

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8065–S8213

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3204–3212. **Page S8079**

Measures Reported:

S. 1927, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8079**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page S8071**

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 Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes. **Page S8071**

Steele Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Graham Scott Steele, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S8065–71, S8071–75**

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

By 55 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 466), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8071–72**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, November 16, 2021; that at 11:30 a.m., all post-cloture time on the nomination be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Robert Farrell Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation,

the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at 2:30 p.m. **Page S8210**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jose Emilio Esteban, of California, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

Christopher Joseph Lowman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Robert Phillip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

Amanda Bennett, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media.

Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues.

Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Brandon B. Brown, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Ryan K. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Marisa T. Darden, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Sharon Bradford Franklin, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2024.

Jason M. Frierson, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Eddie M. Frizell, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Ronald C. Gathe, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Dawn N. Ison, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Andrew M. Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

LaDon A. Reynolds, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Mark A. Totten, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Beth Ann Williams, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2023.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S8210–13**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8077–78**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8084–S8203**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—466) **Pages S8071–72**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8210.)

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. 5967–5981, were introduced. **Pages H6266–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6267–68**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Omar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6249**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H6251**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Requiring the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs: S. 1031, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6251–52**

Hire Veteran Health Heroes Act of 2021: S. 894, to identify and refer members of the Armed Forces with a health care occupation who are separating from the Armed Forces for potential employment with the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6252–53**

Designating the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Diego, California, as the Jennifer Moreno Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and to support the designation of a component of such medical center in honor of Kathleen Bruyere: H.R. 3665, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Diego, California, as the Jennifer Moreno Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and to support the designation of a component of such medical center in honor of Kathleen Bruyere; **Pages H6253–55**

Colonel John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act of 2021: S. 1095, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of courses of education offered by public institutions of higher learning that do not charge veterans the in-State tuition rate for purposes of Survivors' and Dependents'

Educational Assistance Program, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 373; and

Pages H6255–57, H6257–58

Authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish seasonal influenza vaccines to certain individuals: H.R. 5671, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish seasonal influenza vaccines to certain individuals. Page H6257

Recess: The House recessed at 5:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. Page H6257

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on page H6258.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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. D1221)

H.R. 1899, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for the modification, transfer, and termination of a registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances or list I chemicals. Signed on November 10, 2021. (Public Law 117–53)

S. 1064, to advance the strategic alignment of United States diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua. Signed on November 10, 2021. (Public Law 117–54)

H.R. 3919, to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission prohibits authorization of radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk. Signed on November 11, 2021. (Public Law 117–55)

H.R. 3475, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic”. Signed on November 12, 2021. (Public Law 117–56)

H.R. 4172, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Aurora, Colorado, as the “Lieutenant Colonel John W. Mosley VA Clinic”. Signed on November 12, 2021. (Public Law 117–57)

H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. Signed on November 15, 2021. (Public Law 117–58)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the causes, outlook, and implications of domestic and international energy price trends, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Maria Louise Lago, of New York, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, both of the Department of Commerce, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–106.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled “A Look at the Renewable Economy in Rural America”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Securing America’s Future: Supply Chain Solutions for a Clean Energy Economy”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2311, the “Credit Union Governance Modernization Act of 2021”; H.R. 2620, the “Investor Choice Act of 2021”; H.R. 5910, the “Holding SPACs Accountable Act of 2021”; H.R. 5911, the “Fair Hiring in Banking Act”; H.R. 5913, the “Protecting Investors from Excessive SPACs Fees Act of 2021”; and H.R. 5914, the “Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber, hearing entitled “National Security Implications of Climate Change in the Arctic”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy, hearing entitled “The Biden Administration’s Policy Priorities for Latin America and the Caribbean”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “On the Frontlines in Turbulent Times: Workforce Perspectives on the State of Transportation Security”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Silenced: How Forced Arbitration Keeps Victims of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in the Shadows”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Plugging in Public Lands: Transmission Infrastructure for Renewable Energy”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 59, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; H.R. 4690, the “Sustaining America’s Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021”; and H.R. 5770, the “Forage Fish Conservation Act of 2021”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cracking Down on Ransomware: Strategies for Disrupting Criminal Hackers and Building Resilience Against Cyber Threats”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5781, the “National Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Program Act”; H.R. 1437, the “PRECIP Act”; and H.R. 5324, the “NWR Modernization Act of 2021”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Discussion with SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Rebuilding Coast Guard Infrastructure to Sustain and Enhance Mission Capability”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “The Opportunity Zone Program and Who It Left Behind”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 16 through November 19,
2021

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Graham Scott Steele, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Graham Scott Steele, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert Farrell Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation. If

cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Robert Farrell Bonnie, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: November 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 17, business meeting to consider the nominations of Alanna McCargo, of Virginia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, and Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Time to be announced, S-207, Capitol.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Saule T. Omarova, of New York, to be Comptroller of the Currency, 9:30 a.m., SD-538/VTC.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 17, business meeting to consider S. 594, to double the existing penalties for the provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, S. 1127, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, S. 2699, to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, the nominations of Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: November 16, business meeting to consider the nominations of Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the causes, outlook, and implications of domestic and international energy price trends, 10 a.m., SD-366.

November 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 172 and H.R. 1664, bills to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 180, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 270, to amend the Act entitled "Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas" to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, S. 491, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in the York River watershed in the State of Maine as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 535, to authorize the location of a memorial on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, S. 554 and H.R. 297, bills to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the establishment of, and the potential land that could be included in, a unit of the National Forest System in the State of Hawaii, S. 569, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land to the State of South Dakota, S. 609, to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws, S. 753, to reauthorize the Highlands Conservation Act, to authorize States to use funds from that Act for administrative purposes, S. 904, to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation, S. 990, to reauthorize the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, S. 1317, to modify the boundary of the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 1318, to reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, S. 1320, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1321, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, S. 1354, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chilkoot National Historic Trail and to provide for a study of the Alaska Long Trail, 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. 1620, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the city of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in the State of Louisiana, 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. 1771, to authorize reference to the museum located at Blytheville/Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville, Arkansas, as the "National Cold War Center", 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. 2158, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 2433, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a cadastre of Federal real property, S. 2490, to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas, 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, H.R. 1192, to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as "PROMESA"), H.R. 2497, to establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a Unit of the National Park System, H.R. 4300, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and an original bill to reauthorize funding for certain National Heritage Areas, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: November 16, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Maria Louise Lago, of New York, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, both of the Department of Commerce, 10:15 a.m., SD-215.

November 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 17, to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, focusing on U.S. policy lessons learned, 10 a.m., SD–G50/VTC.

November 18, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine vaccine diplomacy in Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on the importance of U.S. engagement, 10 a.m., SD–419/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: November 17, Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine security, trade, and travel flows at the Southwest border ports of entry, focusing on the Federal government perspective, 2:30 p.m., SD–342/VTC.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Erik Adrian Hooks, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Laurel A. Blatchford, of the District of Columbia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, and Ebony M. Scott, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:15 a.m., SD–342/VTC.

Committee on Indian Affairs: November 17, business meeting to consider S. 648, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1364, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, H.R. 1975, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, H.R. 2088, to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–106.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, 10 a.m., SD–226.

November 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2629, to establish cybercrime reporting mechanisms, and 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, 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, and Maame

Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: November 17, business meeting to consider S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, S. 1621, to reauthorize and limit the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Small Business Administration, the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and other pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: November 17, to hold hearings to examine S. 1296, to require a pilot program on activities under the Transition Assistance Program for a reduction in suicide among veterans, S. 1564, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, S. 1607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve how the Department of Veterans Affairs discloses to individuals entitled to educational assistance from the Department risks associated with using such assistance at particular educational institutions and to restore entitlement of students to such assistance who are pursuing programs of education at educational institutions that are subject to Federal or State civil enforcement action, S. 1664, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder, S. 1838, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on using alternative credit scoring information for veterans and members of the Armed Forces, S. 1850, to preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery, S. 1881, to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers, S. 1936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of entitlement under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs by reason of school closures due to emergency and other situations, S. 2089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, S. 2329, to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 2405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, S. 2431, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General, S.

2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the application and review process of the Department of Veterans Affairs for clothing allowance claims submitted by veterans, S. 2644, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 2687, to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority, S. 2761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, S. 3047, to establish a pilot program to support medical residency and fellowship programs that assist veterans, S. 3094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve homeless veterans reintegration programs, S. 3163, to improve access to medical examinations required by veterans to obtain disability compensation or pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill entitled, "Veterans Benefits Improvement Act", 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 16, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

November 17, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: November 18, to hold hearings to examine inclusive disaster management, focusing on improving preparedness, response, and recovery, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: November 17, to hold hearings to examine the nexus between the illicit drug trade and corruption, 1 p.m., SD-608.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, November 17, Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled "Trade Policy and Priorities", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, November 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "U.S. Role in Global COVID-19 Vaccine Equity", 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, November 17, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, joint hearing entitled "Examining the Implementation of COVID-19 Education Funds", 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 17, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The FY22 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism Bureau", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

November 18, Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled "Personnel is Policy: UN Elections and US Leadership in International Organizations", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, November 17, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation, joint hearing entitled "A Whole-of-Government Approach to Combatting Ransomware: Examining DHS's Role", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, November 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4445, the "Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021"; H.R. 612, the "Downwinders Parity Act of 2021"; H.R. 1621, the "Prohibiting Punishment of Acquitted Conduct Act of 2021"; H.R. 5720, the "Court-house Ethics and Transparency Act of 2021"; H.R. 5961, to make revisions in title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code; and legislation to make revisions in title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, November 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 404, the "Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act of 2021"; H.R. 667, the "Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Access Improvement Act"; H.R. 1931, the "Japanese American Confinement Education Act"; H.R. 2026, the "Global Amphibian Protection Act of 2021"; H.R. 2793, the "Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2021"; H.R. 3128, the "American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act of 2021"; H.R. 3197, the "Save the Liberty Theatre Act of 2021"; H.R. 3326, the "Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2021"; H.R. 3531, the "Women Who Worked on the Home Front World War II Memorial Act"; H.R. 3600, the "Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act"; H.R. 4494, the "Frederick Jobs and Historic Preservation Training Center Land Acquisition Act"; H.R. 4648, the "Cane River Creole National Historical Park Boundary Modification Act"; H.R. 4706, the "Blackwell School National Historic Site Act"; H.R. 5001, the "Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act"; H.R. 5345, the "Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act of 2021"; and S. 2923, the "Fishery Resource Disasters Improvement Act, 10 a.m., Webex.

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10 a.m., Tuesday, November 16

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Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Graham Scott Steele, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Graham Scott Steele, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert Farrell Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:30 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Robert Farrell Bonnie, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert Farrell Bonnie, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

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