

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1841–S1873

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3952–3969, S.J. Res. 44, and S. Res. 567–571. **Page S1867**

Measures Reported:

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. **Page S1866**

Measures Passed:

National Native Plant Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 570, designating April 2022 as “National Native Plant Month”. **Pages S1859–60**

Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 571, supporting the goals and ideals of Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month. **Page S1860**

Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access Program Inclusion Act: Senate passed S. 3969, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to explicitly authorize distribution of grant funds to the voting accessibility protection and advocacy system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the system serving the American Indian consortium. **Page S1860**

Greek Independence 201st Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 547, recognizing the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States. **Page S1860**

BRIGHT Act: Senate passed S. 442, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products. **Pages S1860–61**

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 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–27) **Page S1865**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–28) **Page S1865**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–29) **Page S1865**

Motion to Discharge Cook Nomination: By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 115), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination of Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Page S1847**

Weil Nomination—Cloture: By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. EX. 120), Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S1855**

Grundmann Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. **Pages S1855–56**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 121), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1856**

Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1856**

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

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 122), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1856**

Harris Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1856**

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

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 123), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1856–57**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, or his designee, following consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S1871**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 31, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4373, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022; That at 11 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Elisabeth Geraghty, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Georgette Castner, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, in the order listed; and that upon disposition of the nomination of Georgette Castner, the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4373 ripen at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1871**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 117), Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President

of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025. **Pages S1841–47, S1847–48**

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

By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 116), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1847**

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 119), January Contreras, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S1848–55**

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

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 118), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1848**

Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S1872**

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

12 Army nominations in the rank of general.

34 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S1871–73**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Candace A. Bond, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Timmy T. Davis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Michael J. Lombardo, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Michael J. Lombardo, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2028.

Nasser H. Paydar, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. **Page S1871**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2022, from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Pages S1847, S1871**

Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S1871

Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—123) Pages S1847–48, S1855–57

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1871.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023, after receiving testimony from Shalanda D. Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine behavioral health care when Americans need it, focusing on ensuring parity and care integration, after receiving testimony from John Dicken, Director, Health Care-Public Health and Private Markets Issues, Government Accountability Office; Andy Keller, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, Dallas, Texas; Anna Ratzliff, University of Washington Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions, Seattle; and Reginald D. Williams II, Commonwealth Fund, Washington, D.C.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the assault on freedom of expression in Asia, after receiving testimony from Maria Ressa, Rappler, Manila, The Philippines; and Joey Siu, Hong Kong Watch, and Sarah Cook, Freedom House, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3677, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize

the President to provide professional counseling services to victims of emergencies declared under such Act;

S. 3875, to require the President to develop and maintain products that show the risk of natural hazards across the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3868, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3511, to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3903, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3650, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish and maintain a public directory of the individuals occupying Government policy and supporting positions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3655, to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to extend the termination date of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board;

S. 3904, to enhance the cybersecurity of the Healthcare and Public Health Sector, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3897, to require the reduction of the reliance and expenditures of the Federal Government on legacy information technology systems, with an amendment;

S. 3884, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 U.S. Highway 41 North in Baraga, Michigan, as the "Cora Reynolds Anderson Post Office";

S. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 Melear Drive in Arlington, Texas, as the "Ron Wright Post Office Building";

S. 3826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1304 4th Avenue in Canyon, Texas, as the "Gary James Fletcher Post Office Building";

H.R. 735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 502 East Cotati Avenue in Cotati, California, as the "Arturo L. Ibleto Post Office Building";

H.R. 1298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the "Technical Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building";

H.R. 2324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2800 South Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the “D. Edwina Stephens Post Office”;

H.R. 3539, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 West Chalan Santo Papa in Hagatna, Guam, as the “Atanasio Taitano Perez Post Office”;

H.R. 3579, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, as the “Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office”;

H.R. 3613, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbull Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, as the “Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4168, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6223 Maple Street, in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office”;

H.R. 5577, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the “John R. Lewis Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of Krista Anne Boyd, of Florida, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Manage-

ment, and Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, Leona M. Bridges, of California, Michael F. Gerber, of Pennsylvania, and Stacie Olivares, of California, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Smithsonian Institution, after receiving testimony from Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

SUPPLY CHAIN CRISIS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the supply chain crisis and the implications for small businesses, including S. 2675, to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to Restaurant Revitalization Fund, after receiving testimony from Cheetie Kumar, Garland, Raleigh, North Carolina; Jason Lam, Sake Thai and Sushi Bar, Stafford, Virginia; Sridhar Kota, MForeSight: Alliance for Manufacturing Foresight, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Joel Griffith, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 7281–7306; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1015–1016, were introduced. **Pages H4005–06**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4007–08**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Williams (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3973**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3981**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m. **Page H3995**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act: H.R. 5706, to protect transportation personnel and passengers from sexual assault and harassment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 85 nays, Roll No. 90;

Pages H3983–88, H3995–96

William T. Coleman, Jr., Department of Transportation Headquarters Act: S. 400, amended, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, in Washington, DC, as the “William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 4 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 91; **Pages H3988–89, H3996–97**

Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Technical Corrections Act: 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 92; **Pages H3989–90, H3997–98**

FEMA Caseworker Accountability Act: H.R. 5343, amended, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report to Congress on case management personnel turnover, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 93; **Pages H3990, H3998**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on case management personnel turnover of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.”; **Pages H3990, H3998**

Care is an Economic Development Strategy Act: H.R. 5547, amended, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to require eligible recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 304 yeas to 122 nays, Roll No. 94; **Pages H3990–92, H3998–99**

Designating the United States courthouse located at 1501 North 6th Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse”: S. 1226, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1501 North 6th Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 61 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 96; **Pages H3993–94, H4000–01**

Donna M. Doss Memorial Act: S. 233, to designate the Rocksprings Station of the U.S. Border Patrol located on West Main Street in Rocksprings, Texas, as the “Donna M. Doss Border Patrol Station”; and **Page H3994**

Designating the Federal Office Building located at 308 W. 21st Street in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as the “Louisa Swain Federal Office Building”: S. 2126, to designate the Federal Office Building located at 308 W. 21st Street in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as the “Louisa Swain Federal Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 12 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 97. **Pages H3994–95, H4001–02**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Honorable Madeleine Albright. **Page H3998**

Suspension: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Designating the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the “Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building”: S. 2938, to designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the “Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 187 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 95. **Pages H3992–93, H3999–H4000**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Fortenberry, wherein he resigned as Representative for the First Congressional District of Nebraska, effective at the end of legislative business on March 31, 2022. **Pages H4003–04**

Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that a motion to instruct conferees with respect to H.R. 4521, except any motion that is privileged pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule 22, shall be in order only if offered by Representative Lucas of Oklahoma or his designee, and that such motion shall be in order notwithstanding any appointment of conferees. **Page H4004**

America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing, Pre-Eminence in Technology, and Economic Strength Act of 2022: Agreed by unanimous consent to take from the Speaker’s table H.R. 4521, with the Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and request a conference with the Senate. **Page H4004**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities that was declared on April 1, 2015 is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2022—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–103). **Pages H3978, H3983**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared on April 3, 2014 is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2022—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–104). **Pages H3978, H3983**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared on April 12, 2010 is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2022—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–105). **Pages H4002, H4004**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3995–96, H3996–97, H3997, H3998, H3999, H3999–H4000, H4000–01, and H4001.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Manger, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges in Europe”. Testimony was heard from General Tod Wolters, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. European Command; and Celeste Wallander, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF CARE IN THE MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Military Health System”. Testimony was heard from Dez Del Barba, Veteran, U.S. Army; Sharon Silas, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office; Lieutenant General Ronald J. Place, Director, Defense Health Agency, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle, Surgeon General, U.S. Army; Rear Admiral (Upper Half) Bruce L. Gillingham, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Robert I. Miller, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; and a public witness.

FDA USER FEE REAUTHORIZATION: ENSURING SAFE AND EFFECTIVE MEDICAL DEVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “FDA User Fee Reauthorization: Ensuring Safe and Effective Medical Devices”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Shuren, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF AMERICA’S STOCK EXCHANGES: EXAMINING THEIR ROLE IN OUR ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Oversight of America’s Stock Exchanges: Examining Their Role in Our Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MOVING BEYOND THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS: THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S PROGRESS IN COMBATING THE PANDEMIC AND A PLAN FOR THE NEXT PHASE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis: The Biden Administration’s Progress in Combating the Pandemic and a Plan for the Next Phase”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Vivik Murthy, M.D., Surgeon General of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services; Dawn O’Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; and Rochelle Walensky, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

MORE ACT; AFFORDABLE INSULIN NOW ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3617, the “MORE Act”; and H.R. 6833, the “Affordable Insulin Now Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3617, the “MORE Act”, and H.R. 6833, the “Affordable Insulin Now Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3617, the “MORE Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–37, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 3617 printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6833, the “Affordable Insulin Now Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among

and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–38, modified by the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021, is amended by striking “April 1, 2022” each place it appears and inserting “April 29, 2022”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pallone, Chairman Nadler, and Representatives Rodgers of Washington, Biggs, and Burgess.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 6052, the “VA OIG Training Act”; legislation on the Faster Payments to Veterans’ Survivors Act; legislation on the Improving Oversight of the Veterans Community Care Providers Act; legislation on the VA Preventing Duplicate Payments Act; legislation on the Improving VA Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Act; legislation on the Improving VA Workforce Diversity Through Minority-Serving Institutions Act; legislation on the VA Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Data Improvement Act; H.R. 5776, the “Serving Our LGBTQ Veterans Act”; H.R. 6638, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and legislation to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system to manage supply chains for medical facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Edward Murray, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Christopher Wilbur, Counselor to the Inspector General/Acting Assistant Inspector General for Management and Administration, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Seto Bagdoyan, Director of Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S 2022 TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Biden Administration’s 2022 Trade Policy Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D290)

H.R. 55, to amend section 249 of title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a hate crime act. Signed on March 29, 2022. (Public Law 117–107)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine addressing the housing needs of America’s seniors, focusing on affordability and accessibility, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges facing domestic critical mineral mining, processing, refining, and reprocessing, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s 2022 trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine China’s role in Latin America and the Caribbean, 10 a.m., SD–106/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek Kan, of California, and Daniel Mark Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10:15 a.m., SD–342.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine preventing tragedies and promoting safe, accessible, and affordable homes, 10 a.m., VTC.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “State of the CFTC”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Military Privatized Family Housing, 10:30 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Updates on Modernization of Conventional Ammunition Production”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittees on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled “Posture and Readiness of the Mobility Enterprise”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Connecting America: Oversight of the FCC”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Consumer Protections and Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “The End of Overdraft Fees? Examining the Movement to Eliminate the Fees Costing Consumers Billions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism; and Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber, joint hearing entitled “Opportunities and Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean: Examining U.S. Interests and Regional Cooperation”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights, hearing entitled “Progress and Present Challenges on COVID-19 in Africa”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, joint hearing entitled “Assessing the Department of

Homeland Security’s Efforts to Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Examining Civil Rights Litigation Reform, Part 1: Qualified Immunity”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

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Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Elisabeth Geraghty, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Georgette Castner, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, at 11:45 a.m.

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