

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S4707–S4733*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2185–2202, and S. Res. 283.

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**Growing Climate Solutions Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 24, 2021, Senate begin consideration of S. 1251, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a program to reduce barriers to entry for farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners in certain voluntary markets, under the previous order of Tuesday, June 22, 2021; provided further that all time on the bill expire at 11 a.m.; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided prior to each vote with all provisions of the order of Tuesday, June 22, 2021 remaining in effect; that upon disposition of S. 1251, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post-cloture, with all post-cloture time expiring at 1:45 p.m.

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**Jackson-Akiwumi Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

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

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 249), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robin Carnahan, of Missouri, to be Administrator of General Services.

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By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 248), Deborah L. Boardman, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

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

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By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 247), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kathleen S. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sharon L. Cromer, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Kenneth Lee Salazar, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States.

Julianne Smith, of Michigan, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

C.B. Sullenberger III, of Texas, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Cynthia Ann Telles, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

David M. Prouty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2026.

Guy T. Kiyokawa, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Enterprise Integration).

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S4726–27**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S4731**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—249) **Pages S4712, S4723**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4731.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CATTLE MARKETS

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine markets, transparency, and prices from cattle producer to consumer, after receiving testimony from Justin Tupper, St. Onge Livestock, St. Onge, South Dakota, on behalf of the United States Cattlemen's Association; Mark Gardiner, Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kansas; Glynn T. Tonsor, Kansas State University Department of Agricultural Economics, Manhattan, Kansas; Dustin Aherin, Rabobank, Chesterfield, Missouri; and Mary Hendrickson, University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Columbia, Missouri.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DOE AND NNSA

**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 Department of Energy, including the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Granholm, Secretary, and Charles P. Verdon, Acting Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Acting Administrator for the National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS: VA

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 and 2023 advance appropriations requests for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Denis McDonough, Secretary, and Jon J. Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FBI

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies con-

cluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Secretary, and Noel Andres Poyo, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community and Economic Development, both of the Department of the Treasury; Andy Anderson, Bank of Anguilla, Rolling Fork, Mississippi; and Joseph Haskins, Jr., Harbor Bankshares Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland.

### RECENT RANSOMWARE ATTACKS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded open and closed hearings to examine recent ransomware attacks, after receiving testimony from Mieke Eoyang, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, Major General Kevin B. Kennedy, USAF, Director of Operations, United States Cyber Command, and Rear Admiral Ronald A. Foy, USN, Deputy Director for Global Operations, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

### CHILD CARE

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the role of child care in an equitable post-pandemic economy, after receiving testimony from Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center, Rachel Greszler, The Heritage Foundation, and Abby M. McCloskey, McCloskey Policy LLC, all of Washington, D.C.; Betsey Stevenson, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor; and Bernadette Akum Ngoh, Trusted Care Family Day Care Home, West Haven, Connecticut.

### AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE

**Committee on Commerce:** Subcommittee on Aviation Safety, Operations, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine aviation infrastructure for the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Danette Bewley, Tucson Airport Authority, Tucson, Arizona; Sean Donohue, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, and Paul Cullen, Southwest Airlines Co., both of Dallas, Texas; Paul Rinaldi, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, AFL-CIO (NATCA), Washington, D.C.; and Benjamin M. Miller, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

## NATIONAL PARKS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 31, to limit the establishment or extension of national monuments in the State of Utah, S. 172, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 192, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in the State of Oregon as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 270, to amend the Act entitled “Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas” to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, S. 491, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in the York River watershed in the State of Maine as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 535, to authorize the location of a memorial on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, S. 753, to reauthorize the Highlands Conservation Act, to authorize States to use funds from that Act for administrative purposes, S. 1317, to modify the boundary of the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 1320, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1321, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, S. 1354, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chilkoot National Historic Trail and to provide for a study of the Alaska Long Trail, S. 1526, to authorize the use of off-highway vehicles in certain areas of the Capitol Reef National Park, Utah, S. 1527, to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide that State law shall apply to the use of motor vehicles on roads within a System unit, S. 1769, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and S. 1771, to authorize reference to the museum located at Blytheville/Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville, Arkansas, as the “National Cold War Center”, after receiving testimony from Senator Ernst and Representative Golden; Michael A. Caldwell, Acting Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Jennifer Eberlien, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jennifer Hunter, York River Wild and Scenic Study, York, Maine; and Andrea Malmberg, Bunchgrass Land and Livestock, Union County, Oregon.

## CLEAN ENERGY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine existing programs and future opportunities to ensure access to affordable, reliable, and clean energy for rural and low-income communities, after receiving testimony from Alejandro Moreno, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Renewable Power, Office of the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Brian Kealoha, Hawai‘i Energy/Leidos, Honolulu; and Mac McLennan, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., Grand Forks, North Dakota.

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine building a successful foundation for Native communities’ infrastructure development, after receiving testimony from Anthony Rodman, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs; Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Management, Indian Affairs; David Flute, South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations Secretary, Pierre; William Aila, Jr., Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Chairman, Kapolei; Janet Davis, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nixon, Nevada; Anthony Walters, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.; Carol Gore, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Anchorage, Alaska; and Godfrey Enjady, National Tribal Telecommunications Association, Chandler, Arizona.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gustavo A. Gelpi, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Angel Kelley, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Warren and Markey, Christine P. O’Hearn, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senators Menendez and Booker, and Helaine Ann Greenfeld, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Leahy and Hirono, and Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP POLICIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety concluded a hearing to examine immigration and citizenship policies for United States military service members, veterans, and their families, after receiving testimony from Senator Duckworth; Margaret D. Stock,

Cascadia Cross Border Law Group, Anchorage, Alaska; Ryan Crocker, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.; and Howard Baily, Jamaica.

## VETERANS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 372, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services that they received was below the standard of care, S. 539, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of video cameras for patient safety and law enforcement at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 544, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one week each year as "Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, S. 612, to require the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide certain information to medical center staff and homelessness service providers of the Department regarding the coordinated entry processes for housing and services operated under the Continuum of Care Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, S. 613, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy and to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments, S. 727, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, S. 796, to codify maternity care coordination programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 887, make certain improvements relating to the supply chain of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 951, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to eligible organizations to provide service dogs to veterans with severe post-traumatic stress disorder, S. 1040, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include veterans of World War II, S. 1198, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and expand the Solid Start program of the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs, S. 1220, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II, S. 1280, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, S. 1319, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain information publicly available on one internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1467, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a series of clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, S. 1863, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve access to health care for veterans, S. 1875, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a deadline of 180 days for the filing of claims for payment for emergency treatment furnished to veterans, S. 1965, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve long-term care provided to veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2041, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirement for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2102, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mammography screening for veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposure, and S. 2172, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve grants, payments, and technical assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to serve homeless veterans, after receiving testimony from Mark Upton, Acting Assistant Under Secretary of Health for Community Care, Gerard Cox, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Quality and Patient Safety, Clifford Smith, Deputy Director, Office of Mental Health Operations, Theresa Gleason, Director, Clinical Science Research and Development Service, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Joy J. Ilem, Disabled American Veterans, Kathryn Monet, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, and Mario Marquez, The American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 4074–4111; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 491–496 were introduced.

**Pages H3079–82**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H3083–84**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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**Suspending the Rules and passing bills en bloc:** Pursuant to section 11 of H. Res. 486, Representative McGovern made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the following bills en bloc, and therefore the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions would be vacated to the end that all such motions would be considered as withdrawn: H.R. 482, H.R. 704, H.R. 961, amended, H.R. 1314, H.R. 2571, amended, H.R. 2679, amended, H.R. 2694, H.R. 2922, amended, H.R. 3182, H.R. 3239, H.R. 3241, amended, H.R. 3273, H.R. 3752, H.R. 3841, S. 409, and S. 1340, by a yea-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 103 nays, Roll No. 177.

**Pages H3026–52**

**Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act of 2021:** The House passed H.R. 2062, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal employment discrimination and retaliation claims, by a yea-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 180.

**Pages H3052–67**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–6, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 117–71, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Rodney Davis (IL) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–71) that requires the Secretary of the Department of Labor and the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to conduct a study to determine the number of older adult women who may have been adversely impacted by age discrimination as a motivating factor in workplace discrimination or employment; requires

the report to be submitted to Congress and made publicly available within one year and would require a recommendation on best practices to combat gender and age discrimination in the workplace; and

**Pages H3064–65**

Scott (VA) en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–71: Brown (No. 1) that requires the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to submit yearly reports to Congress on the number of age discrimination claims brought under this Act; and Williams (GA) (No. 3) that Commissioners a report analyzing any disparities that individuals who face discrimination in employment based on characteristics protected under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 combined with one or more intersectional characteristics protected under title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 face in pursuing relief from discrimination under the mixed motive evidentiary standard (by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 178).

**Pages H3060–62, H3065**

Rejected:

Scott (VA) en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–71: Allen (No. 2) that sought to require a GAO study on whether the Supreme Court's decisions in the Gross and Nassar cases have discouraged age discrimination charges and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 retaliation charges and whether the success rates of age discrimination and Title VII retaliation court cases have decreased following the Supreme Court's decisions in Gross and Nassar; and Foxx (No. 5) that sought to strike the provisions allowing mixed-motive retaliation claims (by a yea-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 179).

**Pages H3062–64, H3065–66**

H. Res. 486, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2062), (H.R. 239), and (H.R. 1443) and the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 13), (S.J. Res. 14), and (S.J. Res. 15) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 176, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 175. Pursuant to section 10 of H. Res. 486, H. Res. 485 was considered adopted.

**Pages H3017–26**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3024–25, H3025–26, H3051–52, H3065, H3065–66, and H3066–67.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### A HEARING TO REVIEW THE EFFICACY OF THE FARM SAFETY NET

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “A Hearing to Review the Efficacy of the Farm Safety Net”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Mark A. Milley, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Marcia Fudge, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### EXAMINING PATHWAYS TO BUILD A STRONGER, MORE INCLUSIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Examining Pathways to Build a Stronger, More Inclusive Retirement System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3291, the “Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2021”; H.R. 3293, the “Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021”; and H.R. 2467, the “PFAS Action Act of 2021”. H.R. 2467 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 3291 and H.R. 3293 were ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2689, the “Minority Business Development Administration Act”; H.R. 3948, the

“Greater Supervision in Banking (G-SIB) Act”; H.R. 3958, the “Central Liquidity Facility Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 3968, the “Municipal IDs Acceptance Act”. H.R. 2689, H.R. 3948, H.R. 3958, and H.R. 3968 were ordered reported, as amended.

### COVID-19 IN THE MENA REGION: ADDRESSING THE IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC AND THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “COVID-19 in the MENA Region: Addressing the Impacts of the Pandemic and the Road to Recovery”. Testimony was heard from Carla E. Humud, Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S EFFORTS TO DEEPEN U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy held a hearing entitled “The Biden Administration’s Efforts to Deepen U.S. Engagement in the Caribbean”. Testimony was heard from Laura Lochman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Barbara Feinstein, Acting Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Heide Fulton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.

### BUILDING THE COAST GUARD AMERICA NEEDS: ACHIEVING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE SERVICE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building the Coast Guard America Needs: Achieving Diversity, Equity, and Accountability within the Service”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 3843, the “Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act of 2021”; H.R. 3460, the “State Antitrust Enforcement Venue Act of 2021”; H.R. 3849, the “ACCESS Act of 2021”; H.R. 3826, the “Platform Competition and Opportunity Act of 2021”; H.R. 3816, the “American Choice and Innovation Online Act”; and H.R. 3825, the “Ending Platform Monopolies Act”.

## EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S SPENDING PRIORITIES AND THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022 PROPOSAL

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year Budget 2022 Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Deb Haaland, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

## AN EPIDEMIC CONTINUES: YOUTH VAPING IN AMERICA

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “An Epidemic Continues: Youth Vaping in America”. Testimony was heard from Senator Durbin and Janet Woodcock, M.D., Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

## A REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR NASA

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Proposal for NASA”. Testimony was heard from Bill Nelson, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

## PRIORITIZING SMALL UNDESERVED AND RURAL BUSINESSES IN THE SBIR/STTR PROGRAMS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Development held a hearing entitled “Prioritizing Small Undeserved and Rural Businesses in the SBIR/STTR Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## FEMA'S PRIORITIES FOR FY22 AND BEYOND: COORDINATING MISSION, VISION, AND BUDGET

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “FEMA’s Priorities for FY22 and Beyond: Coordinating Mission, Vision, and Budget”. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BUDGET HEARING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Central Intelligence Agency Budget Hearing”. Testimony was heard from

William J. Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency. This hearing was closed.

## Joint Meetings

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Joint Committee on the Library:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 117th Congress.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Joint Committee on Printing:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 117th Congress.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration on atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine bipartisan bills to increase access to housing, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer L. Homendy, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, Karen Jean Hedlund, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and Robert Cornelius Hampshire, of Michigan, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, and Carol Annette Petsonk, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the infrastructure needs of the U.S. energy sector, western water, and public lands, including an original bill to invest in the energy and outdoor infrastructure of the United States to deploy new and innovative technologies, update existing infrastructure to be reliable and resilient, and secure energy infrastructure against physical and cyber threats, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the role of natural and nature-based features in water resources projects, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sarah Bianchi, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Africa, Investment, Services, Textiles, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador, 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, and Melanie Anne Egorin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 65, to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, S. 1061, to encourage the normalization of relations with Israel, the nominations of Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Organization Affairs), 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. Mushungi, 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, Christopher John Lamora, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), and Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (East Asian and Pacific Affairs), all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 807, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 818, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, and the nominations of David H. Chipman, of Virginia, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, Ur Mendoza Jaddou, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, Margaret Irene Strickland, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Eunice C. Lee, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Veronica S. Rossman, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, and David G. Estudillo, Lauren J. King, and Tana Lin, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, 9 a.m., SH-216.

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*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on the Fiscal Year 2022 Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on the Fiscal Year 2022 Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 12 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

*Committee on the Budget*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of Defense's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget", 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon and Zoom.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education", 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Empowered by Data: Legislation to Advance Equity and Public Health", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber; and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly, joint hearing entitled "NATO 2030: A Celebration of Origins and an Eye Toward the Future", 10 a.m., Webex.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "Advancing and Protecting LGBTQI+ Rights Abroad", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled "Voting in America: A National Perspective on the Right to Vote, Methods of Election, Jurisdictional Boundaries, and Redistricting", 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth and Webex.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled "Oh, Canada! How Outdated U.S. Immigration Policies Push Top Talent to Other Countries", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Leading by Example: The Need for Comprehensive Paid Leave for the Federal Workforce and Beyond", 10 a.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "Plastic Waste Reduction and Recycling Research: Moving from Staggering Statistics to Sustainable Systems", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn and Zoom.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "President Biden's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request: Agency Policies and Perspectives (Part I)", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3967, the "Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2021", 2 p.m., HVC-210 and Zoom.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "National Security Agency Budget Hearing", 9:30 a.m., HVC-304 Hearing Room. This hearing is closed.

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Rethinking Congressional Culture: Lessons from the Fields of Organizational Psychology and Conflict Resolution", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
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Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will begin consideration of S. 1251, Growing Climate Solutions Act.

At 11 a.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Lee Amendment No. 2119; followed by a vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended.

Upon disposition of S. 1251, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Thursday, June 24

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 239—Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act. Consideration of H.R. 1443—LGBTQ Business Equal Credit Enforcement and Investment Act. Consideration of S.J. Res. 15—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency relating to “National Banks and Federal Savings Associations as Lenders”. Consideration of S.J. Res. 13—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to “Update of Commission’s Conciliation Procedures”.

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