

Monday, October 18, 2021

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7019–S7035

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2987–2992, and S. Res. 420–421. **Page S7031**

Measures Passed:

Death of former Senator Adlai Ewing Stevenson III: Senate agreed to S. Res. 420, relating to the death of the Honorable Adlai Ewing Stevenson III, former Senator for the State of Illinois. **Page S7028**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 417, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7028–29**

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 421, supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **Page S7029**

Measures Considered:

Freedom to Vote Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2747, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics. **Page S7028**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, 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 Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education. **Page S7028**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7028**

O'Hearn Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Christine

P. O'Hearn, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S7019–26**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 19, 2021; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all post-cloture time expire at 2:20 p.m.

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Lhamon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education. **Page S7028**

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, October 20, 2021.

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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 S7028**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7028**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 414), Gustavo A. Gelpi, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Pages S7026–28**

Messages from the House: **Pages S7030–31**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S7031**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S7031**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7031–33**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements: **Page S7030**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—414) **Page S7026**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Adlai Ewing Stevenson III, in accordance with S. Res. 420, at 6:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. (For Senate's

program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7035.)

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 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1091)

S. 189, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2021, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on October 8, 2021. (Public Law 117-45)

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. Signed on October 8, 2021. (Public Law 117-46)

S. 1917, to establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative. Signed on October 8, 2021. (Public Law 117-47)

H.R. 2278, to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail Route. Signed on October 13, 2021. (Public Law 117-48)

S. 848, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the service obligation verification process for TEACH Grant recipients. Signed on October 13, 2021. (Public Law 117-49)

S. 1301, to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans. Signed on October 14, 2021. (Public Law 117-50)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, John Patrick Coffey, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Douglas R. Bush, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine an international policy update, focusing on the Department of the Treasury's sanctions policy review and other issues, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Willie L. Phillips, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Brad John Crabtree, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy and Carbon Management), and Charles F. Sams III, of Oregon, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 180, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 528, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, S. 607, to discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced multiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, S. 1214, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State administration of allotment management plans, S. 1411, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land to Lander County, Nevada, to designate certain wilderness areas in Lander County,

Nevada, S. 1459, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 1493, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 1538, to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, S. 1583, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, S. 1589, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 1631, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona to the Arizona Board of Regents, S. 2130, to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, S. 2433, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a cadastre of Federal real property, and S. 2524, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility or certain programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider H.R. 965, to establish a comprehensive United States Government initiative to build the capacity of young leaders and entrepreneurs in Africa, S. 1104, to measure the progress of post-disaster recovery and efforts to address corruption, governance, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti, S. 2129, to promote freedom of information and counter censorship and surveillance in North Korea, S. 1657, to impose sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China in relation to activities in the South China Sea and the East China Sea, S. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Senate on the political situation in Belarus, S. Res. 380, reiterating United States support for the people of the Republic of South Sudan in their quest for lasting peace, stability, and democracy after 10 years of independence and calling for a review of United States policy toward South Sudan, and the nominations of David L. Cohen, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Canada, 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 concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), 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, C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Adam Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, 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, Michael Carpenter, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Michael Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Claire D. Cronin, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Ireland, Sharon L. Cromer, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Kent Doyle Logsdon, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, 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, 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, Jeffry Lane Flake, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Caryn R. McClelland, of California, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Claire A. Pierangelo, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, 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, Cynthia Ann Telles, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, 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, Howard A. Van Vranken, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, David John Young, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Thomas R. Nides, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, 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, Steven C. Bondy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Jeffrey M. Hovenier, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and Michael J. Murphy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, all of the Department of State, Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., SD—G50.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine pride in patent ownership, focusing on the value of knowing who owns a patent, 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

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: Full Committee, business meeting on a Report Recommending that the House of Representatives Cite Stephen K. Bannon for Criminal Contempt of Congress, 7:30 p.m., 390 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 19 through October 22, 2021

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Christine P. O’Hearn, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:20 p.m.

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: October 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, John Patrick Coffey, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Douglas R. Bush, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD—G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 19, to hold hearings to examine an international policy update, focusing on the Department of the Treasury’s sanctions policy review and other issues, 10 a.m., SD—538.

October 20, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine protecting companies and communities from private equity abuse, 2 p.m., SD—106.

October 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how private equity landlords are changing the housing market, 10 a.m., SD—538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 19, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR—253.

October 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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, Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation, Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Rear Admiral Nancy A. Hann, of Maryland, to be Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., SR—253.

October 21, Subcommittee on Space and Science, to hold hearings to examine international collaboration and competition in space, focusing on oversight of NASA’s role and programs, 10 a.m., SR—253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Willie L. Phillips, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Brad John Crabtree, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy and Carbon Management), and Charles F. Sams III, of Oregon, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD—366.

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October 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1734, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western United States, S. 1964, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, S. 2404, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 2436, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency fireshed management areas, S. 2561, to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide that a land resource management plan or land use plan approved, amended, or revised under those Acts shall not be considered to be a continuing Federal agency action or constitute a discretionary Federal involvement or control for a distinct Federal purpose, S. 2564, to establish a pilot program under which the Chief of the Forest Service may use alternative dispute resolution in lieu of judicial review for certain projects, S. 2650, to provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, S. 2806, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and S. 2836, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 20, to hold hearings to examine evaluating the Federal response to the persistence and impacts of PFAS chemicals on our environment, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 19, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health insurance coverage in America, focusing on the current and future role of Federal programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 19, business meeting to consider H.R. 965, to establish a comprehensive United States Government initiative to build the capacity of young leaders and entrepreneurs in Africa, S. 1104, to measure the progress of post-disaster recovery and efforts to address corruption, governance, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti, S. 2129, to promote freedom of information and counter censorship and surveillance in North Korea, S. 1657, to impose sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China in relation to activities in the South China Sea and the East China Sea, S. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Senate on the political situation in Belarus, S. Res. 380, reiterating United States support for the people of the Republic of South Sudan in their quest for lasting peace, stability, and democracy after 10 years of independence and calling for a review of United States policy toward South Sudan, and the nominations of David L. Cohen, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Canada, 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 concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), 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, C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Adam Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, 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, Michael Carpenter, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Michael Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Claire D. Cronin, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Ireland, Sharon L. Cromer,

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October 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Rahm Emanuel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Jonathan Eric Kaplan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Peter

Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Peter D. Haas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Julie Chung, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Brian Wesley Shukan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Elizabeth Anne Noseworthy Fitzsimmons, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, and David R. Gilmour, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 2 p.m., VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, and Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, both to be Member, and Kurt Thomas Rumsfeld, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, all of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 10:30 a.m., VTC.

October 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine safeguarding inspector general independence and integrity, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 20, to hold hearings to examine investing in economic sovereignty, focusing on leveraging Federal financing for new and sustained development in Native communities, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Judiciary: October 19, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine pride in patent ownership, focusing on the value of knowing who owns a patent, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Mary Katherine Dimke, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Charlotte N. Sweeney, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Jennifer L. Thurston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 20, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine restoring the Voting Rights Act, focusing on protecting the Native American and Alaska Native vote, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2428, to amend title 31, United States Code, to modify False Claims Act procedures, S. 2429, to amend chapter 38 of title 31, United States Code, relating to civil remedies, S. 998, to provide grants to States that do not suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a driver's license of a person or refuse to renew a registration of a motor vehicle for failure to pay a civil or criminal fine or fee, and 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, Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Jane M. Beckering, to be United States District

Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Shalina D. Kumar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Armando O. Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, and Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Jonathan Kanter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-106.

October 21, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Rules and Administration: October 20, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Library of Congress modernization efforts, 3 p.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 20, business meeting to consider the nominations of Guy T. Kiyokawa, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Enterprise Integration), and James D. Rodriguez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1342, to establish an interagency committee on the development of green alert systems that would be activated when a veteran goes missing, S. 1779, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate copayments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for medicines relating to preventive health services, S. 1937, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish doula services to veterans, S. 1944, to improve Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2283, to improve the Veterans Crisis Line of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2386, to amend the VA MISSION Act of 2018, to expand the peer specialist support program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to all medical centers of the Department, S. 2526, to authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements for the planning, design, and construction of facilities to be operated as shared medical facilities, S. 2533, to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2624, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, S. 2720, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national clinical pathway for prostate cancer, S. 2787, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2852, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of care in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, S. 2924, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transmit certain information to personnel of Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding members of the Armed Forces transitioning from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life, an original bill entitled, "Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act", an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish new requirements for State homes for veterans that receive per diem from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an original

bill entitled, "Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act", an original bill entitled, "Veterans State Eligibility Standardization Act", and an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the Chaplain Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 19, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 20, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, October 21, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Update on VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization Implementation", 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 20, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Enhancing Public Health: Legislation to Protect Children and Families", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

October 21, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Offshore Wind, Onshore Benefits: Growing the Domestic Wind Energy Industry", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Strong Foundation: How Housing is the Key to Building Back a Better America", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 20, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled "The Strategic Importance of the Pacific Islands", 10 a.m., Webex.

October 21, Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact; and Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber, joint hearing entitled "Preparing for COP26: United States Strategy to Combat Climate Change through International Development", 10 a.m., Webex.

October 21, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5497, the "BURMA Act of 2021"; H. Res. 569, expressing continued solidarity with the Lebanese people after the devastating explosions at the Port of Beirut on August 4, 2020, and the continued efforts to form a secure, independent, and democratic Lebanon; H. Res. 445, condemning all violence and human rights abuses in Ethiopia, and calling on the Government of Ethiopia and the Government of the State of Eritrea to remove all Eritrean troops from Ethiopia, and for all belligerents in the conflict, including the Ethiopian National Defense Forces, the Tigray People's Liberation Front, and Amhara regional forces, and other armed groups to cease all hostilities, protect human rights, allow unfettered humanitarian access, and cooperate with independent investigations of credible atrocity allegations; legislation on calling for stability, the cessation of violence, condemning ISIS-affiliated terrorist activity in northern Mozambique, including the Cabo Delgado Province, and for other purposes, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 21, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability; and Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations, joint hearing entitled “Operation Allies Welcome: Examining DHS’s Efforts to Resettle Vulnerable Afghans”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

October 22, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 20, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: The Current State of Integration of People with Disabilities”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Department of Justice”, 10 a.m., CVC-200 and Zoom.

October 22, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 20, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Colorado River Drought Conditions and Response Measures—Day Two”, 11 a.m., Webex.

October 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Runit Dome and the U.S Nuclear Legacy in the Marshall Islands”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Equal Rights Amendment: Achieving Constitutional Equality for All”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, October 20, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Accelerating Deep Space Travel with Space Nuclear Propulsion”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

October 21, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Judicious Spending to Enable Success at the Office of Nuclear Energy”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, October 20, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations, hearing entitled “Global Supply Chains and Small Business Trade Challenges”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 20, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Achieving Mission Balance: Positioning the Coast Guard for the Future”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

October 21, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Three Years After Lion Air 610: FAA Implementa-

tion of the 2020 Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 2568, the “United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2021”; H.R. 2724, the “VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act”; H.R. 2800, the “WINGMAN Act”; H.R. 2827, the “Captain James C. Edge Gold Star Spouse Equity Act”; H.R. 3402, the “Caring for Survivors Act of 2021”; H.R. 3793, the “Supporting Families of the Fallen Act”; H.R. 4191, the “Gold Star Spouses Non-Monetary Benefits Act”; H.R. 4601, the “Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act”; H.R. 4633, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary; H.R. 4772, the “Mark O’Brien VA Clothing Allowance Improvement Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the manner in which the Board of Veterans’ Appeals conducts hearings regarding claims involving military sexual trauma and to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the language and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to such claims; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long the veterans had such disease prior to death; and legislation to improve coordination between the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration with respect to claims for compensation arising from military sexual trauma, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Covert Action’s Role in Foreign Policy”, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, October 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Good for Business: Private Sector Perspectives on Climate Action”, 1:30 p.m., 210 Cannon and Zoom.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Modernizing the Congressional Support Agencies to Meet the Needs of an Evolving Congress”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn and Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, October 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Christine P. O’Hearn, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:20 p.m.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Christine P. O’Hearn until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Tuesday, October 19

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.



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