

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1907–S1950

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1108–1130, and S. Res. 155–156. **Pages S1939–40**

Measures Reported:

S. 108, to authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease or transfer certain land. (S. Rept. No. 117–10)

S. 314, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act. (S. Rept. No. 117–11)

S. 325, to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. (S. Rept. No. 117–12)

S. 548, to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. (S. Rept. No. 117–13)

S. 549, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 117–14)

S. 550, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 117–15)

H.R. 208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Main Street, Suite 102 in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the “Colonel Carlyle ‘Smitty’ Harris Post Office”.

H.R. 264, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Charlotte Street in Georgetown, South Carolina, as the “Joseph Hayne Rainey Memorial Post Office Building”.

S. 566, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the “Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office”.

S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to re-authorize programs under those Acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1939**

Measures Passed:

Military Retiree Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 148, recognizing the importance of paying tribute to those individuals who have faithfully served and retired from the Armed Forces of the United States, designating April 18, 2021, as “Military Retiree Appreciation Day”, and encouraging the people of the United States to honor the past and continued service of military retirees to their local communities and the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1950**

William T. Coleman, Jr., Department of Transportation Headquarters Act: Senate passed S. 400, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the “William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building”. **Page S1950**

Measures Considered:

COVID–19 Hate Crimes Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID–19 hate crimes. **Page S1923**

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

By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 151), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1923**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 15, 2021; and that at 12 noon, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be considered expired, and the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be agreed to. **Page S1950**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 148), Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2021.

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 150), Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 149), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—151) **Pages S1911–12, S1923**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1950.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEMA RESPONSE TO COVID–19

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s response to COVID–19 and other challenges, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Senior Official performing the duties of Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ENDLESS FRONTIER ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an original bill entitled, “Endless Frontier Act”, after receiving testimony from Kelvin Droegemeier, University of Oklahoma, Norman; Marie Lynn Miranda, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; David

Shaw, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State; Linden Rhoads, The W Fund, Seattle, Washington; Gary D. Butler, Camgian, Starkville, Mississippi; and William B. Bonvillian, MIT Office of Open Learning, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Joseph Kile, Director of Microeconomic Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; Jack Basso, Mileage Based User Fee Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Patricia G. Hendren, The Eastern Transportation Coalition, Silver Spring, Maryland; Robert Poole, Reason Foundation, Plantation, Florida; and Douglas Shinkle, National Conference of State Legislatures, Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

COVID–19 PREPAREDNESS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine preparedness for COVID–19, focusing on the initial pandemic response and lessons learned, after receiving testimony from Nicole Lurie, former Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Julie L. Gerberding, former Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both formerly of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Rear Admiral Joseph L. Nimmich, USCG (Ret.), former Deputy Administrator, and Elizabeth A. Zimmerman, former Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, both formerly of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

COVID-19 RESPONSE IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the COVID-19 response in Native communities, focusing on Native health systems one year later, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Michael Toedt, Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; William Smith, National Indian Health Board, and Walter Murillo, National Council of Urban Indian Health, both of Washington, D.C.; Sheri-Ann Daniels, Papa Ola Lokahi, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Robert Onders, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kristen M. Clarke, who was introduced by Senator Gillibrand, and Todd Sunhwae Kim, who was introduced by Senator Booker, both of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Depart-

ment of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Richard A. Sauber, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from Avril Haines, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; William J. Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency; and Lieutenant General Scott D. Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 2497–2546; and 10 resolutions, H. Res. 310–319, were introduced. **Pages H1788–90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1791–92**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 144, to forestall the loss of research talent by establishing a temporary early career research fellowship program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–16). **Pages H1787–88**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Costa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1739**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1744**

Oath of Office—Fifth Congressional District of Louisiana: Representative-elect Julia Letlow presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. **Page H1745**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the adminis-

tration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Louisiana, the whole number of the House is 430.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 310, electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H1745**

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 311, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H1745**

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

United States Anti-Doping Agency Reauthorization Act of 2021: H.R. 172, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 99; **Pages H1748–49, H1781–82**

Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education, and Research Act of 2021: 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 100; **Pages H1749–51, H1783**

John Lewis NIMHD Research Endowment Revitalization Act of 2021: H.R. 189, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence;

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Advancing Education on Biosimilars Act of 2021: S. 164, to educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological products, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 101;

Pages H1754–55, H1783–84

Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the scope of new chemical exclusivity: S. 415, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the scope of new chemical exclusivity; and

Pages H1755–56

FTC Collaboration Act of 2021: H.R. 1766, to enhance cooperation between the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General to combat unfair and deceptive practices.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Honorable Alcee Hastings.

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Paycheck Fairness Act and Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to 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 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 103, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 102.

Pages H1775–81, H1784–85

Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings: The House agreed to H. Res. 312, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Timely ReAuthorization of Necessary Stem-cell Programs Lends Access to Needed Therapies Act of 2021: H.R. 941, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005;

Pages H1752–54

Fraud and Scam Reduction Act: H.R. 1215, amended, to establish an office within the Federal Trade Commission and an outside advisory group to prevent fraud targeting seniors and to direct the Commission to include additional information in an annual report to Congress on fraud targeting seniors;

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Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2021: H.R. 1460, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes;

Pages H1758–60

Protecting Seniors from Emergency Scams Act: H.R. 446, to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors;

Pages H1760–61

Protecting Indian Tribes from Scams Act: H.R. 1762, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on unfair or deceptive acts or practices targeted at Indian Tribes or members of Indian Tribes;

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Debarment Enforcement of Bad Actor Registrants Act of 2021: H.R. 1002, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to authorize the debarment of certain registrants;

Pages H1763–64

Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act of 2021: H.R. 1899, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for the modification, transfer, and termination of a registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances or list I chemicals;

Pages H1764–65

Microloan Improvement Act of 2021: H.R. 1502, to amend the Small Business Act to optimize the operations of the microloan program, lower costs for small business concerns and intermediary participants in the program;

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Microloan Transparency and Accountability Act of 2021: H.R. 1487, to amend the Small Business Act to increase transparency;

Pages H1767–68

504 Modernization and Small Manufacturer Enhancement Act of 2021: H.R. 1490, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the loan guaranty program, enhance the ability of small manufacturers to access affordable capital; and

Pages H1769–72

504 Credit Risk Management Improvement Act of 2021: H.R. 1482, to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Credit Risk Management, to require the Administrator of the Small

Business Administration to issue rules relating to environmental obligations of certified development companies.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Cammack presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution, H. Res. 274, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 619) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (Discharge Petition No. 1).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1747–48.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1781–82, H1783, H1783–84, H1784–85, and H1785.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—THE YEAR AHEAD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Agriculture—The Year Ahead”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Science Foundation. Testimony was heard from Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National Science Foundation.

CRITICAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES—U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Critical Management Issues—U.S. Diplomatic and Development Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Diana R. Shaw, Acting Inspector General, Department of State; Thomas J. Ullom, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Anthony Zakel, Inspector General, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in North and South America”. Testimony was heard from Robert G. Salesses, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Admiral Craig S. Faller, U.S. Navy, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; and General Glen D. VanHerck, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command.

AN EPIDEMIC WITHIN A PANDEMIC: UNDERSTANDING SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE IN AMERICA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “An Epidemic within a Pandemic: Understanding Substance Use and Misuse in America”. Testimony was heard from Regina M. LaBelle, Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; and public witnesses.

BUILD BACK BETTER: INVESTING IN EQUITABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled Build Back Better: Investing in Equitable and Affordable Housing Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RENEWING THE UNITED STATES’ COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF MIGRATION FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration, and International Economic Policy held a hearing entitled “Renewing the United States’ Commitment to Addressing the Root Causes of Migration from Central America”. Testimony was heard from Ricardo Zúñiga, Special Envoy for the Northern Triangle, Department of State; and Peter Natiello, Deputy Assistant, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began a 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”.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee Office of Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1522, the “Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act”; and H.R. 2070, the “Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2021”. Testimony was heard from Pedro R. Pierluisi, Governor, Puerto Rico; Rafael Hernández, Speaker, Puerto Rico House of Representatives; María de Lourdes Santiago, Senator, Senate of Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a 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. Leahr 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”; 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”; H.R. 91, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the “Private First-Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building”; and H.R. 2044, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 17 East Main Street in Herington, Kansas, as the “Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building”. H.R. 51 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1170, H.R. 1444, H.R. 1298, H.R. 960, H.R. 767, H.R. 92, H.R. 91, and H.R. 2044 were ordered reported, without amendment.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE MEMBERS’ DAY HEARING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Members’ Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lofgren, Chairman Kilmer, Chairman Scott of Virginia, Chairman DeLauro, and Representatives Wittman, Kaptur, Larson of Connecticut, Blumenauer, Pascrell, Bucshon, Peters, Costa, Arrington, Schrader, Porter, Phillips, Bustos, Meng, Hagedorn, Cloud, Gottheimer, Keller, Fletcher, Quigley, Foxx, Kim, Bass, Adams, Sherman, Schrier, Jacobs, Mann, Higgins of New York, Luria, Case, Escobar, Espaillat, Cicilline, Sherrill, Barragán, Jones, Fernandez, Green of Texas, Bowman, Underwood, Levin of California, Jayapal, Craig, Neguse, Tonko, Stevens, Sánchez, Rosendale, Scanlon, O’Halleran, Levin of Michigan, Lawrence, Trahan, Ryan, Plaskett, Schneider, Mrvan, and Moore of Wisconsin.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gallego, Mann, Sherrill, Mace, Cawthorn, Miller-Meeks, and Wenstrup; Mike Freuh, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; James Ruhlman, Deputy Director for Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Education Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael W. Fisher, Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer, Readjustment

Counseling Service, 10RCS, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

STRATEGIC REVIEW: EVALUATING CONCERNS ABOUT THE ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Strategic Review: Evaluating Concerns About the Ongoing Implementation of the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine public transportation infrastructure investment and FAST Act Reauthorization, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the cost of inaction on climate change, 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communication, Media, and Broadband, to hold hearings to examine communicating trusted vaccine information, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the leading role of the Department of Energy in American energy innovation and how its research, development, demonstration, and deployment programs may be enhanced to further boost the economic competitiveness of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrea Joan Palm, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Secretary, and Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Victoria Nuland, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary (Political Affairs), and Uzra Zeya, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights), both of the Department of State, 11 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Richard Kvaal, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Increasing Risks of Climate Change and NOAA’s Role in Providing Climate Services”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the United States Southern Command, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service, 2 p.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Transportation, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in Europe”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Department of Defense Inspector General and the Services Inspector Generals: Roles, Responsibilities and Opportunities for Improvement”, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Meeting the Moment: Improving Access to Behavioral and Mental Health Care”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act and Environmental Justice: Protecting Frontline Communities”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Banking Innovation or Regulatory Evasion? Exploring Trends in Financial Institution Charters”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship and Capital Markets, hearing entitled “The End of LIBOR: Transitioning to an Alternative Interest Rate Calculation for Mortgages, Student Loans, Business Borrowing, and Other Financial Products”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “10 Years of War: Examining the Ongoing Conflict in Syria”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on legislation on Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress; and Committee Resolution 117–13, a Resolution to Approve Franked Mail Allowances for Committees for the 117th Congress, 12:30 p.m., Webex.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Capitol Police and Preparations for and Response to the Attack of January 6th”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Building Back Better: Creating Jobs and Reducing Pollution by Plugging and Reclaiming Orphaned Wells”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Reaching the Light at the End of the Tunnel: A Science-Driven Approach to Swiftly and Safely Ending the Pandemic”, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reimagining our Innovation Future”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Practical Steps Toward a Carbon-Free Maritime Industry: Updates on Fuels, Ports, and Technology”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 234, the “Korean American VALOR Act”; H.R. 344, the “Women Veterans TRUST Act”; H.R. 958, the “Protecting Moms Who Served Act”; H.R. 1448, the “PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act”; H.R. 1510, the “Veterans’ Camera Reporting Act”; legislation on DOULA for VA Act; legislation on Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021; legislation to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and legislation on Providing Benefits Information in Spanish and Tagalog for Veterans and Families Act, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”, 1 p.m., HVC-304 Hearing Room and Nelson Room. This hearing is closed.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 937, COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, with all post-cloture time considered expired and the motion to proceed agreed to at 12 noon. Senators should expect votes at 12 noon.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 7—Paycheck Fairness Act. Consideration of H.R. 1195—Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act.

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