

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1001–S1021

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3764–3771, and S. Res. 536–537. **Pages S1015–16**

Measures Passed:

Emmett Till Antilynching Act: Senate passed H.R. 55, to amend section 249 of title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a hate crime act. **Pages S1012–13**

Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act: Senate passed S. 2089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1013**

Doctors of podiatric medicine: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1013**

National Women's History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 537, designating March 2022 as "National Women's History Month". **Pages S1013–14**

Measures Considered:

Postal Service Reform Act—Agreement: Senate resumed 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 S1001–12**

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 S1001**

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

By 74 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 69), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1011**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all time during adjournment, recess, Morning Business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the bill. **Page S1020**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Denis Udall, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring April 15, 2023.

Teresa Arrington Fox Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2022.

Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

William H. Duncan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Lesslie Viguerie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Space Force. **Pages S1020–21**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1020**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—69) **Page S1011**

Recess: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 7:03 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1020.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the Russian invasion of Ukraine,

after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 6941–6966; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74; and H. Res. 963–967, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4877, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–255);

H.R. 6454, to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–256);

H.R. 6450, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize the SCORE program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–257); and

H.R. 6441, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the women's business center program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–258).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Communication from the Committee on Ethics: Read a communication from the Committee on Ethics regarding a fine imposed upon Representative Weber pursuant to H. Res. 38, for which he did not file an appeal.

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Communication from the Committee on Ethics: Read a communication from the Committee on Ethics regarding an appeal received from Representative Clyde of fines imposed pursuant to H. Res. 38, which was received after the Committee adopted its

written rules. A majority of the Committee did not agree to the appeal.

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Communication from the Committee on Ethics: Read a communication from the Committee on Ethics regarding fines imposed upon Representative Green (GA) pursuant to H. Res. 38, for which she did not file appeals.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Homeland Security Capabilities Preservation Act: H.R. 5615, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a plan to make Federal assistance available to certain urban areas that previously received Urban Area Security Initiative funding to preserve homeland security capabilities;

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DHS Basic Training Accreditation Improvement Act: H.R. 5616, amended, to require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 390 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 58; and

Pages H1308–10, H1313–14

National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act: S. 658, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 403 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 59.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Shadow Wolves Enhancement Act: H.R. 5681, to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the “Shadow Wolves”) in the Homeland Security Investigations

tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation as special agents.

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Senate Referrals: S. 198 was held at the desk. S. 2771 was held at the desk. S. 3103 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1307.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1313–14 and H1314–15.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D200)

H.R. 4445, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment. Signed on March 3, 2022. (Public Law 117–90)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine mandatory arbitration in financial service products, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Joseph F. DeCarolis, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, and Maria Duaime Robinson, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary

(Office of Electricity), all of the Department of Energy, and Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), Sarah H. Cleveland, of New York, to be Legal Adviser, George J. Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to Greece, James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, Beth Van Schaack, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, Randi Charno Levine, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, N. Nickolas Perry, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), and Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), all of the Department of State, Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine Russia's invasion of Ukraine, focusing on assessing the U.S. and international response, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine combating the rise in hate crimes, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., HVC–210/VTC.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S–216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled "A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Rural Development", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in North and South America", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Charging Forward: Securing American Manufacturing and Our EV Future", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Inflation Equation: Corporate Profiteering, Supply Chain Bottlenecks, and COVID–19", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled “Shifting the Power: USAID’s Efforts to Support Locally-Led Development”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Reimagining Public Safety in the COVID-19 Era”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the History of Federal Lands and the Development of Tribal Co-Management”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Klamath River Basin Conditions and Opportunities”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Federal Climate Adaptation and Resilience for the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Overview of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Stakeholder Views on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn and HVC-304. A portion of this hearing will be closed.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., HVC-210/VTC.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 8 through March 11, 2022

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate expects to continue consideration of H.R. 3076, Postal Service Reform Act, post-cloture.

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: March 8, to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 8, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine the posture of United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea; to be followed by an open session at 9:30 a.m. in SD-G50, 8 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 8, to hold hearings to examine mandatory arbitration in financial service products, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 8, business meeting to consider the nominations of Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Joseph F. DeCarolus, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, and Maria Duaime Robinson, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary (Office of Electricity), all of the Department of Energy, and Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the use of energy as a tool and a weapon, and ensuring energy security for the United States and its allies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 8, business meeting to consider the nominations of C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), Sarah H. Cleveland, of New York, to be Legal Adviser, George J. Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to Greece, James C. O’Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, Beth Van Schaack, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, Randi Charno Levine, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, N. Nickolas Perry, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), and Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), all of the Department of State, Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, focusing on assessing the U.S. and international response, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. security cooperation and assistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 10, to hold hearings to examine the nominations

of Krista Anne Boyd, of Florida, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, and Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, Leona M. Bridges, of California, Michael F. Gerber, of Pennsylvania, Stacie Olivares, of California, and Javier E. Saade, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 8, to hold hearings to examine combating the rise in hate crimes, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Kenly Kiya Kato, Sunshine Suzanne Sykes, and Sherilyn Peace Garnett, each to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Jennifer Louise Rochon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Nina Morrison, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Trina L. Thompson, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Paul Monteiro, of Maryland, to be Director, Community Relations Service, Trina A. Higgins, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah, and Jane E. Young, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 8, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., HVC-210/VTC.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 8, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine worldwide threats, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, 12 noon, SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 9, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "United States European Command", 10 a.m., HVC-301. This hearing is closed.

Committee on Armed Services, March 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled "National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Indo-Pacific Region", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 9, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Changing Times: Revisiting Spring Forward, Fall Back", 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Small Business, March 9, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled "Skill, Upskill, and Reskill: Analyzing New Investments in Workforce Development", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Select Committee Climate Crisis, March 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Confronting Climate Impacts: Federal Strategies for Equitable Adaptation and Resilience", 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon and Zoom.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: March 8, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., HVC-210/VTC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate expects to continue consideration of H.R. 3076, Postal Service Reform Act, post-cloture.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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