

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See *Résumé* of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6439–S6462

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2713–2725, and S. Res. 355–356. **Pages S6455–56**

Kvaal Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James Richard Kvaal, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Education. **Pages S6441–46, S6451–52**

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

By 55 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 359), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6451**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 2021; that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:30 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of David G. Estudillo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 2:20 p.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Angel Kelley, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, all post-cloture time expire at 5:30 p.m. **Page S6461**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs). **Pages S6450–51**

Brett M. Holmgren, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research). **Page S6450**

Donald Lu, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs. **Pages S6449–50**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Matthew S. Axelrod, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Viquar Ahmad, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Viquar Ahmad, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

Brad John Crabtree, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy and Carbon Management).

Charles F. Sams III, of Oregon, to be Director of the National Park Service.

Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador.

Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Michael Battle, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Thomas Barrett, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Rahm Emanuel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Rebecca Eliza Gonzales, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with rank of Ambassador.

Scott A. Nathan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Oren E. Whyche-Shaw, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Leslie N. Bluhm, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023.

Lisette Nieves, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2022.

Lisette Nieves, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2027.

Flor Romero, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 1, 2025.

Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2023.

Leona M. Bridges, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2023.

Stacie Olivares, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2024.

Javier E. Saade, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2022.

Javier E. Saade, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2026.

Tristan Lynn Leavitt, of Idaho, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2023.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

9 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

David H. Chipman, of Virginia, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, which was sent to the Senate on April 12, 2021.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael Lee Connor, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, which was sent to the Senate on April 28, 2021, from the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S6458–61

Additional Statements: Pages S6453–54

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—359) Page S6451

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6461.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee concluded a markup on a proposal to satisfy the Committee's reconciliation instructions required by S. Con. Res. 14. Proposal to satisfy the Committee's reconciliation instructions required by S. Con. Res. 14 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on legislative recommendations to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 5196, the "Expediting Assistance to Renters and Landlords Act of 2021"; H.R. 5195, the "Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2021"; and the Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to S. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

AFGHANISTAN 2001–2021: EVALUATING THE WITHDRAWAL AND U.S. POLICIES—PART I

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Afghanistan 2001–2021: Evaluating the Withdrawal and U.S. Policies—Part I”. Testimony was heard from Antony J. Blinken, Secretary, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (S. Con. Res. 14). Legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (S. Con. Res. 14) were ordered reported, as amended.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held an organizational meeting; and markup on legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14. Subcommittee Assignments were approved. Legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D911)

H.R. 1448, 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 of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments. Signed on August 25, 2021. (Public Law 117–37)

H.R. 3642, to award a Congressional gold medal to the 369th Infantry Regiment, commonly known as the “Harlem Hellfighters”, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service during World War I. Signed on August 25, 2021. (Public Law 117–38)

H.R. 5085, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased payments for temporary assistance to United States citi-

zens returned from foreign countries. Signed on August 31, 2021. (Public Law 117–39)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on recent events in Afghanistan, 3:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD–106/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tovah R. Calderon, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Kenia Seoane Lopez, Rupa Ranga Puttagunta, and Sean C. Staples, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD–342/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Beth Robinson, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jennifer Sung, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Rahul Gupta, of West Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, and Elizabeth Prelogar, of Idaho, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, continue markup on legislative recommendations to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 5196, the “Expediting Assistance to Renters and Landlords Act of 2021”; H.R. 5195, the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2021”; and the Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to S. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, 10:45 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14, 12 p.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Small Business Week: Celebrating our Main Street Champions”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, continue markup on Legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 14 through September 17,
2021

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of James Richard Kvaal, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Education, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

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Following disposition of the nomination of Angel Kelley, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Veronica S. Rossman, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 15, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine milk pricing, focusing on areas for improvement and reform, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Armed Services: September 14, to receive a closed briefing on recent events in Afghanistan, 3:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 14, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the

United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, and Elizabeth Rosenberg, of Vermont, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, both of the Department of the Treasury, and 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 15, business meeting to consider S. 2205, to designate the United States courthouse located at 201 South Evans Street in Greenville, North Carolina, as the "Malcolm J. Howard United States Courthouse", S. 2126, to designate the Federal Office Building located at 308 W. 21st Street in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as the "Louisa Swain Federal Office Building", S. 1226, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1501 North 6th Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse", S. 233, to designate the Rocksprings Station of the U.S. Border Patrol located on West Main Street in Rocksprings, Texas, as the "Donna M. Doss Border Patrol Station", the nominations of Jeffrey M. Prieto, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Michael Lee Connor, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, Stephen A. Owens, of Arizona, Jennifer Beth Sass, of Maryland, and Sylvia E. Johnson, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and 9 General Services Administration resolutions; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Amanda Howe, of Virginia, and David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, both to be an Assistant Administrator, and Carlton Waterhouse, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 14, to hold hearings to examine the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Population, Refugees, and Migration), and Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, both of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10:30 a.m., SD-G50/VTC.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), Adam Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Non-proliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Bathsbeba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the

United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael Carpenter, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 14, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tovah R. Calderon, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Kenia Seoane Lopez, Rupa Ranga Puttagunta, and Sean C. Staples, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342/VTC.

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September 15, Full Committee, 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, S. 2502, to provide first-time, low-level, nonviolent simple posses-

sion offenders an opportunity to expunge that conviction after successful completion of court-imposed probation, and the nominations of Toby J. Heytens, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Patricia Tolliver Giles, and Michael S. Nachmanoff, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Sarala Vidya Nagala, and Omar Antonio Williams, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:45 a.m., SH-216.

September 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Inspector General's report on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's handling of the Larry Nassar investigation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 14, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Ways and Means, September 15, Full Committee, continue markup on Legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2002 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, S. Con. Res. 14, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through August 31, 2021

| | <i>Senate</i> | <i>House</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Days in session | 128 | 110 | .. |
| Time in session | 727 hrs., 39' | 456 hrs., 50' | .. |
| Congressional Record: | | | |
| Pages of proceedings | 6,431 | 4,502 | .. |
| Extensions of Remarks | .. | 945 | .. |
| Public bills enacted into law | 18 | 25 | .. |
| Private bills enacted into law | .. | .. | .. |
| Bills in conference | .. | .. | .. |
| Measures passed, total | 287 | 327 | 614 |
| Senate bills | 63 | 13 | .. |
| House bills | 25 | 216 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | 3 | 3 | .. |
| House joint resolutions | 1 | 2 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | 4 | 4 | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | 4 | 6 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 187 | 83 | .. |
| Measures reported, total | *104 | 111 | 215 |
| Senate bills | 63 | .. | .. |
| House bills | 3 | 81 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | 1 | .. | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | 1 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 37 | 29 | .. |
| Special reports | 8 | 6 | .. |
| Conference reports | .. | .. | .. |
| Measures pending on calendar | 63 | 21 | .. |
| Measures introduced, total | 3,095 | 5,860 | 8,955 |
| Bills | 2,703 | 5,136 | .. |
| Joint resolutions | 24 | 57 | .. |
| Concurrent resolutions | 14 | 49 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 354 | 618 | .. |
| Quorum calls | 4 | 1 | .. |
| Yea-and-nay votes | 358 | 259 | .. |
| Recorded votes | .. | .. | .. |
| Bills vetoed | .. | .. | .. |
| Vetoes overridden | .. | .. | .. |

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through August 31, 2021

| | |
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| Civilian nominees, totaling 502, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 149 |
| Unconfirmed | 310 |
| Withdrawn | 43 |
| Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,629, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 1,119 |
| Unconfirmed | 510 |
| Air Force nominees, totaling 5,507, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 5,227 |
| Unconfirmed | 280 |
| Army nominees, totaling 5,984, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 5,045 |
| Unconfirmed | 939 |
| Navy nominees, totaling 1,646, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 1,643 |
| Unconfirmed | 3 |
| Marine Corps nominees, totaling 579, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 575 |
| Unconfirmed | 4 |
| Space Force nominees, totaling 1,867, disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 1,046 |
| Unconfirmed | 2 |
| Withdrawn | 819 |
| <i>Summary</i> | |
| Total nominees carried over from the First Session | 0 |
| Total nominees received this Session | 17,714 |
| Total confirmed | 14,804 |
| Total unconfirmed | 2,048 |
| Total withdrawn | 862 |
| Total returned to the White House | 0 |

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 37 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 117 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 14

Senate Chamber

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(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David G. Estudillo until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Tuesday, September 14

House Chamber

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



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