

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S357–S389*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3528–3533, S. Res. 494–498, and S. Con. Res. 28. **Page S382**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 2305, to enhance cybersecurity education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–59) **Page S381**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**100th Anniversary of the Alabama Farmers Federation:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 471, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Alabama Farmers Federation and celebrating the long history of the Alabama Farmers Federation serving as the voice for Alabama agriculture and forestry, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S386**

**University of Wisconsin Badgers:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 487, congratulating the University of Wisconsin Badgers on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Volleyball Championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S386**

**University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Blugolds:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 488, congratulating the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Volleyball Championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S386**

**North Dakota State University Bison:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 497, congratulating the North Dakota State University Bison football team for winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title. **Pages S386–87**

**50th Anniversary of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 482, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the lasting impact of that Act on the State of Alaska and Alaska Native people, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S387**

**National Day of Remembrance for Native American Children:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28, expressing the sense of Congress that September 30 should be observed as a national day of remembrance for the Native American children who died while attending a United States Indian boarding school and recognizing, honoring, and supporting the survivors of Indian boarding schools, their families, and their communities. **Page S387**

#### **Appointments:**

**United States—China Economic and Security Review Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the United States—China Economic and Security Review Commission: The Honorable Randall Schriver of Virginia and Aaron Friedberg of New Jersey. **Page S386**

**People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 116–260, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board: The Honorable Elliott Abrams of Virginia. **Page S386**

**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next

pro forma session: Monday, January 24, 2022, at 1 p.m.; Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 10 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, January 27, 2022, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, January 31, 2022. **Page S387**

**Brennan Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Bridget Meehan Brennan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Pages S360–61**

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, January 20, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 31, 2022. **Pages S360–61**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S360**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S360**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, January 31, 2022; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, January 20, 2022 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S387**

**Fleming Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Charles Esque Fleming, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S361**

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 Bridget Meehan Brennan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S361**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S361**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S361**

**Ruiz Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Augustin Ruiz, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S361**

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 Charles Esque Fleming, of

Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S361**

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**Puttagunta Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rupa Ranga Puttagunta, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S361**

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 David Augustin Ruiz, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Page S361**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S361**

**Lopez Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kenia Seoane Lopez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S361**

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 Rupa Ranga Puttagunta, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S361**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S361**

**Staples Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sean C. Staples, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S362**

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 Kenia Seoane Lopez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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**Scott Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ebony M. Scott, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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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 Sean C. Staples, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Tunnage Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Donald Walker Tunnage, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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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 Ebony M. Scott, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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**Howard III Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

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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 Donald Walker Tunnage, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Alikhan Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

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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 John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Gutmann Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Department of State.

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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 Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

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**Carty Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Department of State.

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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 Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Department of State. **Page S363**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S363**

**Nathan Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Scott A. Nathan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation. **Page S363**

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 Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Department of State. **Page S363**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S363**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S363**

**Wong Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Chantale Yokmin Wong, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank. **Pages S363–64**

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 Scott A. Nathan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation. **Pages S363–64**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S363**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S363**

**Camarillo Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense. **Page S364**

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 Chantale Yokmin Wong, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank. **Page S364**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S364**

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**Hunter Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew Philip Hunter, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense. **Page S364**

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 Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense. **Page S364**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S364**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S364**

**Coffey Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Patrick Coffey, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense. **Page S364**

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 Andrew Philip Hunter, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense. **Page S364**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S364**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S364**

**Baker Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S364**

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 John Patrick Coffey, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense. **Page S364**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S364**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S364**

**Lewis Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Reta Jo Lewis, of Georgia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Pages S364–65**

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 Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S365**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S364**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S364**

**Stark Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Leonard Philip Stark, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. **Pages S365–75**

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 Reta Jo Lewis, of Georgia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Page S365**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S365**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S365**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 48 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 11), Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S360**

Joseph Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Page S375**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Franklin R. Parker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Jane Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Alexander Mark Laskaris, of the District of Columbia, to be an Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Alan M. Leventhal, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark. **Page S388**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S386**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—11) **Page S360**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 4:39 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S387.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2992, to provide that certain discriminatory conduct by covered platforms shall be unlawful, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, 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.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 6434–6466; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 881–884, were introduced. **Pages H287–89**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H290–91**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2543, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to add additional demographic reporting requirements, to modify the goals of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–228);

H.R. 4590, to require the Federal banking regulators to jointly conduct a study and develop a strategic plan to address challenges faced by proposed depository institutions seeking de novo depository institution charters; and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–229);

H.R. 1277, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the submission by issuers of data relating to diversity, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–230); and

H.R. 4685, to require the Government Accountability Office to carry out a study on the impact of the gamification, psychological nudges, and other design techniques used by online trading platforms, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–231). **Page H287**

**Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act:** The House passed H.R. 4673, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the automatic enrollment of eligible veterans in patient enrollment system of Department of Veterans Affairs, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 265 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 14. **Pages H257–70**

Rejected the Bost motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 206 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 13.

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–26 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H268–69**

Agreed to:

Takano en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–225: Delgado (No. 1) that allows the VA Secretary to consider mass texting as a way to notify veterans about VA services; Delgado (No. 2) that directs GAO to submit a report to Congress determining the best methods for the VA to provide notice of the automatic enrollment in the patient en-

rollment system; Hayes (No. 4) that clarifies that notices shall include instructions for how the veteran may elect to enroll at a later date, as well as ensuring that notices be provided via physical mail and, to the extent practical, via electronic mail to ensure veterans are aware of notice and information related to this Act; and Tlaib (No. 5) that requires a report on the automatic enrollment not later than one year after the first veteran is enrolled to preserve lessons learned from the rollout of this automatic registration program for other agencies and entities that may pursue similar initiatives in the future; and

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Escobar amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–225) that extends automatic enrollment to Veterans who were discharged within 90 days before the enactment of this Act (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 12).

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H. Res. 860, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1836) and (H.R. 4673) was agreed to Tuesday, January 11th.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H267–68, H268–69 and H269–70.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TO REVIEW THE STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY WITH AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TOM VILSACK

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "To Review the State of the Rural Economy with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack". Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

### CLEANING UP CRYPTOCURRENCY: THE ENERGY IMPACTS OF BLOCKCHAINS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Cleaning Up Cryptocurrency: The Energy Impacts of Blockchains". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COSTA RICA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND PANAMA: A NEW ALLIANCE FOR PROMOTING DEMOCRACY AND PROSPERITY IN THE AMERICAS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration

and International Economic Policy held a hearing entitled “Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Panama: A New Alliance for Promoting Democracy and Prosperity in the Americas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **FEMA: BUILDING A WORKFORCE PREPARED AND READY TO RESPOND**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery; and Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability held a joint hearing entitled “FEMA: Building a Workforce Prepared and Ready to Respond”. Testimony was heard from Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **SECURING DEMOCRACY: PROTECTING AGAINST THREATS TO ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE AND VOTER CONFIDENCE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Securing Democracy: Protecting Against Threats to Election Infrastructure and Voter Confidence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **VOTER SUPPRESSION AND CONTINUING THREATS TO DEMOCRACY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Voter Suppression and Continuing Threats to Democracy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **FOR THE RULE OF LAW, AN INDEPENDENT IMMIGRATION COURT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “For the Rule of Law, An Independent Immigration Court”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nadler, and Representatives Costa, Dingell, Lowenthal, Tonko, Sarbanes, Newhouse, and Carter of Georgia; Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **WHAT MORE GULF OF MEXICO OIL AND GAS LEASING MEANS FOR ACHIEVING U.S. CLIMATE TARGETS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “What More Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Leasing Means for Achieving U.S. Climate Targets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **FITARA 13.0**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “FITARA 13.0”. Testimony was heard from Ann Dunkin, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; Guy Cavallo, Chief Information Officer, Office of Personnel Management; Carol C. Harris, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **A VIEW FROM THE STATES: GOVERNORS RESPOND TO THE OMICRON VARIANT**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “A View from the States: Governors Respond to the Omicron Variant”. Testimony was heard from Jay Inslee, Governor, Washington; Jared Polis, Governor, Colorado; Muriel Bowser, Mayor, Washington D.C.; and Pedro Pierluisi, Governor, Puerto Rico.

#### **RACE, ETHNICITY AND THE ECONOMY: HOW IMPROVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BENEFITS ALL**

*Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Race, Ethnicity and the Economy: How Improving Economic Opportunity Benefits All”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MAKING CONGRESS WORK BETTER FOR  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: A  
RECOMMENDATION STATUS REPORT**

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Making Congress Work Better for the American People: A Recommendation Status Report”. Testimony was heard from J. Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol; Catherine Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives; and Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1416)*

H.R. 1192, to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons em-

ployed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as “PROMESA”). Signed on January 20, 2022. (Public Law 117–82)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 21, 2022**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The First Step Act, The Pandemic, and Compassionate Release: What Are the Next Steps for the Federal Bureau of Prisons?”, 10 a.m., Zoom.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

1 p.m., Monday, January 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, January 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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