

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1879–S1905*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1078–1107, and S. Res. 149–154. **Pages S1893–94**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the United States Senate During the 116th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 117–8)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 116th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 117–9) **Page S1893**

#### Measures Passed:

*Honoring the Memory of Officer William Francis “Billy” Evans:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 152, honoring the memory of Officer William Francis “Billy” Evans of the United States Capitol Police for his selfless acts of heroism on the grounds of the United States Capitol on April 2, 2021. **Page S1901**

#### Appointments:

*Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:* The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed the following individuals to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senators Warner (re-appointment) and Van Hollen. **Page S1901**

**Gensler Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Page S1890**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 147), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1890**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on

Wednesday, April 14, 2021; that the post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 11:45 a.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, all post-cloture time be considered expired at 3:30 p.m. **Page S1902**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 82 yeas 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 144), Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation. **Pages S1881–82, S1905**

By 56 yeas 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 146), Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State. **Pages S1890, S1905**

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

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 145), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1882**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

41 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

10 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

11 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Foreign Service. **Pages S1902–05**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1901**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1901**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—147) **Pages S1881–82, S1890**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory

of the late United States Capitol Police Officer William Francis “Billy” Evans, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 152, at 6:42 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1902.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DEFENSE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense innovation and research, after receiving testimony from Barbara McQuiston, performing the duties of the Under Secretary for Research and Engineering, and Stefanie Tompkins, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2022 for the National Science Foundation and securing United States competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National Science Foundation.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, Commander, United States European Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Stephen R. Lyons, USA, Commander, United States Transportation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the legacy of racial discrimination in housing, including S.

769, to authorize funds to prevent housing discrimination through the use of nationwide testing, to increase funds for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, after receiving testimony from Richard Rothstein, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, New York; Lisa Rice, National Fair Housing Alliance, and Howard Husock, and Tobias Peter, both of the American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jason Reece, The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture, Columbus.

### STUDENT DEBT BURDEN

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the student debt burden and its impact on racial justice, borrowers, and the economy, after receiving testimony from Representatives Pressley and Donalds; Maura Healey, Massachusetts Attorney General, Boston; James Steeley, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, Harrisburg; Jack Remondi, Navient, Reston, Virginia; Beth Akers, American Enterprise Institute, and Alexander Holt, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, both of Washington, D.C.; Constantine Yannelis, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, Illinois; Adam Looney, University of Utah Marriner S. Eccles Institute, Salt Lake City; Dominique J. Baker, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; and Darimir Perez, New York, New York.

### TRAVEL AND TOURISM DURING COVID-19

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine the state of travel and tourism during COVID-19, after receiving testimony from Steve Hill, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Las Vegas, Nevada; Jorge Perez, MGM Resorts International, Oxon Hill, Maryland; Tori Emerson Barnes, U.S. Travel Association, Washington, D.C.; and Carol Dover, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, Tallahassee.

### 2021 TAX FILING SEASON

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2021 filing season and 21st century IRS, after receiving testimony from Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 2457–2494; 2 private bills, H.R. 2495–2496; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39; and H. Res. 304–309, were introduced. **Pages H1734–37**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1738**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 303, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1195) to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–15). **Page H1734**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Barragán to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1729**

**Communication from the Committee on Ethics:** Read a communication from the Committee on Ethics regarding an appeal received from Representative Clyde of two fines imposed pursuant to H. Res. 73, which were received before the Committee adopted its written rules. A majority of the Committee did not agree to the appeal. **Page H1729**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure: Preventing across-the-board direct spending cuts: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1868, to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 98. **Pages H1729–33**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1729.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1732–33.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 7 p.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States hearing on H.R. 1884, to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Mila Besich, Mayor, Superior, Arizona; and public witnesses.

### WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION FOR HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7, the “Paycheck Fairness Act”; and H.R. 1195, the “Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7, the “Paycheck Fairness Act”, and H.R. 1195, the “Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7, the “Paycheck Fairness Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, 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 following debate, each further amendment printed in part B of 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 Education and Labor or his designee may offer

amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1195, the “Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill 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 following debate, each further amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 6 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 6 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in parts B and C of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in sections 3 and 6 of the resolution. Testimony was heard from Chairman Scott of Virginia, Chairman DeLauro, and Representatives Foxx and Courtney.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s response to COVID–19 and other challenges, 2 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine future cybersecurity architectures, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, “Endless Frontier Act”, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund, focusing on lessons learned from the Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives Program and other user-based revenue solutions, and how funding uncertainty affects the highway programs, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Deanne Bennett Criswell, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, 9:45 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine preparedness for COVID–19, focusing on the initial pandemic response and lessons learned, 10 a.m., VTC.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the COVID–19 response in Native communities, focusing on Native health systems one year later, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristen M. Clarke, and Todd Sunhwa Kim, both of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard A. Sauber, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 3 p.m., SD–106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine worldwide threats, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, 1 p.m., SVC–217.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Agriculture—The Year Ahead”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Science Foundation, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Critical Management Issues—U.S. Diplomatic and Development Agencies”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in North and South America”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “An Epidemic within a Pandemic: Understanding Substance Use and Misuse in America”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled Build Back Better: Investing in Equitable and Affordable Housing Infrastructure”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration, and International Economic Policy, hearing entitled “Renewing the United States’ Commitment to Addressing the Root Causes of Migration from Central America”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1333, the “National Origin-Based Antidiscrimination for Nonimmigrants Act”; H.R. 1573, the “Access to Counsel Act of 2021”; H.R. 40, the “Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act”; H.R. 2393, “No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act of 2021”; and the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law report entitled “Final Report on Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee Office of Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1522, the “Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act”; and H.R. 2070, the “Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2021”, 1 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 51, the “D.C. Admissions Act”; H.R. 1170, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 League in Irvine, California, as the “Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 1444, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

132 North Loudoun Street, Suite 1 in Winchester, Virginia, as the “Patsy Cline Post Office”; H.R. 1298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the “Staff Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building”; H.R. 960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3493 Burnet Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the “John H. Lehr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office”; H.R. 767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the “Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building”; and H.R. 92, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the “Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Members’ Day Hearing”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 147, the “Bringing Registered Apprenticeships to Veterans Education Act”; H.R. 219, the “Protecting the Employment Rights of Service Members Act”; legislation on Value Added Homes for Veterans Act; legislation on Homeless Veterans Credit Repair, Enhancement, and Debt Improvement for Tomorrow Act; legislation on Native VetSuccess Pilot; legislation on Time Extension for Use of Educational Assistance in Emergencies; legislation on GI and Veterans Education Empowerment Act; legislation on Expanding Eligibility for Additional Adapted Vehicles; legislation on Rounding Out Affordable Housing for Homeless Veterans Act of 2021; legislation on In-State Tuition for Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program; legislation on Increased Authorized Appropriation for VET TEC; legislation on Modern IT Service for Educational Assistance Claims; legislation on Short-Term Fellowships; legislation on Establish Veteran Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and legislation on Time Period Eligibility Elimination for Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Strategic Review: Evaluating Concerns About the Ongoing Implementation of the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine vaccinations and economic recovery, 2:30 p.m., WEBEX.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 14

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 14

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:45 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Gary Gensler, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 3:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Brenda Mallory, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 937, COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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