

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S277–S355

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3517–3527, S.J. Res. 34, and S. Res. 492–493. **Pages S351–52**

Measures Reported:

S. 569, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land to the State of South Dakota, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 117–55)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–56)

H.R. 297, 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. Rept. No. 117–57)

H.R. 2497, To establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a Unit of the National Park System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–58) **Page S351**

House Messages:

Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 5746, to amend title 51, United States Code, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S277**

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 4903 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), to add an effective date. **Page S277**

Schumer Amendment No. 4904 (to Amendment No. 4903), to modify the effective date. **Page S277**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Rules and Administration, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 4905, to add an effective date. **Page S277**

Schumer Amendment No. 4906 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4905), to modify the effective date. **Page S277**

Schumer Amendment No. 4907 (to Amendment No. 4906), to modify the effective date. **Page S277**

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

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 9), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S340**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S340–47**

Schumer motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S347**

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 10), Senate upheld the ruling of the Chair that the Schumer point of order that for this message of the House on the bill, the only debate in order during consideration of the message be on the question of adoption of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House; and that no further amendments, motions, or points of order be in order, and that any appeals be determined without debate, was not sustained as it is a compound motion and would require consent. Subsequently, the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair was rejected. **Page S347**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, was withdrawn. **Page S347**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the message of the House on the bill no longer be the pending business. **Page S347**

Appointments:

Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: Frank Miller of Pennsylvania. **Page S354**

Venkataraman Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, be jointly referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S354**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Tiffany M. Cartwright, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Ana Isabel de Alba, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Arianna J. Freeman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Robert Steven Huie, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Natasha C. Merle, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Jennifer H. Rearden, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Nina Nin-Yuen Wang, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—10) **Pages S340, S347**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:51 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S354.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Reta Jo Lewis, of Georgia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Owen Edward Herrnsstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Parisa Salehi, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, and Brian Michael Tomney, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 6421–6433; and 7 resolution, H. Res. 874–880, were introduced. **Pages H252–53**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H253–54**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Wasserman Schultz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today **Page H221**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H228**

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

Puerto Rico Recovery Accuracy in Disclosures Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to 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”); **Pages H230–32**

Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 1404, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company, popularly known as the “Ghost Army”, in recognition of their unique and highly distinguished service in conducting deception operations in Europe during World War II; and **Pages H232–35**

Willie O’Ree Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 452, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Willie O’Ree, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions and commitment to hockey, inclusion, and recreational opportunity, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 11. **Pages H235–38**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 875, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H238**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye-a-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H238.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

JURISDICTION, INVESTIGATION, AND PROSECUTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT IN THE NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Jurisdiction, Investigation, and Prosecution of Sexual Assault and Harassment in the National Guard”. Testimony was heard from General Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and Brigadier General Charles M. Walker, Director, Office of Complex Investigations, National Guard Bureau.

SECURING OUR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE: LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE PIPELINE RELIABILITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Securing our Energy Infrastructure: Legislation to Enhance Pipeline Reliability”. Testimony was heard from Richard Glick, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and David M. Turk, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy.

ENSURING EQUITABLE DELIVERY OF DISASTER BENEFITS TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLES: AN EXAMINATION OF GAO’S FINDINGS OF THE CDBG PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Equitable Delivery of Disaster Benefits to Vulnerable Communities and Peoples: An Examination of GAO’s Findings of the CDBG Program”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Garcia-Diaz, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Stephen Begg, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF A U.S. DIGITAL TRADE AGREEMENT IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “The Strategic Importance of a U.S. Digital Trade Agreement in the Indo-Pacific”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION ON CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber held a hearing entitled “Transatlantic Cooperation on Critical Supply Chain Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE STATE OF AMERICA’S SEAPORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “Assessing the State of America’s Seaports”. Testimony was heard from Gene D. Seroka, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California; Cathie Vick, Chief Development and Government Affairs Officer, Port of Virginia, Virginia Port Authority; and public witnesses.

REVIVING COMPETITION, PART 5: ADDRESSING THE EFFECTS OF ECONOMIC CONCENTRATION ON AMERICA’S FOOD SUPPLY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “Reviving Competition, Part 5: Addressing the Effects of Economic Concentration on America’s Food Supply”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 268, to provide for the boundary of the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park to be adjusted, to authorize the donation of land to the United States for addition to that historic park, and for other purposes; H.R. 441, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 1415, the “Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act”; H.R. 2512, the “Chisholm National Historic Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation Act”; H.R. 2551, the “Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act”; H.R. 2773, the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act of 2021”; H.R. 2793, the “Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2021”; H.R. 2872, the “Safeguarding America’s Future and Environment Act”; H.R. 3228, the “National Coastal Resilience Data and Services Act”; H.R. 4009, the “Georgetown Waterfront Enslaved Voyages Memorial Act”; H.R. 4358, the “Little Manatee Wild and Scenic River Act”; H.R. 4380, to designate the El Paso Community Healing Garden National Memorial, and for other purposes; H.R. 4404, the “Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Act; and H.R. 5118, the “Continental Divide Trail Completion Act”. H.R. 268, H.R. 1415, H.R.

2773, H.R. 2793, H.R. 2872, H.R. 3228, H.R. 4009, H.R. 4358, H.R. 4404, and H.R. 5118 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 441, H.R. 2512, H.R. 4380, and H.R. 2551 were ordered reported, without amendment.

PRICE GOUGING IN MILITARY CONTRACTS: NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT EXPOSES EXCESS PROFIT OBTAINED BY TRANSDIGM GROUP

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Price Gouging in Military Contracts: New Inspector General Report Exposes Excess Profit Obtained by TransDigm Group”. Testimony was heard from Theresa S. Hull, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Defense; John Tenaglia, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Principal Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

USING BUDGET PRINCIPLES TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS AND OTHER DISASTERS

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing entitled “Using Budget Principles to Prepare for Future Pandemics and Other Disasters”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4521, the “Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2021”; H.R. 847, the “Promoting Digital Privacy Technologies Act”; H.R. 4270, the “Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act”; H.R. 4819, the “National Nuclear University Research Infrastructure Reinvestment Act of 2021”; and H.R. 6291, the “Microelectronics Research for Energy Innovation Act”. H.R. 4521, H.R. 847, H.R. 4270, H.R. 4819, and H.R. 6291 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE POWER, PERIL, AND PROMISE OF THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Power, Peril, and Promise of the Creative Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2992, to provide that certain discriminatory conduct by covered platforms shall be unlawful, S. 2710, to promote competition and reduce gatekeeper power in the app economy, increase choice, improve quality, and reduce costs for consumers, and the nominations of Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Victoria Marie Calvert, and Sarah Elisabeth Geraghty, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Dale E. Ho, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Charlotte N. Sweeney, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Hernan D. Vera, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Georgette Castner, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Julie Rebecca Rubin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Cristina D. Silva, and Anne Rachel Traum, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, 9 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “To Review the State of the Rural Economy with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack”, 9 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Cleaning Up Cryptocurrency: The Energy Impacts of Blockchains”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance, hearing entitled “Housing America: Addressing Challenges in Serving People Experiencing Homelessness”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy, hearing entitled “Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Panama: A New Alliance for Promoting Democracy and Prosperity in the Americas”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery; and Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Account-

ability, joint hearing entitled “FEMA: Building a Workforce Prepared and Ready to Respond”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Securing Democracy: Protecting Against Threats to Election Infrastructure and Voter Confidence”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Voter Suppression and Continuing Threats to Democracy”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled “For the Rule of Law, An Independent Immigration Court”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 1546, the “Combating Online Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2021”; H.R. 3540, the “Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2021”; H.R. 4057, the “Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act”; H.R. 4092, the “Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2021”; H.R. 4677, the “New York-New Jersey Watershed Protection Act”; H.R. 4716, the “Refuge From Cruel Trapping Act of 2021”; H.R. 5973, the “Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Reauthorization Act of 2021”; H.R. 6023, the “Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2021”; and H. Res. 641, recognizing and celebrating the 75th anniversary of the National Association of Conservation Districts and their commitment to our lands, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “What More Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Leasing Means for Achieving U.S. Climate Targets”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “FITARA 13.0”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “A View from the States: Governors Respond to the Omicron Variant”, 3 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5575, the “VA Nurse and Physician Assistant RAISE Act”; and H.R. 6411, the “Strong Veterans Act of 2022”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Race, Ethnicity and the Economy: How Improving Economic Opportunity Benefits All”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Making Congress Work Better for the American People: A Recommendation Status Report”, 9 a.m., Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, January 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, January 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Senators should expect a vote on confirmation of the nomination of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit at 12 noon.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4673—EVEST Act.

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