

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S961–S999*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3742–3763, and S. Res. 531–535. **Pages S990–91**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Emergency Designation:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 38, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020, and by 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 68), the joint resolution was then passed. **Pages S965–82**

**Jennifer Moreno Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3665, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Diego, California, as the Jennifer Moreno Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and to support the designation of a component of such medical center in honor of Kathleen Bruyere, and the bill was then passed. **Page S998**

**Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2771, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Angelo, Texas, as the "Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S998**

**Condemning Threats of Violence Against HBCUs:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 534, condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities and reaffirming support for the students of historically Black colleges and universities. **Page S998**

**105th Anniversary of U.S. Citizenship to Puerto Rico:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 535, commemorating the 105th anniversary of the granting of United States citizenship to the people of Puerto Rico. **Page S998**

**Measures Considered:**

**Postal Service Reform Act—Agreement:** 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 S961–65**

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 S961**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the bill; and that the motion to invoke cloture filed during the session of Wednesday, March 2, 2022, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 7, 2022. **Page S999**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages 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 13288 of March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–23) **Page S989**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–24) **Page S989**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–25) **Page S989**

**Pagan Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade

Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S986**

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 H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S986**

**Gonzalez Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S986–87**

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 Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—68) **Pages S981–82**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:43 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022. (For Senate’s program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S999.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, including H.R. 4616, to deem certain references to LIBOR as referring to a replacement benchmark rate upon the occurrence of certain events affecting LIBOR, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chair Pro Tempore, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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, Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, all of the Department of Commerce, and Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, and Carol Annette Petersonk, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

### OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Ocean Shipping Reform Act, after receiving testimony from Daniel B. Maffei, Chairman, and Rebecca F. Dye, Commissioner, both of the Federal Maritime Commission.

### FERC NATURAL GAS PIPELINE GUIDANCE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Richard Glick, Chairman, and James P. Danly, Allison Clements, Mark C. Christie, and Willie L. Phillips, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, who was introduced by Senators Risch and Kaine, 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## FEDERAL VACANCIES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Senate confirmation process and Federal vacancies, after receiving testimony from Anne Joseph O'Connell, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; and Kristine Simmons, Partnership for Public Service, and Adam J. White, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 6911–6940; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 77; and H. Res. 962 were introduced.

**Pages H1301–02**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1303–04**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act:** The House passed H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, by a yea-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 57. Consideration began yesterday, March 2nd.

**Pages H1279–84**

Agreed to:

Ruiz amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–253) that allows veterans in the burn pits registry to designate a registered individual or an immediate family member to update the registry with the cause of death of the individual (by a yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 55); and

**Pages H1279–80, H1282**

Ryan amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–253) that adds the text of the SFC Heath Robinson Burn Pit Transparency Act, which requires the Department of the VA to document, track, and then notify Congress of specified data points related to exposure cases as reported by veterans to the VA (by a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 78 nays, Roll No. 56).

**Pages H1280–82, H1283**

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

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003

is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2022—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–97).

**Pages H1291–92**

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1282, H1283, and H1284.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STATE OF THE SURFACE NAVY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing entitled “State of the Surface Navy”. Testimony was heard from Admiral William K. Lescher, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; and Vice Admiral Roy Kitchener, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Department of the Navy.

**THE NEGLECTED EPIDEMIC OF MISSING  
BIPOC WOMEN AND GIRLS**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “The Neglected Epidemic of Missing BIPOC Women and Girls”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,  
MARCH 7, 2022**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, 6 p.m., SVC-217.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, March 7

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Monday, March 7

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3076, Postal Service Reform Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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