

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1717–S1756

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3904–3911, and S.J. Res. 43. **Page S1749**

Measures Passed:

Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act: Senate passed S. 516, to plan for and coordinate efforts to integrate advanced air mobility aircraft into the national airspace system, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1752–53**

Safe Cribs Act: Senate passed S. 1259, to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act. **Page S1753**

Supporting Families of the Fallen Act: Senate passed S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program. **Pages S1753–54**

Veterans Affairs' Mammography Services: Senate passed S. 2533, to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1754–56**

Measures Considered:

America Competes Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, after agreeing to the motion to proceed (By 66 yeas to 31 nays, (Vote No. 100)), and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1717–32**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 5002, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5003 (to Amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5004 (to Amendment No. 5003), to change the enactment date.

Schumer Amendment No. 5005 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5006 (to Amendment No. 5005), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions to report back forthwith, Schumer Amendment No. 5007, to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5008 (to the instructions of the motion to commit (Amendment No. 5007)), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

Schumer Amendment No. 5009 (to Amendment No. 5009), to change the enactment date. **Page S1720**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer Amendment No. 5002 (listed above), 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 25, 2022. **Page S1747**

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 upon disposition of Schumer Amendment No. 5002. **Page S1747**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 24, 2022. **Page S1756**

Luger Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 24, 2022, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Andrew M. Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, as provided under the order of Wednesday, March 16, 2022. **Page S1756**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 101), Julie Rebecca Rubin, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S1732**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 102), Hector Gonzalez, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

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By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 103), John H. Chun, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

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By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 104), Cristina D. Silva, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

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By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 105), Anne Rachel Traum, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

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By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 106), Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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Alvin Harlyn Warren, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023.

Fiona Whelan Prine, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

Beverly Gage, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—106)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1756.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, Kristin N. Johnson, of Michigan, Summer Kristine Mersinger,

of South Dakota, and Caroline D. Pham, of New York, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine strategic competition and security cooperation in the Western Hemisphere, after receiving testimony from Melissa G. Dalton, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs, James Saenz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counter-narcotics, and Stabilization Policy, and Brigadier General Frank L. Bradfield III, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs (Western Hemisphere) Joint Staff J–5, all of the Department of Defense.

INNOVATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing next generation technology for innovation, after receiving testimony from Pat Gelsinger, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California; Sanjay Mehrotra, Micron, Boise, Idaho; Tim Archer, Lam Research Corporation, Fremont, California; and Preston Feight, PACCAR Inc, Bellevue, Washington.

ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting American energy security by facilitating investments and innovation in climate solutions, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jim Matheson, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; Ray Mabus, former Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia; Katherine Stainken, Electrification Coalition, Washington, D.C.; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3666, to require reports on the adoption of a cryptocurrency as legal tender in El Salvador, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 816, to amend the Diplomatic Security Act of 1986 to provide for improved serious security incident investigations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3491, to establish a commission to reform and modernize the Department of State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3492, to address the importance of foreign affairs training in national security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3591, to strengthen the bilateral partnership between the United States and Ecuador in support of democratic institutions and rule of law, sustainable and inclusive economic growth, and conservation with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 427, to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the 1991 Paris Peace Agreements with Cambodia and to call upon all signatories to those Agreements to fulfill their commitments to secure a peaceful, prosperous, democratic, and sovereign Cambodia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 446, commending the Government of Lithuania for its resolve in increasing ties with Taiwan and supporting its firm stance against coercion by the Chinese Communist Party, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 456, expressing support for a free, fair, and peaceful December 4, 2021, election in The Gambia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 473, expressing the sense of the Senate on the necessity of maintaining the United Nations arms embargo on South Sudan until conditions for peace, stability, democracy, and development exist;

S. Res. 503, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately guarantee the safety and freedom of tennis star Peng Shuai, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 547, recognizing the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States;

S. Con. Res. 20, condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan; and

The nominations of Douglas T. Hickey, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Steven H. Fagin, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, and Rebecca Eliza Gonzales, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, Monde Muyangwa, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening Federal mental health and substance use disorder programs, focusing on opportunities, challenges, and emerging issues, after receiving testimony from Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Assistant

Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Carole Johnson, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, and Joshua A. Gordon, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, and Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, both of the National Institutes of Health, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1397, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the collection and availability of health data with respect to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, S. 3168, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions, S. 3308, to authorize the Colorado River Indian Tribes to enter into lease or exchange agreements and storage agreements relating to water of the Colorado River allocated to the Colorado River Indian Tribes, S. 3443, to extend Federal recognition to the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, S. 3773, to authorize the leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, and S. 3789, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, after receiving testimony from Senators Shelby and Kelly; Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Marvin B. Figueroa, Director, Intergovernmental and External Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services; Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, Arizona; Amelia Flores, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Parker, Arizona; Harry Pickernell, Sr., Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Oakville, Washington; Lebaron Byrd, Mowa Band of the Choctaw Indians, Mt. Vernon, Alabama; and Darin M. Prescott, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Morton, Minnesota, on behalf of the Tribal Health Board.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf. Hearing recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, after receiving testimony from Beth Taylor, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care, Services/Chief Nursing Officer, Veterans Health Administration, and Colleen Richardson, Caregiver Support Program, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Steve Schwab, Washington, D.C., and Caira Benson, Bartow, Florida, both of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; Jim Marszalek, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.; Andrea Sawyer, Quality of Life Foundation, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Sarah Verardo, The Independence Fund, Waxhaw, North Carolina.

INTELLIGENCE

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

HOME-BASED SERVICES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the importance of home-based services, focusing on an economy that cares, after receiving testimony from Lisa Harootunian, Bipartisan Policy Center, and Anne Tumlinson, Daughtershood, both of Washington, D.C.; Lynn Weidner, United Homecare Workers of Pennsylvania and SEIU Healthcare PA, and Brandon Kingsmore, both of Allentown; and Alene Shaheed, Jacksonville, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIAN IMPERIALISM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Russian imperialism in Ukraine and beyond, after receiving testimony from General Philip Breedlove, (Ret.), NATO former Supreme Allied Commander Europe; and Michael Kimmage, former Policy Planning Staff, Department of State.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine strengthening oversight and equity in the appraisal process, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a briefing on U.S.-Taiwan policy, 11 a.m., Room to be announced.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 9 a.m., SH-216.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Thursday, March 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4521, America COMPETES Act.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Andrew M. Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.



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