

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S921–S959

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3726–3741, and S. Res. 529–530. **Page S950**

Measures Reported:

S. 270, to amend the Act entitled “Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas” to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 117–87)

S. 1320, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–88)

S. 753, to reauthorize the Highlands Conservation Act, to authorize States to use funds from that Act for administrative purposes, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 117–89)

S. 1589, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws. (S. Rept. No. 117–90)

S. 2433, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a cadastre of Federal real property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–91)

S. 2490, to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas. (S. Rept. No. 117–92)

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

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Measures Passed:

Medicare and Medicaid Programs and Omnibus COVID–19 Health Care Staff Vaccination: By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 67), Senate passed S. J. Res. 32, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to “Medicare and Medicaid Services; Omnibus COVID–19 Health Care Staff Vaccination”. **Pages S924–36**

Data Mapping to Save Moms’ Lives Act: Senate passed S. 198, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps.

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Eliminating Limits to Justice for Child Sex Abuse Victims Act: Senate passed S. 3103, to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate the statute of limitations for the filing of a civil claim for any person who, while a minor, was a victim of a violation of section 1589, 1590, 1591, 2241(c), 2242, 2243, 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2260, 2421, 2422, or 2423 of such title, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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National Entrepreneurship Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 527, designating the week of February 12 through February 19, 2022, as “National Entrepreneurship Week” to recognize the importance and contributions of entrepreneurs and startups to the economic prosperity of the United States and the well-being of every community across the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Speech and Debate Education Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 530, designating March 4, 2022, as “National Speech and Debate Education Day”.

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Measures Considered:

Postal Service Reform Act—Cloture: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United

States Postal Service, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S923–24, S947**

Pending:

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 4955, to modify the deadline for the initial report on the operations and financial condition of the United States Postal Service. **Page S923**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Friday, March 4, 2022. **Page S947**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2022. **Page S959**

Appointments:

Afghanistan War Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Michael D. Lumpkin of Virginia. **Page S958**

Afghanistan War Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Laurel Miller of the District of Columbia. **Page S958**

Afghanistan War Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Dr. Colin Jackson of Rhode Island. **Page S958**

Afghanistan War Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Intelligence, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Lieutenant General Robert P. Ashley, Jr. of North Carolina. **Page S958**

Afghanistan War Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Intelligence, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Christopher A. Molino of Virginia. **Page S958**

National Emergency Designation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2022, S.J. Res 38, relating to a national emergency de-

clared by the President on March 13, 2020, be discharged from the Committee on Finance and Senate proceed to its consideration; provided further that there be 3 hours for debate only with the time equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, on the joint resolution; and that following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the joint resolution, with no intervening action or debate. **Pages S946–47**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–22) **Page S949**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Claire A. Pierangelo, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros.

Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

David John Young, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi. **Page S947**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—67) **Page S936**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S959.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, and Caroline D. Pham, of New York, who were both introduced by Senator Stabenow, Kristin N. Johnson, of Michigan, who was introduced by Senator Warnock, and Summer Kristine Mersinger, of South Dakota, who was introduced by Senator Thune, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act by the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert Michael Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, January Contreras, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, and Rebecca E. Jones Gaston, of Oregon, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS INDIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine United States policy towards India, after receiving testimony from Donald Lu, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management concluded a hearing to examine chief human capital officers at 20, focusing on what is needed to empower CHCOs to ensure human re-

sources practices support agencies' mission success, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Rigas, former Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management; Angela Bailey, former Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Steven V. Lenkart, National Federation of Federal Employees, and Teresa W. Gerton, National Academy of Public Administration, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephanie Dawkins Davis, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Peters, Arianna J. Freeman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Casey, Robert Steven Huie, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, Jennifer H. Rearden, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Gillibrand, and Evelyn Padin, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

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

ECONOMICS OF CARTELS

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the \$150 billion drug market, focusing on the economics of cartels, after receiving testimony from F. Michael McDaniel, Director, Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Director's Association; and Celina B. Realuyo, The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, Lakshmi Kumar, Global Financial Integrity, and Erica Hanichak, Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6891–6902; 3 private bills, H.R. 6908–6910; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 76; and H. Res. 959–961 were introduced. **Pages H1274–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1275–76**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1211**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1216**

Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act: The House considered H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 3rd.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–33, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 117–253, shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H1219–28**

Agreed to:

Takano en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–253: Bush (No. 1) that includes race and ethnicity as a demographic for a study on the incidence of cancer in veterans; Bush (No. 2) that includes race, age, period of service, military occupation, gender, and disability status of veterans in an epidemiological study on the health trends of veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001; Bush (No. 3) that amends the review of known cases of toxic exposure on military installations of the Department of Defense to include both in the United States and abroad; Bush (No. 4) that includes a study on veteran health outcomes related to waste from the Manhattan project in St. Louis; Cartwright (No. 7) that requires the Secretary of the VA to share a list of resources for toxic-exposed veterans, caregivers of toxic-exposed veterans, and survivors of toxic-exposed vets with national veterans services organizations and other veteran groups; Gibbs (No. 8) that allows veterans an additional 24-hour period, at minimum, to notify the VA when receiving care at a non-VA facility; Golden (No. 9) that ensures that mental health services and counseling are included when providing hospital services to give holistic care for affected veterans; Gottheimer

(No. 10) that requires a study by the Department of Veterans Affairs to examine the possible relationship between toxic exposures experienced during service in the Armed Forces and mental health outcomes; Gottheimer (No. 11) that defines outreach materials on illnesses that may be related to toxic exposure as fact sheets under the Veterans and Family Information Act; Hartzler (No. 12) that enhances VA hiring competitiveness by allowing VA to release physicians from non-compete agreements after committing to VA service for at least one year, authorizes VA to make job offers up to 2 years prior to completion of residency and updates statutory minimum requirements for VA physicians to include medical residency; Jackson Lee (No. 13) that adds a study on whether data collection established under this bill should include data on the toxic exposure of National Guard service personnel when deployed in connection with a natural disaster in the United States or its territories; Levin (MI) (No. 14) that amends the definition of “illnesses” to include both mental and physical health; Levin (CA) (No. 15) that adds a new section similar to the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act, which authorizes VA to award grants to expand outreach and claims assistance carried out through County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs); Newman (No. 16) that requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to conduct a study on the exposure of members of the Armed Forces to herbicide agents, including Agent Orange and Agent Purple, in the Panama Canal Zone during the period beginning on January 1, 1958, and ending on December 31, 1999; Pappas (No. 17) that requires coordination between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish guidelines used for training active duty personnel to provide awareness of potential risks of toxic exposure, as well as ways to prevent such exposures during combat; Plaskett (No. 18) that requires a GAO study and report on access and barriers to veterans benefits and services for veterans in territories of the United States; Porter (No. 19) that directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a public website, housed within the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center of the Department, to be a clearinghouse for the publication of all Federally funded research on toxic exposure; Ruiz (No. 21) that requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to provide budget information regarding incinerators and waste-to-energy waste disposal alternatives to burn pits; Scanlon (No. 24) that authorizes \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2023 to expand capacity of the Veterans Benefits Management System of the

Department of Veterans Affairs to accommodate expected increased claims processing for newly eligible veterans; Slotkin (No. 25) that creates an interagency working group to (1) Identify collaborative research activities and resources, (2) Establish a 5-year strategic plan for coordination/planning for research surrounding toxic exposure, and (3) Submit a report to the VA Secretary with milestones/goals as part of the implementation; Spanberger (No. 26) that requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a publicly available report to Congress that includes (1) a discussion of the effect of various different types of jet fuels used by the Armed Forces on the health of individuals by length of exposure; (2) an identification of the immediate symptoms of jet fuel exposure that may indicate future health risks; (3) a chronology of health safeguards implemented by the Armed Forces intended to reduce the exposure of members of the Armed Forces to jet fuel; and (4) an identification of any areas relating to jet fuel exposure about which new research needs to be conducted; Torres (CA) (No. 27) that requires the publication of the list of resources provided by the VA to toxic-exposed veterans be made available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and the 7 other most commonly spoken languages in the United States; and Torres (CA) (No. 28) that revises Section 505 to include language about the feasibility and advisability of VA looking at available early detection diagnostics and how they might be incorporated into veterans' care (by a yea-and-nay vote of 331 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 52); and

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Brownley amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–253) that ensures toxic exposed veterans have access to mammography screenings (by a yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 54).

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Rejected:

Miller Meeks amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–253) that sought to replace the text of the bill with the Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act, which expands healthcare eligibility for certain combat veterans exposed to toxic substances to last for ten years after separation instead of five years, requires toxic exposure-related education and training for VA personnel, and requires screenings and studies to better identify potential associations between veteran medical conditions and toxic exposure (by a yea-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 53).

Pages H1242–45, H1255–56

H. Res. 950, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3967) was agreed to yesterday, March 1st.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agreed to the following measure:

Supporting the people of Ukraine: H. Res. 956, supporting the people of Ukraine, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 51.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014 is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2022—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–96).

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Senate Referral: S. 3600 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1246.

Quorum Calls Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1254, H1255, H1255–56, and H1256–57.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Effectiveness of Suicide Prevention Programs”. Testimony was heard from Karen Orvis, Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office, Department of Defense; Richard Mooney, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Services Policy and Oversight, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

INVESTING IN ECONOMIC MOBILITY: THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Investing in Economic Mobility: The Important Role of Hispanic Serving Institutions and Other Minority Serving Institutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LESSONS FROM THE FRONTLINE: COVID-19'S IMPACT ON AMERICAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Lessons from the Frontline: COVID-19's Impact on American Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chair Pro Tempore, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

THE 2001 AUMF AND WAR POWERS: THE PATH FORWARD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The 2001 AUMF and War Powers: The Path Forward”. Testimony was heard from Wendy Sherman, Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State; Richard Visek, Acting Legal Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, Department of State; Christopher P. Maier, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and Caroline Krass, General Counsel, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1540, the “Reporting Efficiently to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act of 2021”; H.R. 6387, the “School and Daycare Protection Act”; H.R. 6824, the “President’s Cup Cybersecurity Competition Act”; H.R. 6825, the “Nonprofit Security Grant Program Improvement Act of 2022”; H.R. 6826, the “Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Pilot Program Act”; H.R. 6827, the “Securing the Check-point Property Screening System (S-PSS) Act of 2022”; H.R. 6856, the “Securing Air Travel Act”; H.R. 6873, the “Bombing Prevention Act of 2022”; H.R. 6868, the “Cybersecurity Grants for Schools Act of 2022”; H.R. 6871, the “DHS Acquisition Reform Act”; H.R. 6861, the “Reducing Costs of DHS Acquisitions Act”; and H.R. 6837, the “No TikTok on Department of Homeland Security Devices Act”. H.R. 6826, H.R. 6827, H.R. 6837, H.R. 6861, and H.R. 6871 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 6824, H.R. 6868, H.R. 6873, H.R. 1540, H.R. 6387, H.R. 6825, and H.R. 6856 were ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE COURT-ORDERED REIMPLEMENTATION OF THE REMAIN IN MEXICO POLICY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Court-Ordered Reimplementation of the Remain in Mexico Policy”. Testimony was heard from Blas Nuñez-Neto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Border and Immigration Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Benjamine Huffman, Acting Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Home-

land Security; Emily Mendrala, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Tim Roemer, Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT OF SECTION 220 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT: IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHTS OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Section 220 of the Congressional Accountability Act: Implementing the Rights of Congressional Staff to Collectively Bargain”. Testimony was heard from John D. Uelmen, General Counsel, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights; and a public witness.

COVID CHILD CARE CHALLENGES: SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “COVID Child Care Challenges: Supporting Families and Caregivers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FROM GRAY TO GREEN: ADVANCING THE SCIENCE OF NATURE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “From Gray to Green: Advancing the Science of Nature-Based Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Steven Thur, Director, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Sherry Hunt, Supervisory Civil Engineer, Agriculture Research Service, Department of Agriculture; and Todd Bridges, Senior Research Scientist, Environmental Science, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

THE 8(A) PROGRAM: OVERVIEW AND NEXT STEPS TO PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled “The 8(a) Program: Overview and Next Steps to Promote Small Business Success”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6865, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022”; and H. Con. Res. 74, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and

the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition. H.R. 6865 was ordered reported, as amended. H. Con. Res. 74 was ordered reported, without amendment.

SUBSTANCE USE, SUICIDE RISK, AND THE AMERICAN HEALTH SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Substance Use, Suicide Risk, and the American Health System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VSO LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Matthew Mihelcic, Patrick Murray, Ryan Gallucci, and Jay Hoffman, all of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; Jeremy Butler, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; Lieutenant General Michael S. Linnington, USA (Ret.), Wounded Warrior Project; Jack McManus, Vietnam Veterans of America; Greg Heun, AMVETS; Kathryn Monet, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans; Lory Manning, Service Women’s Action Network; Joseph D. McNeil, Sr., Blinded Veterans Association; Victor LaGroom, Black Veterans Empowerment Council; and Thomas Palladino, Texas Veterans Commission, on behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538/VTC.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Standards and Technology, and Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Commerce, Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, and Carol Annette Petsonk, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine recent actions of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relating to permitting construction and operation of interstate natural gas pipelines and other natural gas infrastructure projects, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Douglas T. Hickey, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, and Steven H. Fagin, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, all of the Department of State, and Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 10:30 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Senate confirmation process and Federal vacancies, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled “State of the Surface Navy”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “The Neglected Epidemic of Missing BIPOC Women and Girls”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3076, Postal Service Reform Act. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill is at 1 p.m.

At 11 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of S.J. Res. 38, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020, and vote on passage of the joint resolution at approximately 2 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, March 3

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3967—Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act.

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