418, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 509 Fairhope Avenue in Fairhope, Alabama, as the “William ‘Jack’ Jackson

Edwards III Post Office Building”; H.R. 7088, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 James Street in Reidsville, Georgia, as the “Senator Jack Hill Post Office Building”; H.R. 6418, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 509 Fairhope Avenue in Fairhope, Alabama, as the “William ‘Jack’ Jackson Edwards III Post Office Building”; and H.R. 7810, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3519 East Walnut Street in Pearland, Texas, as the “Tom Reid Post Office Building”. H.R. 4382, H.R. 5901, H.R. 8109, H.R. 7496, H.R. 7340, H.R. 7548, H.R. 7107, and H.R. 7936 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2277, H.R. 5562, H.R. 5972, H.R. 5983, H.R. 7502, H.R. 5451, H.R. 6016, H.R. 6418, H.R. 7088, and H.R. 7810 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7903, to amend the Small Business Act to establish the Community Advantage Loan Program; H.R. 8211, the “504 Modernization and Small Manufacturer Enhancement Act of 2020”; H.R. 8199, the “504 Credit Risk Management Improvement Act of 2020”; and H.R. 8229, the “Parity for HUBZone Appeals Act of 2020”. H.R. 8199 and H.R. 8229 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 8211 and H.R. 7903 were ordered reported, as amended.

MOVING BEYOND PATCHWORK SYSTEMS: THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION SERVICES IT

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization; and Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a joint hearing entitled “Moving Beyond Patchwork Systems: The Future of Education Services IT”. Testimony was heard from Paul R. Lawrence, Undersecretary, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carol Harris, Director for Information Technology Acquisition Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MODERNIZING VA’S MEDICAL SUPPLY CHAIN: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Modernizing VA’s Medical Supply Chain: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Karen Brazell, Principal Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction and Chief Acquisition Officer, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enterprise Integration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Shelby Oakley, Director of Contracting

and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine matters relating to the budget of the National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine advancing U.S. engagement and countering China in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine fixing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of J. Philip Calabrese, and James Ray Knepp II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Aileen Mercedes Cannon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Toby Crouse, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and Anna Maria Ruzinski, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and Gregory Scott Tabor, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SR-325.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Interim Review of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence Effort and Recommendations”, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Trump FCC: Four Years of Lost Opportunities”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “Insider Trading and Stock Option Grants: An Examination of Corporate Integrity in the COVID-19 Pandemic”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Barriers and Solutions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Department of the Interior”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8247, the “Veterans Comprehensive, Prevention,

Access to Care, and Treatment Act of 2020”; H.R. 7163, the “VA FOIA Reform Act of 2020”; H.R. 5843, the “Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2020”; H.R. 7785, 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 H.R. 6092, the “Veteran’s Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act”, 9 a.m., HVC-210 and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Enforcing the Ban on Imports Produced by Forced Labor in Xinjiang”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: To hold hearings to examine Albania’s chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, 1 p.m., WEBCAST.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Thursday, September 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, and, if cloture is invoked, on confirmation of the nomination.

At 1:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Iain D. Johnston, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, September 17

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Res. 908—Condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19. Consideration of H.R. 2694—Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

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