

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3999–S4022

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1981–2000, and S. Res. 264–266. **Pages S4017–18**

Measures Passed:

National Pulse Memorial: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4013**

National Pulse Memorial: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 49, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32806, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4013**

Honoring the Memory of the Victims of the Pulse Nightclub Attack: Senate agreed to S. Res. 265, honoring the memory of the victims of the heinous attack at the Pulse nightclub on June 12, 2016. **Pages S4013, S4020**

National Brain Tumor Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 266, expressing support for the designation of May 2021 as “National Brain Tumor Awareness Month”. **Pages S4020–21, S4021**

Quraishi Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Zahid N. Quraishi, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S3999–S4013**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 10, 2021; that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, occur immediately following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Zahid N. Quraishi; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Zahid N.

Quraishi, all time expire at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, June 10, 2021. **Page S4021**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Jayme Ray White, of Washington, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Labor, and Environment), with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S4022**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4021.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: USACE AND USBR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Jaime A. Pinkham, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, USA, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and

justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: HHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health And Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOJ

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

MISSILE DEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine missile defense strategy, policies, and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Leonor Tomero, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, General Glen D. VanHerck, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, Vice Admiral Jon A. Hill, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General Daniel L. Karbler, USA, Commanding General, Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense; Robert M. Soofer, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy; and Ankit Panda, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine building a stronger financial system, focusing on opportunities of a central bank digital currency, after receiving testimony from Neha Narula, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Digital Currency Initiative, Cambridge; Lev Menand, Columbia Law School, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, Willkie Farr and Gallagher, both of New York, New York; and Darrell Duffie, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Stanford, California.

NCAA ATHLETE NIL RIGHTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine NCAA athlete NIL rights, after receiving testimony from Mark Few, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington; Mark Emmert, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Indianapolis, Indiana; Rod Gilmore, ESPN, Bristol, Connecticut; Wayne A.I. Frederick, Howard University, Washington, D.C., on behalf of Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's Presidents and Chancellors; Michael McCann, University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord; and Matthew J. Mitten, Marquette University Law School, Los Angeles, California.

PFAS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine PFAS, focusing on the view from affected citizens and states, after receiving testimony from James C. Kenney, New Mexico Environment Department, Santa Fe; Scott Mandirola, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; Charleston; Joanne Stanton, Buxmont Coalition for Safer Water, Harleysville, Pennsylvania; and G. Tracy Mehan, III, American Water Works Association, Washington, D.C.

U.S. POLICY IN BELARUS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Belarus, after receiving testimony from Julie Fisher, Ambassador-Designate to Belarus, Department of State; Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Democratic Belarus, Vilnius, Lithuania; and Jamie Fly, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague, Czech Republic.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, Maria E. Brewer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Tulinabo S. Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Elizabeth Moore Aubin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Eugene S. Young, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, and Christopher John Lamora, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John K. Tien, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary, Robert Peter Silvers, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, and Jonathan Eugene Meyer, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Bryan Todd Newland, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Peters, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Eunice C. Lee, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Veronica S. Rossman, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper, and David G. Estudillo, Lauren J. King, and Tana Lin, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, who were introduced by Senator Murray, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of the small business investment company program, including S. 1759, to establish a MicroCap small business investment company designation, after receiving testimony from Stacey R. Wittelsberger, Patriot Capital, Baltimore, Maryland; and Ivelisse Rodriguez Simon, Avante Capital Partner, Los Angeles, California.

INVESTING IN VA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a system to better serve America's veterans, focusing on investing in the Department of Veterans Affairs infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Brett Simms, Executive Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Patrick D. Murray, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Washington, D.C.; and Donald Orndoff, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., Oakland, California.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christine Abizaid, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Robin C. Ashton, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency, who was introduced by former Senator Daniel Coats, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Committee Meetings**MEMBER DAY**

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Member Day". Testimony was heard from Chairman Kilmer, Chairman Meeks, and Representatives Timmons, Auchincloss, Mrvan, Crow, Tlaib, Mast, Trahan, Levin of Michigan,

Fletcher, McGovern, Pressley, Wilson of South Carolina, Jackson Lee, Sherrill, Soto, Schrier, Fitzpatrick, Sherman, Cloud, Steel, Bowman, Lamb, Van Drew, Carter of Georgia, Garcia of Texas, Suozzi, Kelly of Illinois, Kahele, Rodgers of Washington, Tenney, Scanlon, Ruiz, and González-Colón.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Office of Management and Budget. Testimony was heard from Shalanda Young, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET REQUEST FOR MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for Military Readiness”. Testimony was heard from General Joseph M. Martin, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Department of the Army; Admiral William K. Lescher, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; General David W. Allvin, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Department of the Air Force; General Gary L. Thomas, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; and General David D. Thompson, Vice Chief of Staff of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force.

THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Shalanda Young, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor”. Testimony was heard from Martin J. Walsh, Secretary, Department of Labor.

A HUMANE RESPONSE: PRIORITIZING THE WELL-BEING OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “A Humane Response: Prioritizing the Well-Being of Unaccompanied Children”. Testimony was heard from JooYeun Chang, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

UNIVERSAL VOUCHERS: ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Universal Vouchers: Ending Homelessness and Expanding Economic Opportunity in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEMOCRATIC VALUES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC IN AN ERA OF STRATEGIC COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation held

a hearing entitled “Democratic Values in the Indo-Pacific in an Era of Strategic Cooperation”. Testimony was heard from Scott Busby, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; Craig Hart, Acting Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for East Asia and the Pacific, U.S. Agency for International Development; Dean Thompson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Francisco Bencosme, Senior Advisor to the Acting Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau, Department of State.

UNITED STATES LEADERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact held a hearing entitled “United States Leadership in the International Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Gayle E. Smith, Coordinator for Global COVID Response and Health Security, Department of State; and Jeremy Konyndyk, Executive Director, COVID-19 Task Force, U.S. Agency for International Development.

CYBER THREATS IN THE PIPELINE: USING LESSONS FROM THE COLONIAL RANSOMWARE ATTACK TO DEFEND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Cyber Threats in the Pipeline: Using Lessons from the Colonial Ransomware Attack to Defend Critical Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING REGIONAL INNOVATION ECONOMIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Building Regional Innovation Economies”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Hutt Pollard, Secretary of Science and Innovation, Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee began a markup on updated subcommittee roster; H.R. 1915, the “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021”; and H.R. 3684, the “INVEST in America Act”.

Joint Meetings

GENDER WAGE GAP

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the gender wage gap, focusing on breaking through stalled progress, after receiving testimony from Marlene Kim, University of Massachusetts, Boston; Michele Holder, City University of New York John Jay College, and Ai-jen Poo, National Domestic Workers Alliance, both of New York, New York; and Romina Boccia, Stonebrick LLC, Salt Lake City, Utah.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nomination of Janie Simms Hipp, of Arkansas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, with the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold a joint hearing to examine atrocities in Xinjiang, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1927, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robin Carnahan, of Missouri, to be Administrator of General Services, Jen Easterly, of New York, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Depart-

ment of Homeland Security, and Chris Inglis, of Maryland, to be National Cyber Director, 10:15 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider 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 Deborah L. Boardman, and Lydia Kay Griggsby, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Tiffany P. Cunningham, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Margaret Irene Strickland, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Ur Mendoza Jaddou, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Ronald L. Davis, of California, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, David H. Chipman, of Virginia, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Anne Milgram, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "FY22 Budget Request for Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled "Ending Child Hunger: Priorities for Child Nutrition Reauthorization", 12 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.J. Res. 34, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review"; H.R. 2928, the "Cyber Sense Act of 2021"; H.R. 2931, the "Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act"; H.R. 3078, the "Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act"; H.R. 3119, the "Energy Emergency Leadership Act"; and H.R. 2668, the "Consumer Protection and Recovery Act", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations, hearing entitled "Unaccompanied Children at the Border: Federal Response and the Way Forward", 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation", 10 a.m., CVC-200 and Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure, hearing entitled "Utilization of Small Contractors in the Infrastructure Plan", 1 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, continue markup on updated subcommittee roster; H.R. 1915, the “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021”; and H.R. 3684, the “INVEST in America Act”.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Minding the Tax Gap: Improving Tax Administration for the 21st Century”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Friday, June 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Zahid N. Quraishi, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nomination of Zahid N. Quraishi, and on the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Zahid N. Quraishi, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.



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