

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7135–S7322

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3035–3056, and S. Res. 426. **Pages S7154–55**

Measures Reported:

S. 2520, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–42) **Page S7154**

Measures Passed:

National Co-op Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 408, designating October 2021 as “National Co-op Month” and commending the cooperative business model and the member-owners, businesses, employees, farmers, ranchers, and practitioners who use the cooperative business model to positively impact the economy and society, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7321**

Parker Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Pages S7137–38**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 422), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7137–38**

Perez Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S7138–43**

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 423), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Page S7138**

Cobb Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jia M. Cobb, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S7143**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, October 21, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. **Page S7143**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7143**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7143**

Williams Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karen McGlashan Williams, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S7143–44**

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 Jia M. Cobb, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S7143–44**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7143**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7143**

Giles Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Patricia Tolliver Giles, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S7144**

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 McGlashan Williams, of

New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S7144**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7144**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7144**

Nachmanoff Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael S. Nachmanoff, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S7144**

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 Patricia Tolliver Giles, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S7144**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7144**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7144**

Nagala Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarala Vidya Nagala, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Page S7144**

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 Michael S. Nachmanoff, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S7144**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7144**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7144**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motions filed on Thursday, October 21, 2021, ripen at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. **Page S7144**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, October 25, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jia M. Cobb, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor,

post-cloture, as provided under the order of Wednesday, October 20, 2021. **Page S7321**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 424), Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 421), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7137**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Glen S. Fukushima, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

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Peter J. Beshar, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

Steven Scott Cliff, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Ann Claire Phillips, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Enoh T. Ebong, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

Brenda E. Stevenson, of California, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—424) **Pages S7137–38, S7143**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:04 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7321.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 38 nominations in the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how private equity landlords are changing the housing market, after receiving testimony from Sofia Lopez, Action Center on Race and the Economy, Los Angeles, California; Holly Hook, MHAction, Detroit, Michigan; Norbert J. Michel, Cato Institute Center for Monetary and Financial Alternatives, Washington, D.C.; Michael Hendrix, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; and Desiree Fields, University of California, Berkeley.

NASA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space and Science concluded a hearing to examine international collaboration and competition in space, focusing on oversight of NASA's role and programs, after receiving testimony from Patricia Sanders, National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel; Jim Bridenstine, former NASA Administrator, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mary Lynne Dittmar, Axiom Space, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Mike Gold, Redwire Space, Washington, D.C.

NATURAL RESOURCES LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing 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 Re-

sources 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Bennet; Christopher B. French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jeffery Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, Department of the Interior; Bill Crapser, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Cheyenne, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; Paul Johansen, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, South Charleston; and Tyson Bertone-Riggs, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition, Portland, Oregon.

INSPECTOR GENERAL INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine safeguarding inspector general independence and integrity, including H.R. 2662, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978, S. 587, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide that the President or certain agency heads may remove the Inspector General, or place an Inspector General on non-duty status, only if certain conditions are satisfied, S. 1794, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide testimonial subpoena authority, and S. 426, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General, after receiving testimony from Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation, and Kevin H. Winters, Inspector General, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), both on behalf of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; and Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2429, to amend chapter 38 of title 31, United States Code, relating to civil remedies; and

The nomination of Beth Robinson, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 5654–5675; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 55; and H. Res. 730–740 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Stephen K. Bannon in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: The House agreed to H. Res. 730, recommending that the House of Representatives Find Stephen K. Bannon in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 329.

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H. Res. 727, the rule relating to the consideration of House Report 117–152 and an accompanying resolution, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 328, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 327.

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Senate Referral: S. 2899 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5738.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5746–47, H5747–48, and H5768–69.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4252, to provide additional funding for scholarships for students at 1890's institutions; H.R. 5608, the “Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act”; H.R. 4489, the “National Forest Restoration and Remediation Act”; H.R. 5609, the “Cattle Contract Library Act of 2021”; and H.R. 5589, the “Pyrolysis Innovation Grants Act”. H.R. 4542 and H.R. 5589 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5608, H.R. 4489, and H.R. 5609 were ordered reported, without amendment.

UPDATE ON VA'S ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Update on VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Donald Remy, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

OFFSHORE WIND, ONSHORE BENEFITS: GROWING THE DOMESTIC WIND ENERGY INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Offshore Wind, Onshore Benefits: Growing the Domestic Wind Energy Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A STRONG FOUNDATION: HOW HOUSING IS THE KEY TO BUILDING BACK A BETTER AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Strong Foundation: How Housing is the Key to Building Back a Better America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREPARING FOR COP26: UNITED STATES STRATEGY TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact; and Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a joint hearing entitled “Preparing for COP26: United States Strategy to Combat Climate Change through International Development”. Testimony was heard from Gillian Caldwell, Climate Change Coordinator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Jake Levine, Chief Climate Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation; and Jonathan Richart, Deputy Vice President, Infrastructure, Environment, and Private Sector, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a 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; H. Res. 720, calling for stability, the cessation of violence, condemning ISIS-affiliated terrorist activity in northern Mozambique, including the Cabo Delgado Province, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4914, the “Havana Syndrome Attacks Response Act”. H. Res. 569 and H. Res. 720 were ordered reported, without amendment. H. Res. 445, H.R. 5497, and H.R. 4914 were ordered reported, as amended.

OPERATION ALLIES WELCOME: EXAMINING DHS’S EFFORTS TO RESETTLE VULNERABLE AFGHANS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability; and Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a joint hearing entitled “Operation Allies Welcome: Examining DHS’s Efforts to Reset-

tle Vulnerable Afghans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

RUNIT DOME AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR LEGACY IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Runit Dome and the U.S. Nuclear Legacy in the Marshall Islands”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Moury, Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety and Security, Department of Energy; Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT: ACHIEVING CONSTITUTIONAL EQUALITY FOR ALL

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Equal Rights Amendment: Achieving Constitutional Equality for All”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer McClellan, Senator, State Senate, Virginia; and public witnesses.

JUDICIOUS SPENDING TO ENABLE SUCCESS AT THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Judicious Spending to Enable Success at the Office of Nuclear Energy”. Testimony was heard from Katy Huff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

THREE YEARS AFTER LION AIR 610: FAA IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2020 AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION, SAFETY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Three Years After Lion Air 610: FAA Implementation of the 2020 Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act”. Testimony was heard from Steve Dickson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

COVERT ACTION'S ROLE IN FOREIGN POLICY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Covert Action’s Role in Foreign Policy”. This hearing was closed.

MODERNIZING THE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT AGENCIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AN EVOLVING CONGRESS

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Modernizing the Congressional Support Agencies to Meet the Needs of an Evolving Congress”. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Mary Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Wendy Ginsberg, Staff Director, Committee on Oversight and Reform, U.S. House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 2021**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, October 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, October 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jia M. Cobb, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 3110—Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act.

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