

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-three bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 553–585, S.J. Res. 10, and S. Res. 87–94. **Pages S1025–26**

Measures Passed:

Advancing Education on Biosimilars Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 164, to educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological products, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1021**

Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education, and Research Act: Senate passed S. 578, to improve the health and safety of Americans living with food allergies and related disorders, including potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, and eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases. **Pages S1021–22**

ALS Disability Insurance Access Act Technical Correction: Senate passed S. 579, to make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019. **Page S1022**

National School Counseling Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 90, designating the week of February 1 through 5, 2021, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S1022**

Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 91, supporting the goals and ideals of “Career and Technical Education Month”. **Page S1022**

National Speech and Debate Education Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, designating March 5, 2021, as “National Speech and Debate Education Day”. **Page S1022**

Congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 93, congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team for winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association College Football Playoff National Championship. **Page S1022**

National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, designating the week beginning February 28, 2021, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”. **Page S1022**

Measures Considered:

Secretary of Defense Appointment Limitation Exception: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces. **Page S999**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–4) **Page S1024**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–5) **Page S1024**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in executive order 13288 of March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe’s democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–6) **Pages S1024–25**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

18 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general. **Page S1035**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S1025**

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Privileges of the Floor:

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 5:51 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, March 4, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1034.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Ray LaHood, former Secretary of Transportation, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, and Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, who was introduced by Representative Carson, after the

nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Katherine C. Tai, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, and Brian P. McKeon, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

JANUARY 6 ATTACK ON THE CAPITOL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and Committee on Rules and Administration: Committees concluded joint hearings to examine the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Salesses, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Global Security, and Major General William J. Walker, USA, Commanding General, District of Columbia National Guard, both of the Department of Defense; Jill Sanborn, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Melissa Smislova, Acting Under Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 71 public bills, H.R. 6, 1532–1601; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 22; and H. Res. 185–187, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Greene (GA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 56.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:58 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

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George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021: The House passed H.R. 1280, to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve

transparency through data collection, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 60.

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Rejected the Malliotakis motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yea-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 59.

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H. Res. 179, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1) and (H.R. 1280) was agreed to Monday, March 1st.

For the People Act of 2021: The House passed H.R. 1, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 62. Consideration began yesterday, March 2nd.

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Rejected the Rodney Davis (IL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 61.

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Agreed to:

Lesko amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–9) that strikes Sec. 4208, which expands political record requirements for online platforms; and

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Lofgren en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–9: Spanberger (No. 40) that requires disclaimers within the content of social media posts for foreign-backed political content shared on online platforms; the amendment is the text of the bipartisan Foreign Agents Disclaimer Enhancement Act; Speier (No. 41) that requires large online platforms to maintain a public record of political advertisements which includes information on the total number of views generated by the advertisement, the number of views by unique individuals, and the number of shares; Speier (No. 42) that requires states to establish privacy programs to keep personally identifiable information in voter files, such as addresses, confidential to protect survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and trafficking. For automatic voter registration, requires that individuals receive an explanation of what information is needed to access voter information online, how that information is shared or sold, and what privacy programs are available to survivors; Speier (No. 43) that extends the statute of limitations for criminal violations of Federal Election Campaign Act from 5 years to 10 years; and for civil violations from 5 years to 15 years; Speier (No. 44) that requires a sufficient number of ballot marking machines equipped for individuals with disabilities, as

defined by the Election Assistance Commission in consultation with the Access Board and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, for all in person voting options; Swalwell (No. 45) that ensures college student voters are not subjected to intimidation or deceptive practices when exercising their right to vote in their college towns; Swalwell (No. 46) that clarifies prohibitions on polling places or ballot dropboxes that falsely purport to be an official location established for an election; Swalwell (No. 47) that adds colleges' and universities' duty to better provide students with voter information on the school's website and transmitted via social media; Tlaib (No. 48) that prioritizes local education agencies that receive Title I funding from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act for the pilot program to provide voter registration information to secondary school students prior to graduation; Tlaib (No. 49) that requires that every polling location has available free of charge the required forms from the relevant State for an individual to register to vote, or revise the individual's voter registration information; Tlaib (No. 50) that requires all polling stations to be open for a minimum of 4 total hours outside of the regular working hours from 9 am to 5 pm in the time zone of the polling location; Torres (No. 51) that requires the Federal Election Commission to (1) study the efficacy of political voucher programs in expanding and diversifying who gives to candidates and who runs for office and (2) issue a report on how a national political voucher program could be implemented; Torres (No. 52) that requires GAO to conduct a study on turnout rates based on age in States and localities that permit voters to participate in elections before reaching the age of 18; Torres (No. 53) that requires GAO to conduct a study on the implementation and impact of ranked choice voting in States and localities with a focus on how to best implement a model for Federal elections nationwide; the study shall include the impact on voter turnout, negative campaigning, and who decides to run for office; Underwood (No. 54) that requires the Comptroller General's report on small dollar financing to include an assessment of impacts on candidate diversity; Waters (No. 55) that prohibits misinformation which threatens potential voters with civil or other legal penalties if they exercise their right to vote; Williams (No. 56) that requires the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, in coordination with the Election Assistance Commission, to provide a uniform statement that would be included with certain leases and vouchers for federally assisted rental housing as well as with mortgage applications to inform recipients how they can register to vote and

their voting rights under law (by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 58).

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Rejected:

Pressley amendment (No. 37 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–9) that sought to lower the Mandatory Minimum Voting Age in Federal Elections to 16 years of age (by a yea-and-nay vote of 125 yeas to 302 nays, Roll No. 57). Pages H1025–27, H1037

H. Res. 179, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1) and (H.R. 1280) was agreed to Monday, March 1st.

Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:20 p.m. and reconvened at 12 a.m.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003 is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2021—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–20).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014 is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2021—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–21).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015 is to continue in effect beyond March 8, 2021—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–22).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1023, H1037, H1038, H1070, H1070–71, H1071–72, and H1072.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:01 a.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. Cap-

itol Police. Testimony was heard from Yogananda D. Pittman, Acting Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police.

APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress; Mary B. Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service; and Shira Perlmutter, Director U.S. Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office.

A WAY FORWARD FOR VENEZUELA: THE HUMANITARIAN, DIPLOMATIC, AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES FACING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy held a hearing entitled “A Way Forward for Venezuela: The Humanitarian, Diplomatic, and National Security Challenges Facing the Biden Administration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VSO LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committees began joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, after receiving testimony from Stephen “Butch” Whitehead, Edward R. “Randy” Reese, Jr., Jim Marszalek, and Joy J. Ilem, all of the Disabled American Veterans; Thomas A. Zampieri, Ph.D., Blinded Veterans Association; John Hilgert, Nebraska Department of Veterans’ Affairs, on behalf of the National Association States Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA); Cory Titus, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); Jared Lyon, Student Veterans of America (SVA); Lindsay Church, Minority Veterans of America (MVA); and Kathryn Monet, National Coalition of Homeless Veterans (NCHV).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine how the financial system hurts

workers and widens the racial wealth gap, 10:15 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the 117th Congress, and the nomination of Debra Anne Haaland, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director, and Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, both of the Office of Management and Budget, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/WEBEX.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to continue joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to exam-

ine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

House

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on legislation on Insular Area Climate Change Act, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled "Reauthorizing Trade Adjustment Assistance: Opportunities for Equitable Access and Modernization", 10 a.m., Webex.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to continue joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, March 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, March 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate should be prepared to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1319, American Rescue Plan Act.

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