Friday, April 1, 2022

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate was not in session and stands in recess until 3 p.m., on Monday, April 4, 2022.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 7354–7373; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1020–1022, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignations of the gentleman from Nebraska, Mr. Fortenberry, and the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Vela, the whole number of the House is 430.

Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 107.

Rejected the Latta motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 106.

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

Agreed to:
Gottheimer amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–285) that authorizes $10M for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct a study on technologies and methods that law enforcement may use to determine whether a driver is impaired by marijuana (by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 103); and

Lamb amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–285) that directs the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to conduct a study on the impact of legalization to the workplace, using states that have legalized recreational use of cannabis as a guide, and requires NIOSH to develop best practices for employers as companies transition their policies related to cannabis, prioritizing employers engaged in federal infrastructure projects, transportation, public safety, and national security (by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 104).

Rejected:
Raskin amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–285) that sought to state that cannabis use shall not be the reason for denying or rescinding a security clearance (by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 105).

H. Res. 1017, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3617) and (H.R. 6883) was agreed to yesterday, March 31st.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FY23 HEARING TO REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PROGRAMS FOR COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “FY23 Hearing to Review Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: John Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy; Deborah G. Rosenblum, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs; Vice Admiral Collin Patrick Green, Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and Rhys M. Williams, Acting Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

AMERICA’S NATURAL SOLUTIONS: THE CLIMATE BENEFITS OF INVESTING IN HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS
Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America’s Natural Solutions: The Climate Benefits of Investing in Healthy Ecosystems”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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 District 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 District of New York, and Vanessa Roberts Avery, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House
Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on a Resolution Recommending that the House Of Representatives Find Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., In Contempt Of Congress For Refusal To Comply With Subpoenas Duly Issued By The Select Committee To Investigate The January 6th Attack On The United States Capitol, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.
**Next Meeting of the SENATE**

3 p.m., Monday, April 4

**Senate Chamber**

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

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**Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

12 noon, Monday, April 4

**House Chamber**

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

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