

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4911–S4936

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2350–2376, and S. Res. 303–306. **Pages S4924–25**

Measures Passed:

National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act: Senate passed S. 658, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training. **Page S4932**

Authorizing legal representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 306, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Jennifer Grappell v. Alberto M. Carvalho, et al.* **Page S4933**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Cantwell, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Senator Blumenthal, At Large. **Page S4922**

Polite, Jr., Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. **Page S4916**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Tiffany P. Cunningham, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. **Page S4921**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4916**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4916**

Abruzzo Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jennifer Ann Abruzzo, of New York, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S4916**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. **Page S4916**

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Cunningham Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Tiffany P. Cunningham, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. **Pages S4921–22**

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

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 266), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S4921–22**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 19, 2021. **Page S4922**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 72 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 264), J. Nellie Liang, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S4911–15**

By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Donald Michael Remy, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S4915–16**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Chester John Culver, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Alan F. Estevez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

Richard Trumka, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2021.

Jeffry Lane Flake, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Kent Doyle Logsdon, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Alvin Harlyn Warren, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023.

James A. Diossa, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring October 3, 2024.

Terrence Keith Wright, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring May 29, 2025.

Rahul Gupta, of West Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S4935–36**

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Additional Statements:

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4932**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—266) **Pages S4915–16, S4921–22**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:36 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4933.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jennifer Lester Moffitt, of California, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, including S. 2323, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone program, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

IMPLEMENTING SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing supply chain resiliency, after receiving testimony from Gary Gereffi, Duke University Global Value Chains Center, Durham, North Carolina; James A. Lewis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and John S. Miller, Information Technology Industry Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Dario Gil, IBM Research, Yorktown Heights, New York; William Taylor III, The Taylor Group, Louisville, Mississippi; and Richard Aboulafia, Teal Group, Fairfax, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Luis Santos, of Texas, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary 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 David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, who was introduced by Senator Warren, and Gwynne A. Wilcox, of New York, who was introduced by Senator Murray, and David M. Prouty, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Van Hollen, both to be a Member of the National

Labor Relations Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of 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.

BUILDING WEALTH AND FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building wealth and fostering independence, focusing on creating opportunities to save, after receiving testimony from Thomas Foley, National Disability Institute, Washington, D.C.; Josie Badger, #IWantToWork, New Castle, Pennsylvania; John Iacofano, Iacofano's Catering, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; and Rodney A. Brooks, Silver Spring, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022. The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2119, the “Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021”; H.R. 3992, the “Protect Older Job Applicants Act”; H.R. 729, the “Strength in Diversity Act of 2021”; and H.R. 730, the “Equity and Inclusion Enforcement Act of 2021”. H.R. 2119, H.R. 3992, H.R. 729, and H.R. 730 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 4369, the “National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Act”; H.R. 654, the “Drug-Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act”; H.R. 2051, the “Methamphetamine Response Act of 2021”; H.R.

2379, the “State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act of 2021”; H.R. 2364, the “Synthetic Opioid Danger Awareness Act”; H.R. 2355, the “Opioid Prescription Verification Act of 2021”; H.R. 2503, the “Social Determinants Accelerator Act of 2021”; H.R. 4026, the “Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act of 2021”; H.R. 3743, the “Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act”; H.R. 550, the “Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act”; H.R. 1550, the “PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021”; H.R. 951, the “Maternal Vaccination Act”; H.R. 925, the “Data to Save Moms Act”; H.R. 4387, the “Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2021”; H.R. 3742, the “Vaccine Information for Nursing Facility Operators Act”; H.R. 1978, the “Protecting Seniors Through Immunization Act of 2021”; H.R. 2347, the “Strengthening the Vaccines for Children Act of 2021”; H.R. 3894, the “CARING for Social Determinants Act of 2021”; and H.R. 4406, the “Supporting Medicaid in the U.S. Territories Act”. H.R. 4369, H.R. 654, H.R. 2379, H.R. 2364, H.R. 2355, H.R. 2503, H.R. 550, H.R. 1550, H.R. 951, H.R. 925, H.R. 3742, H.R. 1978, H.R. 2347, and H.R. 3894 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 2051, H.R. 4026, H.R. 3743, H.R. 4387, and H.R. 4406 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

AMERICA ON CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY: STATES, CITIES, AND DENIALS OF FUNDING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “America on CDBG Disaster Recovery: States, Cities, and Denials of Funding”. Testimony was heard

from Carol Haddock, Director, Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering, Texas; Judge Lina Hidalgo, County Judge, Harris County, Texas; Heather Lagrone, Deputy Director for Community Development and Revitalization, Texas General Land Office; Stephen Begg, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 3524, the “Ensuring American Global Leadership and Engagement Act”. H.R. 3524 was ordered reported, as amended.

SECURING THE HOMELAND: REFORMING DHS TO MEET TODAY’S THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Securing the Homeland: Reforming DHS to Meet Today’s Threats”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ARE TOXIC CHEMICALS FROM TIRES AND PLAYGROUND SURFACES KILLING ENDANGERED SALMON?

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Are Toxic Chemicals from Tires and Playground Surfaces Killing Endangered Salmon?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION THROUGH CLIMATE ACTION

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing Environmental Action Through Climate Action”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee, business meeting on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY22; and markup on the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2022, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled “I Am Who I Say I Am: Verifying Identity while Preserving Privacy in the Digital Age”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, hearing entitled “Examining the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “The Implications of Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee and Potential Legislative Responses”, 1 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Fostering Equity in Energy Innovation”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, July 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Tiffany P. Cunningham, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.



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