

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6683–S6710

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2852–2865, and S. Res. 387. **Pages S6703–04**

Measures Considered:

Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5305, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance.

Pages S6684–94, S6708–10

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

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 385), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S6693–94**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Appointments:

Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Advisory Council: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 116–260, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate, appointed the following individual as a member of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Advisory Council: Crystal Peoples Stokes of New York. **Page S6708**

Anderson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert T. Anderson, of Washington, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. **Page S6694**

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 Wednesday, September 29, 2021. **Page S6694**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6694**

Meyer Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jonathan Eugene Meyer, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S6694**

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 Robert T. Anderson, of Washington, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. **Page S6694**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6694**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6694**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Douglas R. Bush, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Carrie Frances Ricci, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Ashish S. Vazirani, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Shannon Corless, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

Messages from the House: **Page S6697**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S6705–07**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6695–96**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6707–08**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—385) **Pages S6693–94**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6710.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5375–5389; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 683–685, were introduced. **Page H5462**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5463–64**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1693, eliminate the disparity in sentencing for cocaine offenses, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–128, Part 1);

H.R. 2424, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program under which the Secretary awards grants to States or State departments of agriculture for the purposes of providing support to agricultural fairs for losses sustained due to COVID–19, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–129); and

H.R. 5376, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14 (H. Rept. 117–130). **Page H5461**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Castor (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5179**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5181**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Pages H5181–82**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Greene (GA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 296. **Page H5182**

Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act: The House considered the Senate amendment to H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 28th. **Pages H5182–H5453**

H. Res. 601, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) and consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3684) and providing

for the adoption of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 14) was agreed to Tuesday, August 24th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H5182.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUMP FOR NURSING MOTHERS ACT; PROTECT OLDER JOB APPLICANTS ACT; FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 3110, the “PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act”; H.R. 3992, the “Protect Older Job Applicants Act”; and H.R. 2119, the “Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Scott of Virginia and Representative Walberg.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D964)

S. 272, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available. Signed on September 24, 2021. (Public Law 117–40)

S. 325, to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. Signed on September 24, 2021. (Public Law 117–41)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the conclusion of military operations in Afghanistan and plans for future counterterrorism operations; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine CARES Act oversight of the Treasury and Federal Reserve, focusing on supporting an equitable pandemic recovery, 10 a.m., SH–216/VTC.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the administration of laws under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Jeffery Lane Flake, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, and Cindy Hensley McCain, of Arizona, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–106/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine existing resources and innovations needed to replace legacy IT and save taxpayer dollars, 2:30 p.m., SD–342/VTC.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine toxic conservatorships, focusing on the need for reform, 2:30 p.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 Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services; and Subcommittee on Health, Labor, Employment, and Pensions, joint hearing entitled “How to Save a Life: Successful Models for Protecting Communities from COVID–19”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Access Denied: Eliminating Barriers and Increasing Economic Opportunity for Justice-Involved Individuals”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “Strengthening U.S. Ties with Southeast Asia”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights; and Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism, joint hearing entitled “Understanding Conflict in Africa”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Reviving Competition, Part 4: 21st Century Antitrust Reforms and the American Worker”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “The Disinformation Black Box: Researching Social Media Data”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Examining the Role of Ferries in Improving Mobility”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Interconnected Economy: The Effects of Globalization on US Economic Disparity”, 10 a.m., 1309 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Modernizing the Congressional Support Agencies to Meet the Needs of an Evolving Congress”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Zoom.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 28 through October 1, 2021

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume 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), post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Karen Erika Donfried, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, post-cloture.

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 Armed Services: September 28, to hold hearings to examine the conclusion of military operations in Afghanistan and plans for future counterterrorism operations; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 28, to hold hearings to examine CARES Act oversight of the Treasury and Federal Reserve, focusing on

supporting an equitable pandemic recovery, 10 a.m., SH-216/VTC.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, and Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President, and Owen Edward Herrnstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 29, to hold hearings to examine protecting consumer privacy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 30, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting kids online, focusing on Facebook, Instagram, and mental health harms, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 28, to hold hearings to examine the administration of laws under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Jeffrey Lane Flake, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, and Cindy Hensley McCain, of Arizona, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

September 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on Administration efforts regarding energy security, including Nord Stream 2, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and C.B. Sullenberger III, of Texas, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Claire D. Cronin, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Ireland, Kent Doyle Logsdon, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Sharon L. Cromer, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, and Howard A. Van Vranken, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 2 p.m., VTC.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the

United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., VTC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 30, to hold hearings to examine school reopening during COVID-19, focusing on supporting students, educators, and families, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 28, Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine existing resources and innovations needed to replace legacy IT and save taxpayer dollars, 2:30 p.m., SD-342/VTC.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the threat of worsening natural disasters, 10 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on Judiciary: September 28, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine toxic conservatorships, focusing on the need for reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Texas's abortion law, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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, Jessica D. Aber, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Carla B. Freedman, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, William J. Ihlenfeld II, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, Christopher R. Kavanaugh, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, Darcie N. McElwee, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine, Breon S. Peace, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Rachael S. Rollins, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, William S. Thompson, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Damian Williams, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 28, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

September 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 29, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled "The 2021 Wildland Fire Year: Responding to and Mitigating Threats to Communities", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Armed Services, September 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ending the U.S. Military Mission in Afghanistan", 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, September 29, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Back to School: Highlighting Best Practices for Safely Reopening School”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

September 30, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled “Protecting Students and Taxpayers: Improving the Closed School Discharge Process”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Protecting Communities from Industrial Accidents: Revitalizing the Chemical Safety Board”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Zoom.

September 30, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “A Level Playing Field: College Athletes’ Rights to Their Name, Image, and Likeness”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, September 29, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “The Future of Banking: How Consolidation, Nonbank Competition, and Technology are Reshaping the Banking System”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

September 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Treasury Department’s and Federal Reserve’s Pandemic Response”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 30, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1456, the “Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2021”; H.R. 4133, the “Caribbean Basin Security Initiative Authorization Act”; H.R. 1311, the “Energy Diplomacy Act”; H.R. 3485, the “Global Respect Act”; H.R. 3344, the “Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act”; H. Con. Res. 45, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli Agron and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999; H.R. 2748, the “Israel Relations Normalization Act of 2021”; H.R. 4785, the “Uyghur Policy Act of 2021”; and H. Res. 336, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled “20 Years After 9/11: The State of the Transportation Security Administration”, 9:30 a.m., Webex.

September 30, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, hearing entitled “20 Years After 9/11: Transforming DHS to Meet the Homeland Security Mission”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 29, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5374, the “SHOP SAFE Act”; H.R. 2883, the “Stop Stalling Access to Affordable Medications”; H.R. 2891, the “Preserve Access to Affordable

Generics and Biosimilars Act”; H.R. 2873, the “Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Through Promoting Competition Act of 2021”; H.R. 2884, the “Affordable Prescriptions for Patients Through Improvements to Patent Litigation Act”; H.R. 3617, the “MORE Act of 2021”; H.R. 2116, the “CROWN Act of 2021”; H.R. 187, for the relief of Victoria Galindo Lopez; H.R. 680, for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar; H.R. 681, for the relief of Rebecca Trimble; H.R. 739, for the relief of Median El-Moustrah; H.R. 785, for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, and Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, September 29, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Confronting Violent White Supremacy (Part VI): Examining the Biden Administration’s Counterterrorism Strategy”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

September 29, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Upgrading Public Health Infrastructure: The Need to Protect, Rebuild, and Strengthen State and Local Public Health Departments”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

September 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A State of Crisis: Examining the Urgent Need to Protect and Expand Abortion Rights and Access”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members’ Day Hearing: House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, September 29, Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Development, hearing entitled “Sustainable Forestry’s Role in Climate Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

September 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Empowering Employee Owned Businesses and Cooperatives Through Access to Capital”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing the Federal Government’s COVID-19 Relief and Response Efforts and its Impact—Part II”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, September 30, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Modernizing and Securing VA’s IT Infrastructure”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 30, Full Committee, markup on the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022; and Authorizing all Members of the House of Representatives to review, at a time to be determined by the Committee, the Classified Annex to the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting is closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 28

Senate Chamber

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Following disposition of the nomination of Karen Erika Donfried, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, post-cloture.

(Senate will recess following resumption of the nomination of Monica P. Medina, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 28

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Complete consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3684—Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act. Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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