

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5791–S5890

Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2595–2615, and S. Res. 336–337. **Page S5832**

Measures Reported:

S. 2599, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. (S. Rept. No. 117–34)

S. 2604, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. (S. Rept. No. 117–35)

S. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. (S. Rept. No. 117–36)

S. 2610, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

S.J. Res. 10, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq. **Page S5829**

Measures Considered:

Invest in America Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 301), Carper (for Peters) Amendment No. 2464 (to Amendment No. 2137), to modify certain provisions relating to cybersecurity. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.)

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Carper (for Cardin) Amendment No. 2478 (to Amendment No. 2137), to require the Minority

Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to promote and administer programs in the public and private sectors to assist the development of minority business enterprises and to ensure that such Agency has the necessary supporting resources, particularly during economic downturns. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S5811, S5813–14**

Carper (for Rosen/Risch) Amendment No. 2358 (to Amendment No. 2137), to modify a provision relating to providing support for activities to increase the resiliency of the National Highway System to mitigate the cost of damages from wildfires.

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Carper Amendment No. 2564 (to Amendment No. 2137), to improve provisions relating to appropriations for the Corps of Engineers. **Page S5818**

Carper (for Bennet/Hoeven) Amendment No. 2548 (to Amendment No. 2137), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership program.

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By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 306), Carper (for Fischer/Cortez Masto) Amendment No. 2164 (to Amendment No. 2137), to promote transparency by requiring the establishment of an online interactive map displaying the locations of broadband deployment projects that are funded by the Federal Government. **Page S5820**

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 307), Carper (for Schumer/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2570 (to Amendment No. 2137), to establish safety standards for certain limousines. **Pages S5820–21**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 298), Carper (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2245 (to Amendment No. 2137), to prohibit the cancellation of contracts for physical barriers and other border security measures for which funds already have been obligated and for which penalties will be incurred in the case of such cancellation and prohibiting the use of funds for payment of such penalties. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, August 3, 2021, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S5791, S5799–S5801**

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 299), Carper (for Wicker) Amendment No. 2146 (to Amendment No. 2137), to provide that the Administrative Procedures Act shall apply to actions taken by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information in carrying out the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program. **Pages S5796, S5801–03**

By 19 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 300), Carper (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2210 (to Amendment No. 2137), to provide emergency assistance for disaster response and recovery, and for other expenses, directly related to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 302), Carper (for Lankford) Amendment No. 2233 (to Amendment No. 2137), to prohibit Federal funding for any entity that fails to enroll in and comply with the E-Verify Program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 303), Carper (for Daines) Amendment No. 2449 (to Amendment No. 2137), to provide additional funds for post-fire restoration activities and restoration activities carried out using good neighbor agreements. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 304), Carper (for Scott (FL)) Amendment No. 2338 (to Amendment No. 2137), to prohibit funds from being disbursed or obligated if the Congressional Budget Office determines that such disbursement or obligation would result in an increase in inflation.

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By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 305), Carper (for Lee) Amendment No. 2279 (to Amendment No. 2137), to establish a project delivery program under National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for water storage infrastructure projects. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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Pending:

Schumer (for Sinema) Amendment No. 2137, in the nature of a substitute.

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Carper/Capito Amendment No. 2131 (to Amendment No. 2137), to strike a definition.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

John F. Plumb, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Jennifer Clyburn Reed, of South Carolina, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.

Jamie L. Harpootlian, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—307) **Pages S5801, S5803–04, S5812–17, S5820–21**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:36 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5887.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill making appropriations for Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022;

An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022; and

An original bill making appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 451, to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to help facilitate the adoption of composite technology in infrastructure in the United States;

S. 1790, to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission does not approve radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1880, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on unfair or deceptive acts or practices targeted at Indian Tribes or members of Indian Tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2068, to require the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to promote and administer programs in the public and private sectors to assist the development of minority business enterprises, to ensure that such Agency has the necessary supporting resources, particularly during economic downturns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2299, to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies;

S. 2424, to make available \$250,000,000 from the Travel Promotion Fund for the Corporation for Travel Promotion, with an amendment; and

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 Carol Annette Petsonk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 10, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq; and

The nominations of Gentry O. Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Diplomatic Security), Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Rena Bitter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Consular Affairs), Marc Evans Knapper, of California, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary (Western Hemisphere Affairs), Karen Erika Donfried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (European Affairs and Eurasian Affairs), Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary (African Affairs), and to be a Mem-

ber of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, Anne A. Witkowsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Kenneth Lee Salazar, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Donald Lu, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, Jessica Lewis, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), Lee Satterfield, of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary (Educational and Cultural Affairs), and Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, all of the Department of State, and Isobel Coleman, of New York, and Paloma Adams-Allen, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Deputy Administrator, and Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the United States Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2559, to establish the National Deepfake and Digital Provenance Task Force;

S. 2551, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish or otherwise provide an artificial intelligence training program for the acquisition workforce;

S. 2520, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2305, to enhance cybersecurity education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2439, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for the responsibility of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to maintain capabilities to identify threats to industrial control systems;

S. 2525, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require research and development to identify and evaluate the extent to which critical domain risks within the United States supply chain pose a substantial threat to homeland security; and

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 989, to establish a Native American language resource center in furtherance of the policy set forth in the Native American Languages Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1402, to amend the Native American Languages Act to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine threats to U.S. national security, focusing on Beijing's long arm, after receiving testimony from William R. Evanina, The Evanina Group, former Director for the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, Alexandria, Virginia; Anna B. Puglisi, Georgetown University Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Washington, D.C.; and Matt Pottinger, The Hoover Institute, former Deputy National Advisor for the White House, Stanford, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 12 p.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Homer L. Wilkes, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, David Uejio, of California, and Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the role of and programs within the Department of Energy's Office of Science, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Raynor, of Maryland, to

be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SH-216/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to continue hearings to examine domestic terrorism and violent extremism, focusing on the threat of racially, ethnically, religiously, and politically motivated attacks, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1787, to amend title 28 of the United States Code to prevent the transfer of actions arising under the antitrust laws in which a State is a complainant, and the nominations of Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jia M. Cobb, of Virginia, and Florence Y. Pan, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Sarah A.L. Merriam, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Karen McGlashan Williams, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, Time to be announced, S-115, Capitol.

House

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Renovations to the Cannon House Office Building: Lessons Learned", 1:30 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, August 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3684, INVEST in America Act, with roll call votes expected.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 noon.



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