

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S679–S723

Measures Introduced: Six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3649–3654, and S. Res. 512–517. **Pages S706–07**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Beat China by Harnessing Important, National Airwaves for 5G Act of 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 117–79)

Report to accompany S. 140, to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts. (S. Rept. No. 117–74)

Report to accompany S. 163, to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry. (S. Rept. No. 117–75)

Report to accompany S. 381, to establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council. (S. Rept. No. 117–76)

Report to accompany S. 1289, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program. (S. Rept. No. 117–77)

Report to accompany S. 1894, to designate Regional Ocean Partnerships of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (S. Rept. No. 117–78) **Page S706**

Measures Passed:

National day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 438, designating October 30, 2021, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S722**

Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, supporting the goals and ideals of “Career and Technical Education Month”. **Page S722**

National School Counseling Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 516, designating the week of February 7

through 11, 2022, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S722**

Authorizing testimony and representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 517, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Reffitt*. **Page S722**

Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2044, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 17 East Main Street in Herington, Kansas, as the “Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building”. **Page S723**

Joseph R. Lentol Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3419, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Meserole Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Joseph R. Lentol Post Office”. **Page S723**

Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 15th Street in Boulder, Colorado, as the “Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building”. **Page S723**

John H. Lehr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3493 Burnet Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the “John H. Lehr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office”. **Page S723**

Measures Considered:

Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6617, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. **Page S703**

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 on Thursday, February 17, 2022. **Page S703**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S703**

Wallander Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S681–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 16, 2022; that at 11:30 a.m., the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Monday, February 14, 2022, ripen and Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Celeste Ann Wallander, and David A. Honey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, consecutively and in the order listed; and that if cloture is invoked on either of the nominations, the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur at 3:30 p.m., in the order in which cloture was invoked. **Page S723**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 46 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. EX. 55), Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Page S688**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S704**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S712**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—55) **Page S688**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S723.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Philip 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,

after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 781 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

PRESIDENT'S WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's Working Group on Financial Markets report on stablecoins, after receiving testimony from Jean Nellie Liang, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance.

BARRIERS TO CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting youth mental health, focusing on identifying and addressing barriers to care, after receiving testimony from Tami D. Benton, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Sharon Hoover, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore; Jodie L. Lubarsky, Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc., Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Trace Terrell, Lines for Life, La Pine, Oregon.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting quality workforce development opportunities and innovation to address barriers to employment, after receiving testimony from Melinda Mack, New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals, Albany; Ashli Watts, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort; Peter Beard, Greater Houston Partnership, Houston, Texas; and Nicole Sherard-Freeman, City of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, with an amendment;

S. 2042, to reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2521, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an SBIC Working Group, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 3462, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration.

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: 32 public bills, H.R. 6721–6752; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 72; and H. Res. 926–929, were introduced. **Pages H1122–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1125–26**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Wexton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1121**

Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: Dr. Gloria Charmian Duffy of Santa Clara, California. **Page H1121**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1121.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT ON “USDA OVERSIGHT OF CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS”

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations held a hearing entitled “Review of the Office of the Inspector General Report on ‘USDA Oversight of Civil Rights Complaints’”. Testimony was heard from Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

BACK FROM THE BRINK: RESTORING BROWNFIELD SITES TO ECONOMIC ENGINES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Back from the Brink: Restoring Brownfield Sites to Economic Engines”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RENEWED AMERICAN ENGAGEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: GOALS, PRIORITIES, AND SUCCESSES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact held a hearing entitled “Renewed American Engagement with International Organizations: Goals, Priorities, and Successes”. Testimony was heard from Michele J. Sison, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

CONCEALED CARRY-ONS: CONFRONTING THE SURGE IN FIREARMS AT TSA CHECKPOINTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Concealed Carry-Ons: Confronting the Surge in Firearms at TSA Checkpoints”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE? THE ROLE OF IMMIGRANT PHYSICIANS IN THE U.S. HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “Is There a Doctor in the House? The Role of Immigrant Physicians in the U.S. Healthcare System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR ALL ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2021, the “Environmental Justice for All Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING THE U.S. MICROELECTRONICS WORKFORCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Strengthening the U.S. Microelectronics Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT’S BENEFITS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Development held a hearing entitled “The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act’s Benefits for Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Examining the Economic Impact of Federal Infrastructure Investment”. Testimony was heard from Shawn Wilson, Secretary, Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana; Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON: STRATEGIES FOR GRID RESILIENCE AND RELIABILITY

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Keeping the Lights On: Strategies for Grid Resilience and Reliability”. Testimony was heard from Nancy Sutley, Senior Assistant General Manager of External and Regulatory Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: 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 Foreign Relations: 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.

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

Committee on Indian Affairs: 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: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

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

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

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.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Connecting America: Oversight of NTIA”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, 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.

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

Committee on Natural Resources, 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.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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 Transportation and Infrastructure, 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, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Congress Back Home: Modernizing District Office Operations”, 12 p.m., Zoom.

Joint Meetings

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

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Celeste Ann Wallander, and David A. Honey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. If cloture is invoked on either of the nominations, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, February 18

House Chamber

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

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