

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2533–S2552

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1652–1663, and S. Res. 217–218.

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Measures Passed:

TRANSPLANT Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 941, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and the bill was then passed.

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Good Friday Agreement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 117, expressing support for the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, or the Belfast Agreement, and subsequent agreements and arrangements for implementation to support peace on the island of Ireland, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Whitehouse (for Lee) Amendment No. 1496, of a perfecting nature.

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Whitehouse (for Lee) Amendment No. 1497, to amend the preamble.

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National Public Works Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 217, designating the week of May 16 through May 22, 2021, as “National Public Works Week”.

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National Foster Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 218, recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policies to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

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Measures Considered:

Endless Frontier Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program.

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

By 86 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 192), 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.

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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 Tuesday, May 18, 2021; that all time during recess, adjournment, and morning business count post-cloture on the motion to proceed.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes:

One record vote was taken today. (Total—192)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2552.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HORN OF AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the challenges and opportunities for the United States in the Horn of Africa from Robert F. Godec, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, and Jeffrey Feltman, U.S. Special

Envoy for the Horn of Africa, both of the Department of State; and the National Intelligence Officer

for Africa, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 3263–3289; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 34; and H. Res. 404–407 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2788, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the cap on full-time employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs who provide equal employment opportunity counseling (H. Rept. 117–35);

H.R. 2704, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the equal employment opportunity functions of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–36); and

H. Res. 403, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1629) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to limitations on exclusive approval or licensure of orphan drugs, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 275) condemning the horrific shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and reaffirming the House of Representative's commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–37).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Stivers, the whole number of the House is 430.

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

VA Transparency Trust & Act of 2021: H.R. 2911, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a 2/3

yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 144.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:13 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Communication from the Sergeant at Arms: The House received a communication from William J. Walker, Sergeant at Arms. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, Mr. Walker notified the House that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

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Announcement by the Chair: The Chair announced the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective May 20, 2021, of the covered period designated on January 4, 2021.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Courtney, Barragan, Rutherford, and McClain.

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

Improving VA Accountability To Prevent Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Act of 2021: H.R. 2704, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the equal employment opportunity functions of Department of Veterans Affairs;

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VA Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor Modernization Act: H.R. 2788, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the cap on full-time employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs who provide equal employment opportunity counseling;

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Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Act: H.R. 240, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to prioritize the provision of services to homeless veterans with dependents in carrying out homeless veterans reintegration programs;

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West Los Angeles VA Campus Improvement Act of 2021: H.R. 711, amended, to amend the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 to authorize the use of certain funds received pursuant to leases entered into under such Act; **Pages H2365–66**

GI Bill National Emergency Extended Deadline Act: H.R. 2167, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of entitlement under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs by reason of school closures due to emergency and other situations; **Pages H2366–69**

Directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a Native VetSuccess at Tribal Colleges and Universities Pilot Program: H.R. 2878, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a Native VetSuccess at Tribal Colleges and Universities Pilot Program; **Pages H2369–72**

Directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of cameras in medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 1510, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of cameras in medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H2372–73**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration: H.R. 2494, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration; **Pages H2373–75**

Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021: H.R. 2441, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand the Rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study to assess certain mental health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs available to veterans who live in rural areas; **Pages H2375–78**

Coastal and Ocean Acidification Stressors and Threats Research Act of 2021: H.R. 1447, amended, to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009 to establish an Ocean Acidification Advisory Board, to expand and improve the research on Ocean Acidification and Coastal Acidification, to establish and maintain a data archive system for Ocean Acidification data and Coastal Acidification data; **Pages H2378–85**

National Estuaries and Acidification Research Act of 2021: H.R. 2533, to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering,

and Medicine examining the impact of ocean acidification and other stressors in estuarine environments; **Pages H2385–87**

Rural STEM Education Research Act: H.R. 210, amended, to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on STEM education and workforce development in rural areas, including the development and application of new technologies to support and improve rural STEM education; **Pages H2387–90**

Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act: H.R. 144, amended, to forestall the loss of research talent by establishing a temporary early career research fellowship program; **Pages H2390–92**

STEM Opportunities Act: H.R. 204, amended, to direct the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to carry out programs and activities to ensure that Federal science agencies and institutions of higher education receiving Federal research and development funding are fully engaging their entire talent pool; **Pages H2392–98**

MSI STEM Achievement Act: H.R. 2027, to direct Federal science agencies and the Office of Science and Technology Policy to undertake activities to improve the quality of undergraduate STEM education and enhance the research capacity at the Nation's HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs; and **Pages H2398–H2401**

Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act: H.R. 2695, to provide for research to better understand the causes and consequences of sexual harassment affecting individuals in the scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematics workforce and to examine policies to reduce the prevalence and negative impact of such harassment. **Pages H2401–03**

Senate Referral: S. 593 was held at the desk. **Page H2405**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H2404–05.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H2404.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FAIRNESS IN ORPHAN DRUG EXCLUSIVITY ACT; CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC SHOOTINGS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON MARCH 16, 2021, AND REAFFIRMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMITMENT TO COMBATING HATE, BIGOTRY, AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1629, the “Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act”; and H. Res. 275, condemning the horrific shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and reaffirming the House of Representative’s commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1629, the “Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act”, and H. Res. 275, Condemning the horrific shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and reaffirming the House of Representative’s commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1629, the “Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 275, Condemning the horrific shootings in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 2021, and reaffirming the House of Representative’s commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides that House Resolution 398 is hereby adopted. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021 (as amended by H. Res. 330, agreed to April 20, 2021) is amended by striking “May 20, 2021” each place it appears and inserting (in each instance) “July 1, 2021”. The rule provides that at

any time through the legislative day of Thursday, May 20, 2021, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of May 17 or 18, 2021, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed. The Chair shall put the question on any such motion without debate or intervening motion, and the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions to suspend the rules with respect to such measures is vacated. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pallone, and Representatives Latta, DeSaulnier, and Fallon.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Paul J. LaCamera, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine the cybersecurity of the defense industrial base, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting kids online, focusing on internet privacy and manipulative marketing, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine reviving international travel and tourism to create and restore jobs, 3 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert T. Anderson, of Washington, to be Solicitor, Shannon Aneal Estenoz, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, and Tanya Marie Trujillo, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine funding and financing options to bolster American infrastructure, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine paid leave for working families, focusing on examining access, options, and impacts, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis, 10 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Brett M. Holmgren, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "National Security Agency and Cyber Command FY 2022 Posture", 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled "The Need for Universal Broadband: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic", 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Air Force Quality of Life and Installations Update", 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Member Day", 12:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittees on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, joint hearing entitled "Posture and Readiness of the Mobility Enterprise", 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled "Promises and Perils: The Potential of Automobile Technologies", 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled "Examining Belt and Road: The Lending Practices of the People's Republic of China and Impact on the International Debt Architecture", 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled "The U.S.-Afghanistan Relationship Following the Military Withdrawal", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2795, the "DHS Blue Campaign Enhancement Act"; H.R. 2980, the "Cybersecurity Vulnerability Remediation Act"; H.R. 3138, the "State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act"; H.R. 3223, the "CISA

Cyber Exercise Act"; legislation on Pipeline Security Act; legislation on DHS Medical Countermeasures Act; and legislation on Domains Critical to Homeland Security Act, 4 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2922, the "Elder Abuse Protection Act of 2021"; H.R. 2694, the "Criminal Judicial Administration Act of 2021"; H.R. 2746, to amend title 28, United States Code, to redefine the eastern and middle judicial districts of North Carolina; H.R. 3239, to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code; and H.R. 3241, to make improvements in the enactment of title 54, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Unsustainable Drug Prices (Part III): Testimony from AbbVie CEO Richard Gonzalez", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Rules: Full Committee, hearing on legislation on the Emergency Security Supplemental to Respond to January 6th Appropriations Act, 2021; and H.R. 3233, the "National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex Act", 9:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled "NASA's Earth Science and Climate Change Activities: Current Roles and Future Opportunities", 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled "Examining the role of Community Development Financial Institutions and Minority Depository Institutions in Small Business Lending", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 18 through May 21, 2021

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1260, Endless Frontier Act, post-cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 20, to hold hearings to examine Federal, state, and private forestlands, focusing on opportunities for addressing climate change, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Appropriations: May 18, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SH-216.

May 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold

hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 19, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine rethinking disaster recovery and resiliency, focusing on protecting communities and accelerating assistance, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 19, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on narrowing the tax gap and improving taxpayer services, 2 p.m., SD-138.

May 19, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine military infrastructure and climate resilience, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: May 18, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Paul J. LaCamera, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

May 18, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine the cybersecurity of the defense industrial base, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

May 19, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's atomic defense activities and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and future years defense program, 4:30 p.m., SR-232A.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the transition of all United States and Coalition forces from Afghanistan and its implications; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 18, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

May 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Adrienne Todman, of the Virgin Islands, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Nuria I. Fernandez, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine 21st century communities, focusing on expanding opportunity through infrastructure investments, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 18, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting kids online, focusing on internet privacy and manipulative marketing, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 18, Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine reviving international travel and tourism to create and restore jobs, 3 p.m., SR-253.

May 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the

nominations of Pamela A. Melroy, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Carlos Alberto Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, and Richard W. Spinrad, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert T. Anderson, of Washington, to be Solicitor, Shannon Aneal Estenoz, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, and Tanya Marie Trujillo, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the role of reforestation, active forest management, and carbon storage in fostering resiliency, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 19, to hold hearings to examine biodiversity loss, focusing on drivers, impacts, and potential solutions, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Finance: May 18, to hold hearings to examine funding and financing options to bolster American infrastructure, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine COVID-19 health care flexibilities, focusing on perspectives, experiences, and lessons learned, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment), to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary (Western Hemisphere Affairs), and Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organization Affairs), both of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 9:45 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 18, to hold hearings to examine paid leave for working families, focusing on examining access, options, and impacts, 10 a.m., SD-106.

May 20, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security, to hold hearings to examine solving the crisis in the health care workforce, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 18, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis, 10 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine COVID-19, focusing on evaluating the medical supply chain and pandemic response gaps, 2:30 p.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on Judiciary: May 19, Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine antitrust applied, focusing on hospital consolidation concerns and solutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 312, to expand eligibility for and provide judicial review for the Elderly Home Detention Pilot Program, provide for compassionate release based on COVID-19 vulnerability, shorten the waiting period for judicial review during the COVID-19 pandemic, and make other technical corrections, S. 601, to amend section 3661 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the consideration of acquitted conduct at sentencing, S. 1014, to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and the nominations of Ketanji Brown Jackson, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Julien Xavier Neals, and Zahid N. Quraishi, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Regina M. Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: May 19, to hold hearings to examine realizing the vision of Parren Mitchell, focusing on untapping the potential of minority and women contracting, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald Michael Remy, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Secretary, Matthew T. Quinn, of Montana, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Maryanne T. Donaghy, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection), and Patricia L. Ross, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary (Congressional and Legislative Affairs), all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Brett M. Holmgren, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: May 20, to hold hearings to examine taking aim at Alzheimer's, focusing on frontline perspectives and caregiver challenges, 9:30 a.m., VTC.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations: May 19, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Central Intelligence Agency FY 2022 Posture”, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

May 19, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Resource Management and Operational Priorities”, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Public Witnesses”, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 19, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Global Climate Finance”, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., Webex.

May 20, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threat and FY 2022 National Intelligence Program/Military Intelligence Program Posture with the Director of National Intelligence and Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security”, 10 a.m., Webex. This hearing is closed.

May 20, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 20, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9:15 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services: May 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Recommendations of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

May 20, Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems, hearing entitled “Reviewing Department of Defense Science and Technology Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Fiscal Year 2022: Fostering a Robust Ecosystem for Our Technological Edge”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Education And Labor: May 19, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Picking up the Pieces: Strengthening Connections with Students Experiencing Homelessness and Children in Foster Care”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: May 19, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2022 DOE Budget”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services: May 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Prudential Regulators: Ensuring the Safety, Soundness, Diversity, and Accountability of Depository Institutions”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: May 19, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 922, the “Crimea Annexation Non-Recognition Act”; H.R. 2785, the “Energy Resource Governance Initiative Act of 2021”; H.R. 3261, to repeal the 1991 Authorization for the Use of Military Force against Iraq Resolution; legislation to repeal the 1957 Middle East Use of Force Authorization; legislation urging the Government of El Salvador to respect the country's democratic institutions; H.R. 1096, the “Represent America Abroad Act of 2021”; H.R. 1135, the “LITE Act”; H. Res. 402, recognizing the devastating impact of COVID-19 in India and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to COVID assistance to India; and H. Res. 348, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United Nations Security Council should immediately impose an arms embargo against the military of Burma, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on House Administration: May 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reforming the Capitol Police

and Improving Accountability for the Capitol Police Board”, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 19, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Continuing Injustice: The Centennial of the Tulsa-Greenwood Race Massacre”, 9:30 a.m., CVC-200 and Zoom.

May 20, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “An Unending Crisis: Essential Steps to Reducing Gun Violence and Mass Shootings”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Misuse of Taxpayer Dollars and Corporate Welfare in the Oil and Gas Industry”, 1 p.m., Webex.

May 20, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 2930, the “STOP Act of 2021”; H.R. 438, 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, and for other purposes; and legislation to prescribe procedures for effective consultation and coordination by Federal agencies with federally recognized Indian Tribes regarding Federal Government actions that impact Tribal lands and interests to ensure that meaningful Tribal input is an integral part of the Federal decision-making process, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, May 19, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Examining Emergent BioSolutions’ Failure to Protect

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, May 19, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Accelerating Discovery: The Future of Scientific Computing at the Department of Energy”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, May 19, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “The Small Business Administration’s Entrepreneurial Ecosystem: An Update and Next Steps with SBA’s Resource Partners”, 10:15 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

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Committee on Ways and Means, May 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Leveraging the Tax Code for Infrastructure Investment”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

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10 a.m., Tuesday, May 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1260, Endless Frontier Act, post-cloture.

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