

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6463–S6514

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2726–2748, and S. Res. 357–364. **Pages S6497–98**

Measures Reported:

S. 1037, to provide for the establishment of a section of the website of the Department of Commerce that shall serve as the primary hub for information relating to Federal manufacturing programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–38) **Page S6497**

Measures Passed:

Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 273, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6480–81**

Schumer (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3827, to amend the fees provision. **Pages S6480–81**

Reinforcing American-Made Products Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 297, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6481**

Commending Hamilton-class Coast Guard cutters: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 315, commending the service of Hamilton-class Coast Guard cutters and the officers and crew who served on them, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6481–82**

PCOS Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 325, recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of September

2021 as “PCOS Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6482**

National Ataxia Awareness Day: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 339, expressing support for the designation of September 25, 2021, as “National Ataxia Awareness Day”, and raising awareness of ataxia, ataxia research, and the search for a cure, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6482**

Schumer (for Murphy/Hyde-Smith) Amendment No. 3828, to amend the preamble. **Page S6482**

National Student Parent Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 362, expressing the support of the Senate for the contributions and achievements of student parents and recognizing September 2021 as National Student Parent Month. **Page S6482**

School Bus Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, designating September 2021 as “School Bus Safety Month”. **Pages S6482–83**

Rossman Nomination—Agreement: By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 365), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Veronica S. Rossman, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. **Pages S6479–80**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired, and that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 20, 2021, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S6480**

Strickland Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Margaret Irene Strickland, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Page S6480**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, September 14, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. **Page S6480**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6480**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6480**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. **Page S6506**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 360), James Richard Kvaal, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Education. **Pages S6466–72**

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 362), David G. Estudillo, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Pages S6472–73, S6473–74**

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 361), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6472–73**

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 364), Angel Kelley, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S6474–78, S6479**

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

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 363), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6474**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy. **Pages S6508–14**

Messages from the House: **Page S6496**

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Additional Statements: **Page S6495**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S6506**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6506**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—365) **Pages S6472–74, S6479–80**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6508.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on recent events in Afghanistan from General Austin Scott Miller, former Commander of U.S. Forces-Afghanistan.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, including S. 354, to reauthorize funding to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority contingent on improvements to the governance and operations of the Transit Authority, S. 1815, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission information regarding workforce management policies, practices, and performance, S. 1217, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain disclosures relating to climate change, and S. 808, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to promote transparency in the oversight of cybersecurity risks at publicly traded companies, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Beth Robinson, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Leahy and Sanders, Jennifer Sung, of Oregon,

to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Wyden and Merkley, Rahul Gupta, of West Virginia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, who was introduced by Senators Manchin and Capito, and Elizabeth Prelogar, of Idaho, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, after the

nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5243–5267; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; H. Con. Res. 50; and H. Res. 636–646, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4089, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and disseminate best practices for rental companies and dealers to report suspicious behavior to law enforcement agencies at the point of sale of a covered rental vehicle to prevent and mitigate acts of terrorism using motor vehicles, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–119);

H.R. 4611, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue guidance with respect to certain information and communications technology or services contracts, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–120);

H.R. 4363, to establish a daily public reporting requirement for covered contract awards of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–121); and

H.R. 4691, to establish a K–12 education cybersecurity initiative, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–122).

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

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Communication from the Committee on Ethics: Read a communication from the Committee on Ethics regarding a fine imposed upon Representative Greene (GA) pursuant to H. Res. 38, for which she did not file an appeal.

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Communication from the Committee on Ethics: Read a communication from the Committee on Ethics regarding a fine imposed upon Representative

Roy pursuant to H. Res. 38, for which he did not file an appeal.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee continued 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 concluded 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. H.R. 5196, H.R. 5195, and the Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to S. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: 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.

**NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK:
CELEBRATING OUR MAIN STREET
CHAMPIONS**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Small Business Week: Celebrating our Main Street Champions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee began 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.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee continued 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.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: 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 Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings 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, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Population, Refugees, and Migration), Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concur-

rently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, 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, and Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10:30 a.m., SD-G50/VTC.

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 Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Bathsheba 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 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, S. 2502, to provide first-time, low-level, nonviolent simple possession 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.

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.

House

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.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Wednesday, September 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Margaret Irene Strickland, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, September 17

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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