

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S653–S677

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3641–3648, and S.J. Res. 38–39. **Page S674**

Measures Reported:

S. 2991, to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–73) **Page S674**

Measures Passed:

Amache National Historic Site Act: Senate passed H.R. 2497, to establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a Unit of the National Park System, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S675–76**

Schumer (for Bennet) Amendment No. 4926, to provide that land may be acquired for inclusion in the Camp Amache National Historic Site only by exchange. **Page S676**

Measures Considered:

Postal Service Reform Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service. **Pages S653–66**

Senate agreed to return the papers with respect to the bill to the House of Representatives. **Page S665**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all previous actions prior to today, February 14, 2022, with respect to the bill, be vitiated. **Page S675**

Califf Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S666–671**

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

By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 54), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S666**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be expired, and that the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at 12 noon, on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. **Page S677**

Wallander Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S671**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. **Page S671**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S671**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S671**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. **Page S677**

Honey Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David A. Honey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S671**

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 Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S671**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S671**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S671**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Erik Kristopher Raven, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Carrin F. Patman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland. **Page S677**

Messages from the House: **Page S673**

Measures Read the First Time: **Page S673**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S673**

Executive Communications: **Pages S673–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S674–75**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S672–73**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S675**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—54) **Page S666**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S677.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Phillip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, and Christopher Joseph Lowman, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Peter J. Beshar, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President’s Working Group on Financial Markets report on stablecoins, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman, Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman, Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision, and to be a Member,

and Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, and Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, both to be a Member, all of the of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, 2:15 p.m., SVC–201–00.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine protecting youth mental health, focusing on identifying and addressing barriers to care, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine supporting quality workforce development opportunities and innovation to address barriers to employment, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: 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. 2042, to reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women’s Business Enterprise, S. 2521, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an SBIC Working Group, and H.R. 3462, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations, hearing entitled “Review of the Office of the Inspector General Report on ‘USDA Oversight of Civil Rights Complaints’”, 12 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Back

from the Brink: Restoring Brownfield Sites to Economic Engines”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Americans in Need: Responding to the National Mental Health Crisis”, 11:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled “Renewed American Engagement with International Organizations: Goals, Priorities, and Successes”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Concealed Carry-Ons: Confronting the Surge in Firearms at TSA Checkpoints”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled “Is There a Doctor in the House? The Role of Immigrant Physicians in the U.S. Healthcare System”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2021, the “Environmental Justice For All Act”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Strengthening the U.S. Microelectronics Workforce”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Development, hearing entitled “The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act’s Benefits for Small Businesses”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “Examining the Economic Impact of Federal Infrastructure Investment”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Keeping the Lights On: Strategies for Grid Resilience and Reliability”, 2:30 p.m., Zoom.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 15 through February 18, 2022

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

At 12 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Phillip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, and Christopher

Joseph Lowman, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Peter J. Beshar, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

February 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Franklin R. Parker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Agnes Schaefer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, and Frank Calvelli, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the President’s Working Group on Financial Markets report on stablecoins, 10 a.m., SD–538.

February 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman, Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman, Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision, and to be a Member, and Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, and Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, both to be a Member, all of the of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, 2:15 p.m., SVC–201–00.

February 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of the American economy, focusing on a year of unprecedented economic growth and future plans, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: February 17, to hold hearings to examine Warrior Met, focusing on what corporate raiders are doing to workers and consumers, 11 a.m., SH–216/VTC.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 16, business meeting to consider the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Carlton Waterhouse, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency’s Renewable Fuel Standard program, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Finance: February 15, to hold hearings to examine protecting youth mental health, focusing on identifying and addressing barriers to care, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

February 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine IRS customer service challenges, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 16, Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine the Western Balkans, focusing on supporting peace and prosperity, 10 a.m., SD–G50/VTC.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reinvigorating U.S.-Colombia relations, 2 p.m., SD–G50/VTC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 15, to hold hearings to examine supporting quality

workforce development opportunities and innovation to address barriers to employment, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 17, to hold hearings to examine the gaps in America's biosecurity preparedness, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 16, business meeting to consider S. 2264, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 3123, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, S. 3126, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, S. 3273, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and S. 3381, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 16, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 15, 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. 2042, to reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise, S. 2521, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an SBIC Working Group, and H.R. 3462, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 15, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

February 16, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House Committees

Committee on the Budget, February 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Why Congress Needs to Abolish the Debt Limit", 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Education and Labor, February 16, Full Committee, business meeting to approve new subcommittee assignments, 12 p.m., Zoom.

February 16, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Serving All Students: Promoting a Healthier, More Supportive School Environment", 12:15 p.m., Zoom.

February 17, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Exploring Pathways to Affordable, Universal Health Coverage", 12 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 16, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing

entitled "Connecting America: Oversight of NTIA", 12 p.m., Webex.

February 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Americans in Need: Responding to the National Mental Health Crisis", 11:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Financial Services, February 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Unprecedented Investment for Historic Results: How Federal Support for MDIs and CDFIs Have Launched a New Era for Disadvantaged Communities", 12 p.m., Webex. February 17, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled "Small Businesses, Big Impact: Ensuring Small and Minority-Owned Businesses Share in the Economic Recovery", 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 17, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Call to Action: Private Sector Investment in the Northern Triangle and its Impact on Homeland Security", 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on House Administration, February 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Big Data: Privacy Risks and Needed Reforms in the Public and Private Sectors", 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth and Webex.

February 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the January 6th Capitol Attack: Ongoing Review of the United States Capitol Police Inspector General Flash Reports", 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 17, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Rise in Violence Against Minority Institutions", 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 16, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1546, the "Combating Online Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2021"; H.R. 3525, the "Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act"; H.R. 3540, the "Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2021"; H.R. 4458, the "KELP Act"; H.R. 4677, the "New York-New Jersey Watershed Protection Act"; H.R. 5973, the "Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Reauthorization Act of 2021"; H.R. 6023, the "Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2021"; H.R. 6142, the "Buckeye National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act of 2021"; H.R. 6199, the "Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act"; H.R. 6201, the "National Liberty Memorial Preservation Act"; H.R. 6337, the "Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act"; H.R. 6434, the "Japanese American World War II History Network Act"; H.R. 6435, the "Self-Determination Act of 2000 for fiscal year 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.

February 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Securing the Future of Climate Adaptation Science at the United States Geological Survey", 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

February 17, Office of Insular Affairs Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6504, the “Native Pacific Islanders of America Equity Act”, 4 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, February 16, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Defending U.S. Allies and Interests Against Russian Aggression in Eastern Europe”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, February 17, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “H2Success: Research and Development to Advance a Clean Hydrogen Future”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 16, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public

Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “FEMA Priorities for 2022: Stakeholder Perspectives”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, February 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Congress Back Home: Modernizing District Office Operations”, 12 p.m., Zoom.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: February 16, to receive a briefing on foreign policy and human rights in Turkey, 11 a.m., VTC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 15

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(Senate will recess following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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