

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1989–S2056*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4009–4022, and S. Res. 577–583. **Pages S2040–41**

#### Measures Reported:

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 and with an amended preamble.

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 and with an amended preamble.

S. 3199, to promote peace and democracy in Ethiopia, 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.J. Res. 17, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Measures Passed:

*Congratulating the University of Kansas Jayhawks Men's Basketball Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 578, commending and congratulating the University of Kansas Jayhawks men's basketball team for winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball National Championship.

**Pages S2016–17, S2043**

*Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 3522, to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian

military invasion, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Page S2052**

Schumer (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 5022, in the nature of a substitute.

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*Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Park Expansion and Redesignation Act:* Senate passed S. 270, to amend the Act entitled “Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes” to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S2053–54**

Schumer (for Coons) Amendment No. 5018, in the nature of a substitute.

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*Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act:* Senate passed H.R. 3113, to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation.

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*Countering Human Trafficking Act:* Senate passed S. 2991, to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S2054–56**

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 5019, in the nature of a substitute.

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*Big Bertha:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 579, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Big Bertha, one of the largest bass drums in use by a university in the United States and located at The University of Texas at Austin.

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*World's Largest Drum 100th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 580, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band's World's Largest Drum.

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**National Crime Victims' Rights Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 581, supporting the designation of the week of April 24 through April 30, 2022, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week". **Page S2044**

**National Park Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 582, designating the week of April 16 through April 24, 2022, as "National Park Week". **Pages S2044–45**

**National Safe Digging Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 583, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month. **Page S2045**

**House Messages:**

**William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 400, 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". **Page S2054**

**Suspending Energy Imports From Russia Act, and Suspending Normal Trade Relations With Russia and Belarus Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 7, 2022, Senate begin the en bloc consideration of H.R. 6968, to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, and H.R. 7108, to suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus; that Amendment No. 5021 to H.R. 6968 be considered and agreed to; and Amendment No. 5020 to H.R. 7108 be considered and agreed to; and those be the only amendments in order to either bill; and Senate vote on passage of H.R. 7108, as amended, and on H.R. 6968, as amended; without further intervening action or debate. **Pages S2051–52**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the National Emergencies Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring additional steps with respect to the national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation originally declared in Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–30)

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**Jackson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be

an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Pages S1989–99, S2000–16, S2017–34**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of H.R. 6968, to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S2052**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 7, 2022. **Page S2052**

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

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 130), James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S1999–S2016**

Glen S. Fukushima, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

Krista Anne Boyd, of Florida, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management.

Marvin L. Adams, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration. **Pages S2034, S2056**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S2038–39**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2039**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2036–38**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2045–51**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2051**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—130) **Page S1999**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2056.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimate and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and David Palumbo, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

### SUICIDE PREVENTION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine suicide prevention and related behavioral health interventions in the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Karin A. Orvis, Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office, Richard Mooney, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Services Policy and Oversight, and Michael J. Roark, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluations Component, all of the Department of Defense; Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Chris Ford, Stop Soldier Suicide, and P. Murali Doraiswamy, Duke University School of Medicine, both of Durham, North Carolina; Craig J. Bryan, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus; and Beth Zimmer Carter.

### INNOVATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense's posture for supporting and fostering innovation, after receiving testimony from Heidi Shyu, Under Secretary for Research and Engineering; Stefanie Tompkins, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and Michael Brown, Director, Defense Innovation Unit, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ventris C. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Director of the Mint, and Paul M. Rosen, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, both of the Department of the Treasury, after

the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine advancing public transportation in small cities and rural places under the bipartisan infrastructure law, including S. 267, to increase the Federal share of operating costs for certain projects that receive grants under the Formula Grants to Rural Areas Program of the Federal Transit Administration, and S. 2365, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the Government share of the cost of certain planning activities, after receiving testimony from Ryan Daniel, St. Cloud Metro Bus, St. Cloud, Minnesota; Scott Bogren, Community Transportation Association of America, Washington, D.C.; and Baruch Feigenbaum, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

### EPA BUDGET

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Beth Pritchard Geer, Robert P. Klein, both of Tennessee, and L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors, and Benny R. Wagner, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, all of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### TREATIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty Doc.115–3), agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Croatia comprising the instrument as contemplated

by Article 3(2) of the Agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union, signed June 25, 2003, as to the Application of the Treaty on Extradition signed on October 25, 1901 (the “U.S.-Croatia Extradition Agreement”), and the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Croatia comprising the Instrument as contemplated by Article 3(3) of the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union signed at Washington on June 25, 2003 (the “U.S.-Croatia Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement”), both signed at Washington on December 10, 2019 (Treaty Doc.116–2), and amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the “Montreal Protocol”), adopted at Kigali on October 15, 2016, by the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (the “Kigali Amendment”) (Treaty Doc.117–1), after receiving testimony from Richard C. Visek, Acting Legal Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, and John Thompson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment, both of the Department of State; Vaughn A. Ary, Director, Office of International Affairs, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; James Sousa, American Tunaboat Association, San Diego, California; and Stephen R. Yurek, Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 3123, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians;

S. 3126, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community;

S. 3273, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians;

H.R. 1975, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians; and

H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dara Lindenbaum, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

#### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 7411–7433; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 1034–1042, were introduced. **Pages H4395–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4397–98**

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

H.R. 1951, to increase the Federal share provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and

Emergency Assistance Act for a certain time frame during fiscal year 2020, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–289); and

H. Res. 1033, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3807) to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–290). **Page H4395**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Strickland to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4193**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4200**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability Act:** H.R. 5497, amended, to authorize humanitarian assistance and civil society support, promote democracy and human rights, and impose targeted sanctions with respect to human rights abuses in Burma; and **Pages H4204–12**

**Ukraine Invasion War Crimes Deterrence and Accountability Act:** H.R. 7276, amended, to direct the President to submit to Congress a report on United States Government efforts to collect, analyze, and preserve evidence and information related to war crimes and any other atrocities committed during the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine since February 24, 2022, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 121; **Pages H4212–16, H4381–82**

**Agreed to amend the title so as to read:** “To direct the President to submit to Congress a report on United States Government efforts to collect, analyze, and preserve evidence and information related to war crimes and other atrocities committed during the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine since February 24, 2022.” **Page H4382**

**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:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1037, 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, by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 118. **Pages H4236–80**

H. Res. 1023, the rule relating to the consideration of House Report 117–284 and an accompanying resolution was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 117, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 116. **Pages H4216–29**

**Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act—Rule for consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1033, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3807) to amend the American Rescue Plan

Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, by a ye-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 120, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 119. **Pages H4229–36, H4380–81**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of taking additional steps with regard to the national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–106). **Page H4382**

**Senate Referral:** S. 2123 was held at the desk. **Page H4201**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4201.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4228, H4228–29, H4379, H4380, H4380–81, and H4381–82.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **A 2022 REVIEW OF THE FARM BILL: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: International Trade and Food Assistance Programs”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Whitley, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; Sarah Charles, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

### **UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “United States Africa Command”. Testimony was heard from General Stephen J. Townsend, Commander, U.S. Africa Command. This hearing was closed.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Testimony was heard from Ur M. Jaddou, Director, U.S. Citizenship and

Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND WHOLE CHILD APPROACHES IN K–12 EDUCATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Social and Emotional Learning and Whole Child Approaches in K–12 Education”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **U.S. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “U.S. International Assistance to Combat Narcotics Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from James Walsh, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Denis R. McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **REGIONAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING FOR FY23**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Regional Tribal Organizations Public Witness Hearing for FY23”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Joseph V. Cuffari, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from U.S. House of Representatives officials: Enumale Agada, Acting Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion;

Wade Ballou, Jr., Legislative Counsel, Office of the Legislative Counsel; Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk; Douglas N. Letter, General Counsel; Joseph C. Picolla, Acting Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; Ralph V. Seep, Law Revision Counsel; Catherine Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer; and William J. Walker, Sergeant at Arms.

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2023 STRATEGIC FORCES NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2023 Strategic Forces National Security Space Programs”. Testimony was heard from John Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Michael A. Guetlein, U.S. Space Force, Commander, U.S. Space System Command; Tonya P. Wilkerson, Deputy Director, National Geospatial Agency, Department of Defense; Christopher Scolese, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense; and Jon Ludwigson, Director, Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FY 2023 BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Health and Human Services FY 2023 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **GOUGED AT THE GAS STATION: BIG OIL AND AMERICA’S PAIN AT THE PUMP**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Gouged at the Gas Station: Big Oil and America’s Pain at the Pump”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Janet L. Yellen, Secretary, Department of Treasury.

### RESTORING AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Restoring American Leadership in the Indo-Pacific”. Testimony was heard from Wendy R. Sherman, Deputy Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

### MOBILIZING OUR CYBER DEFENSES: MATURING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO SECURE U.S. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Mobilizing our Cyber Defenses: Maturing Public-Private Partnerships to Secure U.S. Critical Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Eric Goldstein, Executive Assistant Director for Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Robert K. Knake, Deputy National Cyber Director for Strategy and Budget, Principal Deputy National Cyber Director (Acting), Office of the National Cyber Director; and Tina Won Sherman, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

### EXAMINING TITLE 42 AND THE NEED TO RESTORE ASYLUM AT THE BORDER

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled, “Examining Title 42 and the Need to Restore Asylum at the Border”. Testimony was heard from Mark Dannels, Sheriff, Cochise County, Arizona; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 350, the “Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2021”; H.R. 5460, the “Virgin Islands Visa Waiver Act of 2021”; H.R. 301, to amend title 36, United States Code, to establish the composition known as “Lift Every Voice and Sing” as the national hymn of the United States; H.R. 7072, the “NDO Fairness Act”; H.R. 4330, the “PRESS Act”; H.R. 3648, the “EAGLE Act of

2021”; H.R. 6577, the “Real Courts, Rule of Law Act of 2022”; and H.R. 1924, the “Kenneth P. Thompson Begin Again Act”.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 920, the “Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site Expansion Act”; H.R. 1638, the “Gilt Edge Mine Conveyance”; H.R. 2626, the “Pullman National Historical Park Act”; H.R. 5093, the “Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance Act”; and H.R. 6651, the “Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act”. H.R. 920, H.R. 1638, and H.R. 2626 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5093 and H.R. 6651 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1756, the “Measuring Real Income Growth Act”; H.R. 6531, the “Targeting Resources to Communities in Need Act of 2022”; H.R. 6967, the “Chance to Compete Act”; H.R. 7376, the “Honoring Civil Servants Killed in the Line of Duty Act”; H.R. 7185, the “Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act”; H.R. 3544, the “Computers for Veterans and Students Act”; H.R. 7337, the “Access for Veterans to Records Act”; H.R. 6039, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 Charles Street in Beaufort, South Carolina, as the “Harriet Tubman Post Office Building”; H.R. 6041, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Bow Circle in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, as the “Charles E. Fraser Post Office Building”; H.R. 6042, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 213 William Hilton Parkway in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, as the “Casear H. Wright Jr. Post Building”; H.R. 6175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 West Wisconsin Street in Russell, Kansas, as the “Robert J. Dole Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 6614, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4744 Grand River Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Rosa Louise McCauley Parks Post Office Building”; H.R. 6917, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 East Congress Parkway in Crystal Lake, Illinois, as the “Ryan J. Cummings Post Office Building”; H.R. 1095, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South Willowbrook Avenue in Compton, California, as the “PFC James Anderson, Jr., Post Office Building”; H.R. 4622, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 226 North Main Street in Roseville, Ohio, as the “Ronald E. Rosser Post Office

Building”; H.R. 5809, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1801 Town and Country Drive in Norco, California, as the “Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui Memorial Post Office Building”; H.R. 5349, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1550 State Road S-38-211 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, as the “J.I. Washington Post Office Building”; H.R. 5865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4110 Bluebonnet Drive in Stafford, Texas, as the “Leonard Scarcella Post Office Building”; and H.R. 5900, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office Building”. H.R. 7185, H.R. 6531, H.R. 1756, H.R. 7376, H.R. 6967, H.R. 3544, H.R. 7337, and H.R. 6042 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1095, H.R. 4622, H.R. 5809, H.R. 5349, H.R. 5865, H.R. 5900, H.R. 6039, H.R. 6041, H.R. 6175, H.R. 6614, and H.R. 6917 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND REPLENISHMENT ACT OF 2021**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 3807, the “Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act of 2021” [Relief for Restaurants and other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act of 2022]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7-3, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3807, the “Relief for Restaurants and other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act of 2022”. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business 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 117-39, modified by the amendment printed in 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.

#### **SBIR TURNS 40: EVALUATING SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “SBIR Turns 40: Evaluating Support for Small Business Innovation”. Testimony was heard from J. Stephen Binkley, Acting Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Ben Schrag, Program Director and Policy Liaison, Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Trans-

fer Program, Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

#### **SBA MANAGEMENT REVIEW: OFFICE OF ADVOCACY**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development held a hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Office of Advocacy”. Testimony was heard from Major Clark, Deputy Chief Counsel for Advocacy (Performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy), Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration.

#### **NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5738, the “Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act”; H.R. 6961, the “Dignity for MST Survivors Act”; H.R. 2724, the “VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act”; H.R. 7335, the “Improving Military Sexual Trauma Claims Coordination Act”; H.R. 6052, the “VA OIG Training Act”; H.R. 7277, the “Improving Oversight of VA Community Care Providers Act of 2022”; H.R. 7393, the “Improving VA Workforce through Minority Serving Institutions”; H.R. 2428, the “Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021”; H.R. 7369, the “VENTURE Act”; H.R. 6376, the “Student Veteran Work Study Modernization Act”; H.R. 7375, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the payment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow for electronic fund transfer of educational assistance, administered by the Secretary, to a foreign institution of higher education; H.R. 2326, the “Veterans Cyber Risk Awareness Act”; H.R. 7158, the “Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act”; H.R. 5754, the “Patient Advocate Tracker Act”; H.R. 6064, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of examinations, furnished by the Secretary, to individuals who submit claims to the Secretary for compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code, for mental and physical conditions linked to military sexual trauma; H.R. 7153, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Principles of Benefits Automation Act”; and H.R. 6604, the “VETS Credit Act”. H.R. 7393,



H.R. 6052, H.R. 2428, H.R. 7369, H.R. 7375, H.R. 7335, H.R. 2326, H.R. 7158, H.R. 5754, and H.R. 6064 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 6961, H.R. 2724, H.R. 7277, H.R. 6376, H.R. 5738, H.R. 7153, and H.R. 6604 were ordered reported, as amended.

### OVERCOMING RACISM TO ADVANCE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Overcoming Racism to Advance Economic Opportunity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMPARTMENTED HEARING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Compartmented Hearing”. This hearing was closed.

### CONGRESSIONAL CONTINUITY: ENSURING THE FIRST BRANCH IS PREPARED IN TIMES OF CRISIS

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Congressional Continuity: Ensuring the First Branch is Prepared in Times of Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### (IM)BALANCE OF POWER: HOW MARKET CONCENTRATION AFFECTS WORKER COMPENSATION AND CONSUMER PRICES

*Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “(Im)Balance of Power: How Market Concentration Affects Worker Compensation and Consumer Prices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### CONFRONTING OLIGARCHS

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine ways to counter tactics oligarchs use to launder their money and reputations and stifle dissent, after receiving testimony from Shannon Green, Senior Advisor to the Administrator and Executive Director of the Anti-Corruption Taskforce, USAID; Bill Browder, Global Magnitsky Justice Campaign; Daria Kaleniuk, Ukrainian Anti-Corruption Action Center; Scott Stedman, Forensic News; and Anna Veduta, Anti-Corruption Foundation International.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the scope and scale of critical mineral demand and recycling of critical minerals, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, S. 3742, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, S. 3743, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Carlton Waterhouse, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and 11 GSA resolutions, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the IRS, the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023, and the 2022 filing season, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, MaryKay Loss Carlson, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, and Marc B. Nathanson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–106.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “FY2023 Member Day Hearing”, 9:30 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “United States Special Operations Command”, 10 a.m., H–405. This hearing is closed.

*Committee on House Administration,* Full Committee, markup on legislation on adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth and Zoom.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Stock Trading Reforms for Congress”, 9:10 a.m., 1310 Longworth and Zoom.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Russian Seafood

Ban Implementation and Seafood Traceability”, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Free Speech Under Attack: Book Bans and Academic Censorship”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cost-Saving Climate Solutions: Invest-

ing in Energy Efficiency to Promote Energy Security and Cut Energy Bills”, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth and Zoom.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine protecting Ukrainian refugees from human trafficking, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 7

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, April 7

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Following which, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6968, Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act, and H.R. 7108, Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act, and vote on passage of the bills at 10 a.m.

Following disposition of H.R. 6968, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon. Senate should expect to vote on confirmation of the nomination during Thursday's session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 3807—Relief for Restaurants and other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act.

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