

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1757–S1787*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3912–3931, and S. Res. 556–557. **Page S1774**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 3580, to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1772**

**Measures Passed:**

**Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2102, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mammography screening for veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposure, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S1783–84**

Schumer (for Boozman) Amendment No. 5014, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1783–84**

**Cannabidiol and Maribuana Research Expansion Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 253, to expand research on the cannabidiol and marihuana, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1784**

Schumer (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 5015, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1784**

**National Poison Prevention Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 557, recognizing the week of March 20 through March 26, 2022 as “National Poison Prevention Week” and encouraging communities across the United States to raise awareness of the dangers of poisoning and promote poison prevention. **Page S1787**

**Measures Considered:**

**America COMPETES Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure

continued United States leadership in engineering biology, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1757–60**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 5002, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1757**

Schumer Amendment No. 5003 (to Amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date. **Page S1757**

Schumer Amendment No. 5004 (to Amendment No. 5003), to change the enactment date. **Page S1757**

Schumer Amendment No. 5005 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 5002), to change the enactment date. **Page S1757**

Schumer Amendment No. 5006 (to Amendment No. 5005), to change the enactment date. **Page S1757**

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 S1757**

Schumer Amendment No. 5008 (to the instructions of the motion to commit (Amendment No. 5007)), to change the enactment date. **Page S1757**

Schumer Amendment No. 5009 (to Amendment No. 5008), to change the enactment date. **Page S1757**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture on Schumer Amendment No. 5002 (listed above) and the bill ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 28, 2022; that if cloture is invoked on Schumer Amendment No. 5002, all post-cloture time be considered expired; the remaining pending amendments be withdrawn; no further amendments be in order; Schumer Amendment No. 5002 be agreed to; the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be withdrawn; and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with 60 affirmative votes required for passage, without further intervening action or debate. **Page S1787**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 28, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Page S1787**

**Coloretti Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of

California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S1769**

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. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology. **Page S1769**

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 S1769**

**Kang Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation). **Page S1769**

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 Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S1769**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1769**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1769**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 107), Andrew M. Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years. **Page S1760**

Chris Saunders, of Vermont, to be Federal Co-chairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Stacey Michelle Brandenburg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2025.

Terrence Keith Wright, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring May 29, 2025.

Julietta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Jodi Beth Herman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

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.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard and Foreign Service. **Page S1787**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S1772**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Page S1772**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S1772**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1778–83**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—107) **Page S1760**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:19 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1787.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 2,766 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### POSTURE OF USNORTHCOM AND USSOUTHCOM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command, after receiving testimony from General Glen D. VanHerck, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General Laura J. Richardson, USA, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### EQUITY IN THE APPRAISAL PROCESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening oversight and equity in the appraisal process,

after receiving testimony from Melody Taylor, Executive Director of the Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity Task Force, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and James R. Park, Executive Director, Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

### U.S.-TAIWAN POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on United States-Taiwan policy from Daniel Kritenbrink, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Ely Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Representative Beatty; Alabama Attorney General Steven T. Marshall, Montgomery; Ann Claire Williams, D. Jean Veta, and Joseph M. Drayton, all of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, Chicago, Illinois; Risa Goluboff, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville; Wade Henderson, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Washington, D.C.; Frederick L. Thomas, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; Jennifer L. Mascott, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Fairfax, Virginia; Keisha Toni Russell, First Liberty Institute, Plano, Texas; Alessandra Parisi Serano, Operation Underground Railroad, Anaheim, California; Richard B. Rosenthal, Miami, Florida; and Eleanor McCullen, Boston, Massachusetts.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 37 public bills, H.R. 7194–7230; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79–80; and H. Res. 1000–1003, were introduced. **Pages H3862–64**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3865–66**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5641, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to increase the threshold for eligibility for assistance under sections 403, 406, 407, and 502 of such Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–274);

H.R. 5673, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to make technical corrections to the hazard mitigation revolving loan fund program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–275);

H.R. 3617, to decriminalize and deschedule cannabis, to provide for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted by the War on Drugs, to provide for expungement of certain cannabis offenses, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–276, Part 1);

H.R. 5689, to improve the provision of Federal resources to help build capacity and fund risk-reducing, cost-effective mitigation projects for eligible State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments and certain private nonprofit organizations, and for other

purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–277); and

H.R. 5706, to protect transportation personnel and passengers from sexual assault and harassment, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–278, Part 1).

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

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

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**Senate Referrals:** S. 120 was held at the desk. S. 516 was held at the desk. S. 1259; was held at the desk. S. 2533, was held at the desk. S. 2794 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H3861.

**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 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Stephanie Dawkins Davis, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Arianna J. Freeman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Robert Steven Huie, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Evelyn Padin, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Jennifer H. Rearden, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Vanessa Roberts Avery, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, Department of Justice, 3 p.m., SH-216.

#### House

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3617, the “MORE Act”, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, March 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, March 28

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4521, America COMPETES Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Schumer Amendment No. 5002 to the bill at 5:30 p.m. If cloture is invoked thereon, Senate will vote on passage of the bill.

## House Chamber

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

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