

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3547–S3913

Measures Introduced: Eighty-six bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1869–1954, and S. Res. 246–254. **Pages S3891–95**

Measures Reported:

S. 272, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–23)

S. Res. 229, recognizing the devastating attack on a girls' school in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 8, 2021, and expressing solidarity with the Afghan people.

S. 1658, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to expand access to breastfeeding accommodations in the workplace, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1931, to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. **Page S3891**

Measures Passed:

RESPECT Act: Senate passed S. 789, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians. **Page S3851**

Measures Considered:

Endless Frontier Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 216), Crapo/Wyden Modified Amendment No. 1562 (to Amendment No. 1502), to ensure trade is conducted consistent with American values, to ensure resiliency in critical supply chains, to improve transparency and

administration of trade programs and oversight and accountability of trade agencies, and to promote American competitiveness. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S3552–S3839**

Rejected:

Rubio Amendment No. 1802 (to Amendment No. 1527), to protect the United States against efforts of China and other foreign entities to engage in economic espionage and to misappropriate United States intellectual property, research and development, and innovation efforts. (By 55 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 215), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Cantwell Amendment No. 1527 (to Amendment No. 1502), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3549, S3864**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3549–S3876**

Cornyn/Cotton Amendment No. 1858 (to Amendment No. 1502), to modify the semiconductor incentives program of the Department of Commerce.

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

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 214), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Schumer Amendment No. 1502 (listed above).

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By 84 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 217), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, May 28, 2021; and that all time in recess count post-cloture on Schumer Amendment No. 1502.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Christine Elizabeth Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army. **Pages S3548, S3913**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

Elizabeth Rosenberg, of Vermont, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Sarah Bianchi, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Africa, Investment, Services, Textiles, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador.

Elizabeth Merrill Brown, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

Gwynne A. Wilcox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2023.

Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—3) Page S3862

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—217) Pages S3851, S3839, S3862–63

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021 and recessed at 2:51 a.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021, until 9 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3913.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Janie Simms Hipp, of Arkansas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jill Hruby, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, who was introduced by Senator Heinrich, and Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy, and Deborah G. Rosenblum, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by former Senator Nunn, and Christopher Paul Maier, of California, who was introduced by Senator Manchin, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HOUSING FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine housing for Native Americans, focusing on a review of Federal programs, barriers, and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Dante Desiderio, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Adrian Stevens, National American Indian Housing Council, Irving, New York; Alene Tchourumoff, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and Michael Goze, American Indian Community Development Corporation, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Eric Shepherd, Sisseton-Wapheton Housing Authority, Sisseton, South Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of 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, both of the Department of the Interior.

ETHIOPIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the crisis in Ethiopia, focusing on United States strategy and policy response, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Godec, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of African Affairs; and Sarah Charles, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John K. Tien, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Reed, Robert Peter Silvers, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, who was introduced by Senator Carper, and Jonathan

Eugene Meyer, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Brown, all of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rajesh D. Nayak, of Maryland, Taryn Mackenzie Williams, of the District of Columbia, and Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, after the nominees,

who were introduced by Senator Murray, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Mark A. Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ARMY TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLE PROGRAM UPDATE AND REVIEW OF ELECTRIFICATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Army Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Program Update

and Review of Electrification”. Testimony was heard from Tim Goddette, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition Policy and Logistics; and Michael K. Cadiuex, Director, Combat Capabilities Development Command, Ground Vehicle Systems Center, U.S. Army.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT REAUTHORIZATION: CREATING EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Reauthorization: Creating Employment Pathways for Dislocated Workers”. Testimony was heard from Joseph M. Barela, Executive Director, Department of Labor and Employment, Colorado; P.J. McGrew, Executive Director, Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, Indiana; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a markup on H.R. 2668, the “Consumer Protection and Recovery Act”. H.R. 2668 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

HOLDING MEGABANKS ACCOUNTABLE: AN UPDATE IN BANKING PRACTICES, PROGRAMS AND POL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Holding Megabanks Accountable: An Update in Banking Practices, Programs and Policies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNDERSTANDING AUTHORITARIANISM AND KLEPTOCRACY IN RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled “Understanding Authoritarianism and Kleptocracy in Russia”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT: A CONTINUING RECORD OF DISCRIMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Voting Rights Act: A Continuing Record of Discrimination”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE SHOP SAFE ACT: STEMMING THE RISING TIDE OF UNSAFE COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS ONLINE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The SHOP SAFE Act: Stemming the Rising Tide of Unsafe Counterfeit Products Online”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1664, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1931, the “Japanese American Confinement Education Act”; H.R. 2278, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2444, the “Fort San Gerónimo Preservation Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives González-Colón, Matsui, and Connolly; Joy Beasley, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, U.S. National Park Service; and public witnesses.

OVERVIEW OF THE SCIENCE AND ENERGY RESEARCH ENTERPRISE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Overview of the Science and Energy Research Enterprise of the U.S. Department of Energy”. Testimony was heard from

Jennifer Granholm, Secretary, Department of Energy.’

A REVIEW OF THE SBA’S GRANT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “A Review of the SBA’s Grant Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INVESTING IN A BETTER VA: EXAMINING THE ROLE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN VETERANS’ ACCESS TO CARE AND BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Investing in a Better VA: Examining the Role of Infrastructure in Veterans’ Access to Care and Benefits”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Brett Simms, Executive Director, Office of Asset and Enterprise Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Paul Brubaker, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Information Technology; Jessica Bonjorni, Chief, Human Capital Management, Office of Human Capital Management, Veterans Health Administration; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON UNIVERSAL PAID LEAVE AND GUARANTEED ACCESS TO CHILD CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on Universal Paid Leave and Guaranteed Access to Child Care”. Testimony was heard from Chairman DeLauro, and Representatives Clark of Massachusetts and Hinson; and public witnesses.

MAKING THE HOUSE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Making the House More Accessible to the Disability Community”. Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; John Uelmen, General Counsel, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 28, 2021**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, May 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1260, Endless Frontier Act.

Senators should expect additional roll call votes during Friday's session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, May 28

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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