

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1875–S1920

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3970–3987, S. Res. 572–574, and S. Con. Res. 35. **Pages S1910–11**

Measures Reported:

S. 3785, to amend title 49, United States Code, to eliminate the restriction on veterans concurrently serving in the Offices of Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S1910**

Measures Passed:

Save the Liberty Theatre Act: Senate passed H.R. 3197, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in Louisiana. **Pages S1886–87**

Chiricahua National Park Act: Senate passed S. 1320, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1887**

Ocean Shipping Reform Act: Senate passed S. 3580, to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1887–S1901**

Schumer (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 5017, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1891**

Authorize Testimony and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 573, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Robertson, et al.* **Page S1914**

Measures Considered:

Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed 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. **Pages S1875–86**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, ripen at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S1886**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 124), Sarah Elisabeth Geraghty, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S1886**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 125), Georgette Castner, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S1886**

Alan F. Estevez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

Enoh T. Ebong, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

Joseph F. DeCarolis, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration. **Page S1920**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—125) **Page S1886**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 4:24 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1920.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOUSING NEEDS OF AMERICA'S SENIORS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing the housing needs of America's seniors, focusing on affordability and accessibility, including S. 567, to provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Molinsky, Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Audra Hamernik, Nevada HAND, Las Vegas; and Thomas Wade, American Action Forum, Norbert J. Michel, Cato Institute, and Shannon Guzman, AARP, all of Washington, D.C.

DOMESTIC CRITICAL MINERAL MINING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the opportunities and challenges facing domestic critical mineral mining, processing, refining, and reprocessing, after receiving testimony from Steven M. Fortier, Director, National Minerals Information Center, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Scott Melbye, Uranium Producers of America, Corpus Christi, Texas; Julie Padilla, Twin Metals Minnesota, St. Paul; Abigail Wulf, Securing America's Future Energy, Washington, D.C.; and Paul Ziemkiewicz, West Virginia University, Morgantown.

TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2022 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Katherine Tai, U.S. Trade Representative.

CHINA'S ROLE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine China's role in Latin America and the Caribbean, after receiving testimony from Kerri Hannan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Peter Natiello, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; Andrew Herscowitz, Chief Development Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation; and Margaret Myers, Inter-American Dialogue, and R. Evan Ellis, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PREVENTING TRAGEDIES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing tragedies and promoting safe, accessible, and affordable homes, after receiving testimony from Anand K. Parekh, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; Denise Cleveland-Leggett, The Integral Group, Atlanta, Georgia; Tracey Kelly, IKEA USA, Trappe, Pennsylvania; and Janet McGee, Parents Against Tip-overs, Eagan, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 7307–7353; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 83–84; and H. Res. 1018–1019, were introduced.

Pages H4071–73

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H4074–75

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1017, providing for consideration of the bill (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; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6833) to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish requirements with respect to cost-sharing for certain insulin products, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–285);

H.R. 1218, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–286); and

H.R. 2501, to require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission to update the memorandum of understanding on spectrum coordination, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–287).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Affordable Insulin Now Act: The House passed H.R. 6883, to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish requirements with respect to cost-sharing for certain insulin products, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 102.

Pages H4033–46, H4053–55

Rejected the Bucshon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 101.

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Pursuant to the Rule, 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 H. Rept. 117–285, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1017, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3617) and (H.R. 6883) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 99, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 98.

Pages H4023–33

America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing, Pre-Eminence in Technology, and Economic Strength Act of 2022: The House agreed to the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 74 nays, Roll No. 100.

Pages H4046–53

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Vela, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Thirty-Fourth Congressional District of Texas, effective at 11:59 p.m. today, March 31, 2022.

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Senate Referrals: S. 442 was held at the desk. S. 3969 was held at the desk.

Pages H4009–10

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H4009–10.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4031–32, H4032–33, H4053, H4053–54, and H4054–55.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE CFTC

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State of the CFTC”. Testimony was heard from Rostin Behnam, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

MILITARY PRIVATIZED FAMILY HOUSING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Military Privatized Family Housing. Testimony was heard from Cody Calderon, Private First Class, U.S. Army; Patricia Coury, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Housing, Department of Defense; Elizabeth A. Field, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

UPDATES ON MODERNIZATION OF CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION PRODUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Updates on Modernization of Conventional Ammunition Production”. Testimony was heard from Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)), Department of the Army; General Edward M. Daly, U.S. Army, Commanding General, Army Materiel Command; Brigadier General William M. Boruff, U.S. Army, Program Executive Officer, Joint Program Executive Office, Armaments and Ammunition; Brigadier General Gavin J. Gardner, U.S. Army, Commanding General, Joint Munitions Command; and public witnesses.

POSTURE AND READINESS OF THE MOBILITY ENTERPRISE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittees on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing entitled “Posture and Readiness of the Mobility Enterprise”. Testimony was heard from General Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Department of Defense; and Lucinda Lessley, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

CONNECTING AMERICA: OVERSIGHT OF THE FCC

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Connecting America: Oversight of the FCC”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairwoman; Brendan Carr, Commissioner; Geoffrey Starks, Commissioner; and Nathan Simington, Commissioner.

THE END OF OVERDRAFT FEES? EXAMINING THE MOVEMENT TO ELIMINATE THE FEES COSTING CONSUMERS BILLIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Consumer Protections and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “The End of Overdraft Fees? Examining the Movement to Eliminate the Fees Costing Consumers Billions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN: EXAMINING U.S. INTERESTS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism; and Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a joint hearing entitled “Opportunities and Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean: Examining U.S. Interests and Regional Cooperation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROGRESS AND PRESENT CHALLENGES ON COVID-19 IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Progress and Present Challenges on COVID-19 in Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S EFFORTS TO COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a joint hearing entitled “Assessing the Department of Homeland Security’s Efforts to Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Samantha Vinograd, Acting Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans; Rear Admiral Scott W. Clendenin, Assistant Commandant for Response Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Austin Gould, Acting Executive Assistant Administrator for Requirements and Capabilities Analysis, Transportation Security Administration; and Dennis Michelini, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner for Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

EXAMINING CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION REFORM, PART 1: QUALIFIED IMMUNITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Examining Civil Rights Litigation Reform, Part 1: Qualified Immunity”. Testimony was heard from Jon O. Newman, Senior Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and public witnesses.

BENEFITS OF THE LEGACY POLLUTION CLEAN-UP PROGRAMS IN THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Benefits of the Legacy Pollution Clean-Up Programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”. Testimony was heard from Steven H. Feldgus, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Uduak-Joe Ntuk, State Oil and Gas Supervisor, California Geologic Energy Management Division, California Department of Conservation, California Natural Resources Agency; John Baza, Director, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, Utah; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.R. 4715, the “Quapaw Tribal Landowner Settlement Act of 2021”; H.R. 5715, to reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund,

and for other purposes; and H.R. 6707, the “Advancing Equality for Wabanaki Nations Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva and Representative Golden; and public witnesses.

FOLLOW THE MONEY: TACKLING IMPROPER PAYMENTS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Follow the Money: Tackling Improper Payments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE NEW NORMAL: PREPARING FOR AND ADAPTING TO THE NEXT PHASE OF COVID-19

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The New Normal: Preparing for and Adapting to the Next Phase of COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from Karen Ayala, Executive Director, DuPage County Board of Health, Illinois; and public witnesses.

SKILL, UPSKILL, AND RESKILL: ANALYZING NEW INVESTMENTS IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Skill, Upskill, and Reskill: Analyzing New Investments in Workforce Development”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HELPING VETERANS THRIVE: THE IMPORTANCE OF PEER SUPPORT IN PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Helping Veterans Thrive: The Importance of Peer Support in Preventing Domestic Violent Extremism”. Testimony was heard from Chris Buckley, Veteran, U.S. Army; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “FY23 Hearing to Review Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee, hearing entitled “America’s Natural Solutions: The Climate Benefits of Investing in Healthy Ecosystems”, 9:30 a.m., HVC-210 and Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, April 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, April 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 3617—Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act.

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