

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1951–S1999

Measures Introduced: Sixty-nine bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1131–1199, S.J. Res. 17, and S. Res. 157–163.

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Measures Passed:

Hiring of Robert Montgomery “Bobby” Knight Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 157, honoring the 50th anniversary of hiring Robert Montgomery “Bobby” Knight as the Head Coach of the men’s basketball team at Indiana University. **Pages S1975–76**

Partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador: Senate agreed to S. Res. 22, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador and recognizing the restoration and advancement of economic relations, security, and development opportunities in both nations. **Page S1994**

Partnership between the United States and Mongolia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 36, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and recognizing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1995–96**

San Isidro Movement in Cuba: Senate agreed to S. Res. 37, expressing solidarity with the San Isidro Movement in Cuba, condemning escalated attacks against artistic freedoms in Cuba, and calling for the repeal of laws that violate freedom of expression and the immediate release of arbitrarily detained artists, journalists, and activists, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1996–98**

National Park Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 159, designating the week of April 17, 2021, through April 25, 2021, as “National Park Week”. **Page S1998**

Commending and congratulating the Stanford University Cardinal women’s basketball team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, commending and con-

gratulating the Stanford University Cardinal women’s basketball team on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women’s basketball championship. **Page S1998**

Commending and congratulating the Baylor University Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, commending and congratulating the Baylor University Men’s Basketball Team on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men’s basketball championship. **Page S1998**

National Assistive Technology Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, designating April 14, 2021, as “National Assistive Technology Awareness Day”. **Page S1998**

Death of former Senator William “Bill” Emerson Brock III: Senate agreed to S. Res. 163, relating to the death of the Honorable William “Bill” Emerson Brock III, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee. **Page S1998**

Measures Considered:

COVID–19 Hate Crimes Act: Senate began consideration of S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID–19 hate crimes, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S1953–56**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021. **Page S1998**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and further amended by Public Law 113–281, and upon the recommendation of the Ranking Member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, re-appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senators Wicker and Sullivan. **Page S1998**

National Council on Disability: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 93–112, as amended

by Public Law 112–166, and further amended by Public Law 113–128, reappointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council on Disability: Andres J. Gallegos of Illinois.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order that declares a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–7)

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Gupta Nomination: By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 152), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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By 49 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 153), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination, from the Committee on the Judiciary. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress.

Pages S1957–75, S1976–77

Monaco Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 15, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021; and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired, and the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consulta-

tion with the Republican Leader on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

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Gensler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susanna V. Blume, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Christine Elizabeth Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army.

Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Tommy P. Beaudreau, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Jonathan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Lily Lawrence Batchelder, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert Luis Santos, of Texas, to be Director of the Census for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2021.

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Christine Abizaid, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Ur Mendoza Jaddou, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Attorney General.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2021, from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S1999**

Messages from the House: **Page S1979**

Measures Referred: **Page S1979**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1976–79**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1993–94**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1994**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1994**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—153) **Pages S1957, S1977**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1998.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUTURE CYBERSECURITY ARCHITECTURES

Committee on Armed Services: On Wednesday, April 14, 2021, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine future cybersecurity architectures, after receiving testimony from David McKeown, Senior Information Security Officer/Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, Department of Defense, and Rear Admiral William E. Chase III, USN, Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy to the Under Secretary for Policy/Deputy Principal Cyber Advisor to the Secretary, both of the Department of Defense; and Robert E. Joyce, Director of Cybersecurity, National Security Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported one nomination in the Navy.

FAST ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine public transportation infrastructure investment and FAST Act Reauthorization, including S. 940, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a National Transit Frontline Workforce Training Center, and S. 267, to increase the Federal share of operating costs

for certain projects that receive grants under the Formula Grants to Rural Areas Program of the Federal Transit Administration, after receiving testimony from Darryl Haley, Southwest Ohio Regional Transportation Authority, Cincinnati; John Samuelsen, Transportation Workers Union of America, AFL–CIO, Beth Osborne, Transportation for America, and David Ditch, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Baruch Feigenbaum, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the cost of inaction on climate change, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Litterman, Chair, Climate-Related Market Risk Subcommittee, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; David Wallace-Wells, *New York*, and Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, both of New York, New York; George Oliver, Johnson Controls, Glendale, Wisconsin; and Richard J. Powell, ClearPath Inc., Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATING TRUSTED VACCINE INFORMATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Communication, Media, and Broadband concluded a hearing to examine communicating trusted vaccine information, after receiving testimony from former Senator Gordon H. Smith, National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, D.C.; Tracie Collins, New Mexico Department of Health Secretary, Santa Fe; and Yonaira M. Rivera, Rutgers University School of Communication and Information, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

AMERICAN ENERGY INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Thomas Mason, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Paul M. Dabbar, Bohr Quantum Technologies, Scarsdale, New York; Sarah Ladislav, RMI, U.S. Program, Washington, D.C.; and Lara M. Pierpoint, Actuate, Oakland, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrea Joan Palm, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Baldwin, and Chiquita Brooks-

LaSure, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded 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), who was introduced by Senator

Kaine, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James Richard Kvaal, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Education, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Representative George Miller, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Carvajal, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 63 public bills, H.R. 2547–2609; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 40; and H. Res. 320, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1844–45

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

Committee on Oversight and Reform. Authorization and Oversight Plans for all House Committees (H. Rept. 117–17).

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

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Paycheck Fairness Act: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 108.

Pages H1799–H1829

Pursuant to the Rule, 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 H. Rept. 117–15, shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Scott (VA) en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–15: Beyer (No. 1) that requires the EEOC to provide for an annual collection of compensation data from employers disaggregated by the sex, race, and national origin of employees; Newman (No. 2) that requires employers to inform employees of their rights established under this act through currently required workplace posters and electronically; Ocasio-Cortez (No. 3) that directs the Secretary of Labor to establish a program to award contracts and grants for the purpose of training employers about the role that salary negotiation and other inconsistent wage setting practices can have on allowing bias to enter compensation; Torres (NY) (No. 5) that requires a review on the gender wage gap in the teenage workforce; and Williams (No. 6) that reestablishes the National Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force, a federal interagency task force focused on improving compliance, public education, and enforcement of equal pay laws (by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 106).

Pages H1819–22, H1826–27

Rejected:

Miller-Meeks amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–15) that sought to revise the bill to provide a safe harbor for employers who conduct

self-audits to identify and rectify potentially unlawful pay disparities and allows for reasonable employer defenses against trial lawyer abuses (by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 107).

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H. Res. 303, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 7) and (H.R. 1195) was agreed to yesterday, April 14th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Wednesday, April 14th.

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 104;

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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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 362 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 105;

Pages H1825–26

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 109;

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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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 110;

Pages H1829–30

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 111;

Pages H1830–31

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 112;

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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 manu-

facture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances or list I chemicals, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 113;

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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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 114;

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Microloan Transparency and Accountability Act of 2021: H.R. 1487, to amend the Small Business Act to increase transparency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 115; and

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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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 116.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he declared a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–29).

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Senate Referral: S. 400 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1799.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Thirteen yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1825, H1825–26, H1826–27, H1827–28, H1828, H1829, H1829–30, H1830–31, H1831–32, H1832, H1833, H1834, and H1834–35.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INCREASING RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND NOAA'S ROLE IN PROVIDING CLIMATE SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Increasing Risks of Climate Change and NOAA’s Role in Providing Climate

Services”. Testimony was heard from Nicole LeBoeuf, Acting Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service, and performing the duties of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral Craig S. Faller, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Denis R. McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Victoria Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Andria Weeks, Acting Director of Strategic Planning, Budget, and Accountability, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in Europe”. Testimony was heard from Laura Cooper, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia, Department of Defense; and General Tod Wolters, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. European Command.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE SERVICES INSPECTOR GENERALS: ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Inspector General and the Services Inspector Generals: Roles, Responsibilities and Opportunities for Improvement”. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Donnell, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Leslie C. Smith, Inspector General of the Army; Lieutenant General Sami D. Said, Inspector General of the Air Force; Vice Admiral Richard P. Snyder, Naval Inspector General; and Major General Robert F. Castellvi, Inspector General of the Marine Corps.

MEETING THE MOMENT: IMPROVING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Meeting the Moment: Improving Access to Behavioral and Mental Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE CLEAN FUTURE ACT AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: PROTECTING FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act and Environmental Justice: Protecting Frontline Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BANKING INNOVATION OR REGULATORY EVASION? EXPLORING TRENDS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION CHARTERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Banking Innovation or Regulatory Evasion? Exploring Trends in Financial Institution Charters”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE END OF LIBOR: TRANSITIONING TO AN ALTERNATIVE INTEREST RATE CALCULATION FOR MORTGAGES, STUDENT LOANS, BUSINESS BORROWING, AND OTHER FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “The End of LIBOR: Transitioning to an Alternative Interest Rate Calculation for Mortgages, Student Loans, Business Borrowing, and Other Financial Products”. Testimony was heard from Dan Coates, Senior Associate Director, Office of Risk Analysis and Modeling, Federal Housing Finance Agency; John Coates, Acting Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission; Brian Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Finance, Department of the Treasury; Mark Van Der Weide, General Counsel, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Kevin Walsh, Deputy Comptroller, Market Risk Policy, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

10 YEARS OF WAR: EXAMINING THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “10 Years of War: Examining the Ongoing Conflict in Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting on H. Res. 316, 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. H. Res. 316 and Committee Resolution 117–13 were agreed to.

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE AND PREPARATIONS FOR AND RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK OF JANUARY 6TH

Committee on Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Capitol Police and Preparations for and Response to the Attack of January 6th”. Testimony was heard from Michael A. Bolton, Inspector General, U.S. Capitol Police.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: On April 14, 2021, Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1333, the “National Origin-Based Antidiscrimination for Non-immigrants Act”; H.R. 1573, the “Access to Coun-

sel Act of 2021”; H.R. 40, the “Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act”; and the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law report on Final Report on Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets. The report on Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1333, H.R. 1573, and H.R. 40 were ordered reported, as amended.

BUILDING BACK BETTER: CREATING JOBS AND REDUCING POLLUTION BY PLUGGING AND RECLAIMING ORPHANED WELLS

Committee On Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Building Back Better: Creating Jobs and Reducing Pollution by Plugging and Reclaiming Orphaned Wells”. Testimony was heard from Representative Leger Fernandez and public witnesses.

REACHING THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL: A SCIENCE-DRIVEN APPROACH TO SWIFTLY AND SAFELY ENDING THE PANDEMIC

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Reaching the Light at the End of the Tunnel: A Science-Driven Approach to Swiftly and Safely Ending the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Health; David Kessler, M.D., Chief Science Officer, COVID Response; and Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

REIMAGINING OUR INNOVATION FUTURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reimagining our Innovation Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRACTICAL STEPS TOWARD A CARBON-FREE MARITIME INDUSTRY: UPDATES ON FUELS, PORTS, AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Practical Steps Toward a Carbon-Free Maritime Industry: Updates on Fuels, Ports, and Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Takano, and Representatives Underwood, Stivers, Jeffries, Axne, and Lawrence; Clifford A. Smith, Director, Analytics, Innovations and Collaborations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

WORLD WIDE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Scott Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; William Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Avril Haines, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense; and Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Part of this hearing was closed.

MAKING THE CASE FOR CLIMATE ACTION: THE GROWING RISKS AND COSTS OF INACTION

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Select Committee on the Climate Crisis held a hearing entitled “Making the Case for Climate Action: The Growing Risks and Costs of Inaction”. Testimony was heard from Shawn Gillen, City Manager, Tybee Island, Georgia; and public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Takano, and Representatives Davids of Kansas,

Aguilar, Taylor, Scanlon, Arrington, Jacobs, Lee, Case, Schrier, Cicilline, McCollum, Jeffries, LaMalfa, Hoyer, Clark of Massachusetts, Hinson, Obernolte, Gottheimer, Scalise, Rice of New York, Moulton, Smith of Missouri, and Meijer.

Joint Meetings

VACCINATIONS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Joint Economic Committee: On Wednesday, April 14, 2021, Committee concluded a hearing to examine vaccinations and economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Paul Romer, New York University, Celine Gounder, New York University School of Medicine and Bellevue Hospital, and Belinda Archibong, Barnard College, all of New York, New York; and Alexander Tabarrok, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D329)

H.R. 1868, to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts. Signed on April 14, 2021. (Public Law 117–7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled “Innovation in Development Policy: Maximizing Impact and Results”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Hearing on Agency Compliance with the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA)”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, April 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 937, COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

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