

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6557–S6593*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2766–2790, and S. Res. 372–376. **Pages S6585–86**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1543, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide best practices on student suicide awareness and prevention training and condition State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2425, to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure the provision of high-quality service through the Suicide Prevention Lifeline, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6585**

**Measures Passed:**

**Gold Star Families Remembrance Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, designating the week of September 19 through September 25, 2021, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”. **Page S6593**

**Motion To Discharge Chopra Nomination:** Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs from further consideration of the nomination of Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S6567–79**

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 369), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Page S6579**

**Bianchi Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah Bianchi, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Rep-

resentative (Asia, Africa, Investment, Services, Textiles, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S6579**

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 on Thursday, September 23, 2021. **Page S6579**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6579**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6579**

**Kritenbrink Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs). **Page S6579**

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 Sarah Bianchi, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Africa, Investment, Services, Textiles, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S6579**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6579**

**Donfried Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karen Erika Donfried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs and Eurasian Affairs). **Pages S6579–80**

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 Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs). **Page S6580**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6579**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6579**

**Medina Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. **Page S6580**

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 Karen Erika Donfried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs and Eurasian Affairs).

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6580**

**Phee Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs). **Page S6580**

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 Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. **Page S6580**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6580**

**Robinson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs). **Page S6580**

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 Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs). **Page S6580**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6580**

**Lewis Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jessica Lewis, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs). **Pages S6580–81**

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 Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6580**

**Batchelder and White Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lily Lawrence Batchelder, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Senate immediately vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jayme Ray White, of Washington, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Labor, and Environment); and that if cloture is invoked on either of the nominations, all post-cloture time expire at 2:45 p.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 2021, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order in which cloture was invoked. **Page S6593**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 368), Margaret Irene Strickland, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

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

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 367), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6563**

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

Carla Ravi Koppell, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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

Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for a term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on February 13, 2021, from the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Page S6593

**Messages from the House:** Page S6584

**Measures Referred:** Page S6584

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Pages S6592–93

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—369) Pages S6563, S6565–66, S6579

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6593.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense support of Afghan Nationals who have recently left Afghanistan from Colin J. Kahl, Under Secretary for Policy, Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, and Rear Admiral Marc J. Miguez, USN, Deputy Director for Operations, J3, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alan F. Estevez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Industry and Security, and Thea

D. Rozman Kendler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and Alexia Marie Gabrielle Latortue, of the District of Columbia, and Graham Scott Steele, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### TRAVEL AND TOURISM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine legislative solutions to revive travel and tourism and create jobs, after receiving testimony from Tori Emerson Barnes, U.S. Travel Association, Christopher R. Bidwell, Airports Council International—North America, and Chirag Shah, American Hotel and Lodging Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Suzanne Neufang, Global Business Travel Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and M. Camille Calimlim Touton, of Nevada, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, who was introduced by Senator Cortez Masto, both of the Department of the Interior, and Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, who was introduced by Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### POLICY OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING SSI

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy concluded a hearing to examine policy options for improving Supplemental Security Income, including ongoing challenges with work incentives and improper payments, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth H. Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Stephen G. Evangelista, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; and Mia Ives-Rublee, Director, Center for American Progress, and Kathleen Romig, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.

### 20 YEARS AFTER 9/11

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the landscape 20 years after 9/11, focusing on threats to the homeland, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security; Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau

of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Christine Abizaid, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

## BIG DATA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine big data, focusing on implications for competition and consumers, after receiving testimony from Steve Satterfield, Facebook, Inc., Menlo Park, California; Markham Erickson,

Google, Mountain View, California; Sheila Colclasure, IPG Kinesso, Little Rock, Arkansas; John Robb, Global Guerrilla Special-Report, Acton, Massachusetts; and Charlotte Slaiman, Public Knowledge, Washington, D.C.

## 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:** 18 public bills, H.R. 5304–5321; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 52; and H. Res. 668–672 were introduced.

Pages H4862–64

**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H4864–65

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 667, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3755) to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4350) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5305) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–125).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 3:46 p.m.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of Hurricane Ida.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, July 26th.

*Helping American Victims Afflicted by Neurological Attacks Act of 2021:* S. 1828, to amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to authorize the provision of payment to personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency who incur qualifying injuries to the brain, to authorize the provision of payment to personnel of the Department of State who incur similar injuries, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 265.

Pages H4576–77

**Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act:** The House passed H.R. 5305, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 267.

Pages H4577–95

Rejected the Granger motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yeas-and-nays vote of 209 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 266.

Pages H4593–94

H. Res. 667, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3755), (H.R. 4350), and (H.R. 5305) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 217 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 264, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 263.

Pages H4564–76

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Roy motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 163 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 268.

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**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band**

**Exhibition:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 41, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

**Page H4596**

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022:** The House considered H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 22nd.

**Pages H4596–H4861**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–13, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–125, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill.

**Pages H4596–H4793**

Agreed to:

Perlmutter amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that adds the bipartisan SAFE Banking Act which allows state-legal cannabis businesses to access the banking system and help improve public safety by reducing the amount of cash at these businesses;

**Pages H4805–10**

Green (TX) amendment (No. 9 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to distribute a payment of \$25,000 to U.S. merchant marines who engaged in qualified service during World War II; to be eligible, an individual must apply for the benefit and must not have received benefits under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944; sets forth what constitutes qualified service, including time frame of service and licensing requirements;

**Pages H4813–15**

Cicilline amendment (No. 10 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that prohibits the enforcement of forced arbitration clauses in contracts covered by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act;

**Pages H4815–16**

Kim (NJ) amendment (No. 18 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that requires that to the extent practicable, DoD shall give preference for military construction contracts to firms who certify that at least 51 percent of employees hired to perform the contract shall reside in the same State or within a 60-mile radius and requires all contractors and subcontractors for military construction (MilCon) projects be licensed in the state where the work is to be performed, and requires Congressional notification on major MilCon contracting/subcontracting awards;

**Pages H4857–58**

Sherman amendment (No. 20 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that imposes sanctions to prohibit Americans from purchasing or selling newly issued Russian sovereign debt in primary and secondary markets, in response to Russian interference in the past three U.S. elections; requires the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to complete a report on foreign interference for each future midterm and Presidential election and directs the President, after receiving this report, to determine whether to suspend or keep in place these sanctions;

**Pages H4858–60**

Schiff amendment (No. 23 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that requires proceedings for military commissions to be publicly available on the internet; and

**Pages H4860–61**

Schiff amendment (No. 24 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that prohibits the use of evidence obtained by or with the assistance of a member of the Armed Forces in violation of the Posse Comitatus Act in a court or other legal proceeding.

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#### **Proceedings Postponed:**

Dean amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that seeks to direct the holder of a private education loan to discharge the loan in the event of the borrower's death or total and permanent disability;

**Pages H4810–11**

Plaskett amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that seeks to provide for U.S. Virgin Islands nonimmigrant visitor visa waivers (as currently provided for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands) for stays of up to 45 days in the U.S. Virgin Islands;

**Pages H4811–13**

Tlaib amendment (No. 11 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that seeks to strengthen servicemember consumer protections with regards to medical debt collections and credit reporting, including prohibiting the collection of medical debt for the first two years and prohibiting debt arising from medically necessary procedures from ever appearing on servicemember credit reports;

**Pages H4816–18**

Slotkin amendment (No. 15 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that seeks to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide DOD medical providers with mandatory training with respect to the potential health effects of PFAS and add additional language to address PFAS contamination;

**Pages H4818–21**

DeGette amendment (No. 16 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that seeks to add the text of Titles I–VI of the Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act; and

**Pages H4821–46**

Neguse amendment (No. 17 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–125) that seeks to add the text of H.R. 577, the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and

Economy Act, and H.R. 1052, the Grand Canyon Protection Act to the bill. **Pages H4846–57**

H. Res. 667, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3755), (H.R. 4350), and (H.R. 5305) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 264, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 263. **Pages H4564–76**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4575, H4575–76, H4576–77, H4593–94, H4594–95, and H4595–96.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:12 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 271, recognizing the importance of the blueberry industry to the United States and supporting the designation of July 2021 as National Blueberry Month; and H.R. 2424, the “Agricultural Fairs Rescue Act”. H. Res. 271 and H.R. 2424 were ordered reported, as amended.

### PRESERVING THE RIGHT OF CONSUMERS TO ACCESS PERSONAL FINANCIAL DATA

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force on Financial Technology held a hearing entitled “Preserving the Right of Consumers to Access Personal Financial Data”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AN INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO ORTEGA’S DESTRUCTION OF DEMOCRACY IN NICARAGUA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy held a hearing entitled “An International Response to Ortega’s Destruction of Democracy in Nicaragua”. Testimony was heard from Emily Mendrala, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### WOMEN’S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT OF 2021; MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AND FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; EXTENDING GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND DELIVERING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 3755, the “Women’s Health Protection Act of 2021”; legislation making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4350, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022”; and held a hearing on H.R. 5305, the “Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3755, the “Women’s Health Protection Act of 2021”, H.R. 4350, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022”, and H.R. 5305, the “Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4350, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–13, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 4 shall be considered only

in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 4 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report and amendments en bloc described in section 4. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5305, the “Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that at any time through the legislative day of September 24, 2021, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of July 26, July 27, or September 21, 2021, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed. The Chair shall put the question on any such motion without debate or intervening motion, and the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions to suspend the rules with respect to such measures is vacated. The rule provides that proceedings may be postponed through October 1, 2021, on measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of July 26, July 27, or September 21, 2021 and on which the yeas and nays were ordered. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021, is further amended by striking “September 22, 2021” and inserting “October 27, 2021”. The

rule provides that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the motion that the House suspend the rules and pass S. 2382 is vacated. Testimony was heard from Chairman DeLauro, and Representatives Granger and Graves of Louisiana.

#### **NASA’S FUTURE IN LOW EARTH ORBIT: CONSIDERATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION EXTENSION AND TRANSITION**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “NASA’s Future in Low Earth Orbit: Considerations for International Space Station Extension and Transition”. Testimony was heard from Robyn Gatens, Director, International Space Station, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Kathleen Rubins, Astronaut, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the Freddie Mac conforming loan limitation; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay to certain veterans, who receive certain educational assistance furnished by the Secretary, a weekly stipend for child care services; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase and extend the authorization of appropriations for homeless veterans reintegration programs; legislation to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to establish protections under that Act for a member of the Armed Forces who leaves a course of education, paid for with certain educational assistance, to perform certain service; legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report on the Warrior Training Advancement Course of the Veterans Benefit Administration; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for a certain work-study allowance paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain individuals who pursue programs of rehabilitation, education, or training on at least a half-time basis; legislation on Homeless Grant; legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on grants for care for elderly homeless veterans, and for other purposes; legislation to extend the delimiting period for certain individuals to use educational assistance benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on substance use and alcohol use disorder recovery for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide

technical assistance to recipients of grants for supportive services for very low-income families in permanent housing and comprehensive service programs, and for other purposes; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust the rate of per diem payments provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to grantees that provide services to homeless veterans; legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the shallow subsidy program under the supportive services for veteran families program, and for other purposes; legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve public transportation services for veterans; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance; H.R. 4874, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the use of entitlement to educational assistance under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program for secondary school education; legislation on Fry Scholarship Enhancement Act of 2021; legislation on Col. James Floyd Turner IV U.S.M.C. GI Bill Transfer Act of 2021. Testimony was heard from Representatives Neguse, Strickland, Williams of Georgia, Bilirakis, and Cawthorn; Ron Burke, Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Oversight, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### BELARUS

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Belarus, focusing on updates on the current situation and U.S. policy responses and options, after receiving testimony from Serge Kharytonau, International Strategic Action Network for Security; Tatsiana Khomich, Coordination Council Representative for political prisoners; David J. Kramer, Florida International University Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs; and Siarhej Zikratski, Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Alexander Hoehn-Saric, of Maryland, Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, and Richard Trumka, Jr., of Maryland, each to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation, and Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* 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 circular economy as a concept for creating a more sustainable future, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, and Neil Harvey MacBride, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas R. Nides, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, David L. Cohen, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Canada, Cynthia Ann Telles, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Sarah Margon, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and



Labor, and Tom Udall, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, all of the Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD-G50/VTC.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine successful on the job, apprenticeship training programs to help workers and business get ready to work, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman and a Member, and Tristan Lynn Leavitt, of Idaho, and Raymond A. Limon, of Nevada, both to be a Member, all of the Merit Systems Protection Board, 10:30 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine restoring the Voting Rights Act, focusing on combating discriminatory abuses, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine a review of the Small Business Innovation Research-Small Business Technology Transfer Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Putting Kids First: Addressing COVID-19’s Impacts on Children”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland: 20 Years After 9/11”, 9 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform,* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Recognizing and Building on the Success of Pandemic Relief Programs”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Veteran Suicide Prevention: Innovative Research and Expanded Public Health Efforts”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Creating a Welcoming VA and Building Equity for Veterans through Legislation”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

## Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine the economic benefits of electrifying America’s homes and buildings, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Lily Lawrence Batchelder, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Jayme Ray White, of Washington, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Labor, and Environment), at approximately 11 a.m. If cloture is invoked on either nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Florence Y. Pan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia at approximately 2:45 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 22

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Continue consideration of H.R. 4350—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

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