

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2173–S2198

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4091–4101, S.J. Res. 45, S. Res. 596–599, and S. Con. Res. 36.

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Measures Reported:

S. 533, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–95)

S. 629, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–96)

S. 1324, to establish a Civilian Cyber Security Reserve as a pilot project to address the cyber security needs for the United States with respect to national security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–97)

S. 1941, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to standardize the use of core-based statistical area designations across Federal programs, to allow between 120 and 180 days for public comment on any proposed change to such designations, and to report on the scientific basis and estimated impact to Federal programs for any proposed change to such designations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–98)

S. 2322, to require a pilot program on the participation of non-asset-based third-party logistics providers in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–99)

H.R. 4426, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning. (S. Rept. No. 117–100)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Human Trafficking Survivor Tax Relief Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 895, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for mandatory restitution or civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons, and the bill was then passed.

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Ulysses S. Grant 200th Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 36, honoring the life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant in commemoration of his 200th Birthday.

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Financial Literacy Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 588, designating April 2022 as “Financial Literacy Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities National Internship Program 30th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 597, recognizing the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities National Internship Program on the 30th anniversary of the program and celebrating its legacy of increasing diversity in the Federal Government and the private sector.

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Glenville State University women's basketball team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 598, congratulating the Glenville State University women's basketball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Women's Basketball Championship at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama.

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National Month of the Military Child: Senate agreed to S. Res. 599, honoring the military children during the National Month of the Military Child.

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Measures Considered:

Family Planning Services: By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 140), Senate rejected the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 41, providing for

congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to “Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning Services”.

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House Messages:

America Competes Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, taking action on the following motion proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Schumer motion to insist on the Senate amendment to the bill, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the Schumer motion to insist on the Senate amendment to the bill, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, April 27, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 12 noon, on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if a compound motion to go to conference on the bill is agreed to, and the Chair is authorized to appoint conferees, the following Senators be permitted to make a motion to instruct, the text of which is at the desk; that these be the only motions to instruct in order; provided further, that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on or in relation to the motions in the order listed, that the only debate with respect to these motions be 2 minutes equally divided prior to each vote, and with 60-affirmative votes required for adoption of the Lankford motion: Paul, Barrasso, Cruz, Menendez, Risch, Kelly, Lee, Blackburn, Cotton, Murkowski, Sullivan, Rubio, Johnson, Sanders, Scott (FL), Hassan, Ernst, Lankford, Sanders, Cassidy, Bennet, Warnock, Daines, Cassidy, Capito, Toomey, Scott (SC), and Luján.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2022; that the motion to invoke cloture ripen at 12 noon; and that if cloture is invoked, the vote on the compound motion to go to conference occur at 1:45 p.m.

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Gordon Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Julia

Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, be withdrawn.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 62 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 139), Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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

By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 138), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Delia L. Smith, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Ryan K. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Marisa T. Darden, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Jason M. Frierson, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Eddie M. Frizell, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

LaDon A. Reynolds, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Mark A. Totten, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Vanessa Roberts Avery, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Trina A. Higgins, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Jane E. Young, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—140) Pages S2179, S2184–85

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2197.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine United States Special Operations Command's efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Jonathan P. Braga, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command, Lieutenant General James C. Slife, USAF, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Rear Admiral Hugh W. Howard III, USN, Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, and Major General James F. Glynn, USMC, Commander, United States Marine Forces Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine military and civilian personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr., Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Virginia S. Penrod, Acting Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, David J. Smith, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Elizabeth B. Foster, Executive Director of Force Resiliency, Lieutenant General Gary M. Brito, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, United

States Army, Vice Admiral John B. Nowell Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy, Lieutenant General David A. Ottignon, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps, Gwendolyn R. DeFilippi, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, United States Air Force, and Patricia Mulcahy, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Personnel, United States Space Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jill M. Hruby, Administrator, Admiral James F. Caldwell Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, and Marvin L. Adams, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and William White, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy; and General Anthony J. Cotton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, and Vice Admiral Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr., USN, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Programs, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce.

CHINA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on recent developments in China's nuclear capabilities from Mallory A. Stewart, Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, and Jung H. Pak, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Global China Issues, both of the Department of State; and official briefers from the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nancy G. Abudu, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, Julianna Michelle Childs, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Graham and Representative Clyburn, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, and Natasha C. Merle, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who were introduced by Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and Ana Isabel de Alba, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SBA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine

the Small Business Administration, including S. 4008, to provide COVID relief for restaurants, gyms, minor league sports teams, border businesses, live venue service providers, exclave businesses, and providers of transportation services, S. 1587, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in the loan programs of the Small Business Administration, and H.R. 5376, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14, after receiving testimony from Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shereef M. Elnahal, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Health, and Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 7594–7611; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1066–1068, were introduced. **Pages H4574–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4576**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5796, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish a competition to award certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–302); and

H. Res. 1065, providing for consideration of the bill (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 for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–303). **Page H4574**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Watson Coleman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4513**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4518**

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

Patents for Humanity Act: H.R. 5796, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish a competition to award certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office; **Pages H4520–21**

Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act: S. 3059, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide for a periodic transaction reporting requirement for Federal judicial officers and the online publication of financial disclosure reports of Federal judicial officers; **Pages H4521–23**

Calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan: H. Res. 336, amended, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; **Pages H4523–25**

Assessing Xi's Interference and Subversion Act: H.R. 7314, amended, to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the People's Republic of China's support to the Russian Federation with respect to its unprovoked invasion of and full-scale war against Ukraine, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 127; **Pages H4525–27, H4552–53**

Protecting Semiconductor Supply Chain Materials from Authoritarians Act: H.R. 7372, to

amend the Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 to require the President to establish a semiconductor supply chain working group in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and submit reports to Congress on potential future disruptions to the supply chain, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 128; **Pages H4527–29, H4553–54**

Ukraine Religious Freedom Support Act: H.R. 496, amended, to oppose violations of religious freedom in Ukraine by Russia and armed groups commanded by Russia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 129; **Pages H4529–30, H4554**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To oppose violations of religious freedom in Ukraine by Russia and armed groups commanded or otherwise supported by or acting on behalf of Russia.”;

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Asset Seizure for Ukraine Reconstruction Act: H.R. 6930, amended, to authorize the confiscation of assets subject to United States jurisdiction of certain foreign persons, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 130;

Pages H4530–32, H4554–55

Georgia Support Act: H.R. 923, amended, to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Georgia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 131;

Pages H4532–36, H4555–56

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia, and for other purposes.”;

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Expressing support for Moldova’s democracy, independence, and territorial integrity and strengthening United States and Moldova relations: H. Res. 833, amended, expressing support for Moldova’s democracy, independence, and territorial integrity and strengthening United States and Moldova relations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 132; **Pages H4536, H4556–57**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Reaffirming support for strong United States and Moldova relations, Moldova’s democracy, and its sovereignty and territorial integrity.”;

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Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act: H.R. 3344, amended, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to improve the security of their telecommunications networks, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 366 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 133; **Pages H4538–41, H4557**

Countering Malign Russian Activities in Africa Act: H.R. 7311, amended, to direct the Secretary of State to develop and submit to Congress a strategy

and implementation plan outlining United States efforts to counter the malign influence and activities of the Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 134;

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Caribbean Basin Security Initiative Authorization Act: H.R. 4133, to authorize appropriations for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, prioritize disaster resilience, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 340 yeas to 86 nays, Roll No. 135;

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Stop Iranian Drones Act: H.R. 6089, amended, to clarify that section 107 of the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act applies sanctions with respect to unmanned combat aerial vehicles following a 2019 change by the United Nations providing additional clarity to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 136;

Pages H4545–47, H4559–60

Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act: H.R. 4693, to advance targeted and evidence-based interventions for the prevention and treatment of global malnutrition and to improve the coordination of such programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 44 nays, Roll No. 137; and

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Directing the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization: S. 812, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 138.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:44 p.m.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Mast presented to the Clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1039) entitled, a resolution providing for the consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to “Requirement for Persons To Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs”, which was referred to said committee April 6th, 2022 (Discharge Petition No. 14).

Senate Referral: S. 4089 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4545.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4552–53, H4553, H4554, H4554–55, H4555–56, H4556–57, H4557, H4558, H4558–59, H4559–60, H4560, and H4561.

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

Committee Meetings

AN EXAMINATION OF PRICE DISCREPANCIES, TRANSPARENCY, AND ALLEGED UNFAIR PRACTICES IN CATTLE MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Examination of Price Discrepancies, Transparency, and Alleged Unfair Practices in Cattle Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY AND U.S. CYBER COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command. Testimony was heard from General Paul M. Nakasone, Director, Commander, National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from the following Library of Congress officials: Jason Broughton, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled; Judith Conklin, Chief Information Officer; Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress; Mary Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service; Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights/Director, U.S. Copyright Office; and J. Mark Sweeney, Principal Deputy Librarian of Congress.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office. Testimony was heard from

Hugh N. Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Randy Moore, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Andria Weeks, Acting Director for Strategic Planning, Budget, and Accountability, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from J. Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol.

MEETING VETERANS’ FULL NEEDS: UPDATE ON WOMEN’S HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS, AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Meeting Veterans’ Full Needs: Update on Women’s Health, Mental Health, Homelessness, and Other Programs”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: David Carroll, Executive Director, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention; Patricia Hayes, Chief Officer, Office of Women’s Health; Benjamin Kligler, Executive Director, Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation; and Erica Scavella, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, U.S. Department of the Army; David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall III, Secretary, U.S. Air Force; General Charles Q. Brown, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; and General John W. Raymond, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FIXED-WING TACTICAL AND TRAINING AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Landforce held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request of the Department of Defense for Fixed-Wing Tactical and Training Aircraft Programs”. Testimony was heard from Andrew P. Hunter, Senior Executive Service, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Lieutenant General David Nahom, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs (HAF/A8); Frederick Stefany, Senior Executive Service, (Acting) Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Senior Acquisition Executive, F-35 Program; Rear Admiral Andrew Loiselle, U.S. Navy, Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV/N98); Lieutenant General Mark Wise, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant for Aviation; Lieutenant General Eric Fick, U.S. Air Force, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Joint Program Office; Major General James H. Adams, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Director, Requirements and Capability Development, J-8, Joint Staff; and Jon Ludwigson, Director, Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FY 2023 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense FY 2023 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary of Defense Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Pro-

grams”. Testimony was heard from Jenny Yang, Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor; and Charlotte Burrows, Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 HHS BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2023 HHS Budget”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

CONSUMERS FIRST: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Consumers First: Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

UNDERSTANDING THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AND HOW THE U.S. CAN PROMOTE ITS SUCCESS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Understanding the African Continental Free Trade Area and How the U.S. Can Promote its Success”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from Sheriff Mark J. Dannels, Cochise County, Arizona; and public witnesses.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN THE SUPREME COURT THROUGH ETHICS AND RECUSAL REFORMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Building Confidence in the Supreme Court Through Ethics and Recusal Reforms”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.R. 437, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 6063, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes; H.R. 6181, the “Samish Indian Nation Land Reaffirmation Act”; S. 314, the “Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act”; S. 559, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes; and S. 789, the “Repealing Existing Substandard Provisions Encouraging Conciliation with Tribes Act”. Testimony was heard from Tamara St. John, State Representative, 1st District, South Dakota; and public witnesses.

MCKINSEY AND COMPANY’S CONDUCT AND CONFLICTS AT THE HEART OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “McKinsey and Company’s Conduct and Conflicts at the Heart of the Opioid Epidemic”. Testimony was heard from Maura Healey, Attorney General, Massachusetts; Gillian Feiner, Senior Enforcement Counsel, Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office; and public witnesses.

UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND–LEASE ACT OF 2022

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S. 3522, the “Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of S. 3522, the “Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to commit. The rule provides that House Resolution 1035 is hereby adopted. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021, is amended by striking “April 29, 2022” each place it appears and inserting “May 13, 2022”. Testimony was heard from Representative Phillips and Wilson of South Carolina.

SCIENCE AND ENERGY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Science and Energy Research Infrastructure Needs of the U.S. Department of Energy”. Testimony was heard from Geraldine Richmond, Under Secretary for Science and Innovation, Department of Energy.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S FY 2023 BUDGET

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Small Business Administration’s FY 2023 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration.

REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Karl P. Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Master Chief Jason M. Vanderhaden, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard; Daniel B. Maffei, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and Lucinda Lessley, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

EXAMINING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION IN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Examining Workforce Development and Job Creation in Surface Transportation Construction”. Testimony was heard from Shoshana Lew, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Transportation; Tunya Smith, Director of the Office of Civil Rights, North Carolina Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

AT WHAT COST?—ENSURING QUALITY REPRESENTATION IN THE VETERAN BENEFIT CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “At What Cost?—Ensuring Quality Representation in the Veteran Benefit Claims Process”. Testimony was heard from Richard

Hipolit, Deputy General Counsel for Veterans Programs, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

INVESTMENTS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investments today for a more competitive tomorrow, focusing on building on a strong foundation, after receiving testimony from Josh Bivens, Economic Policy Institute, Michelle Holder, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, and Sudip Parikh, American Association for the Advancement of Science, all of Washington, D.C.; and Tyler Goodspeed, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Transportation, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Linda L. Fagan, to be Commandant of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of Kathryn Huff, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy); to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of David Applegate, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior, and Evelyn Wang, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of the Interior, 9 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on the Department of State, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Air Force Installations and Quality of Life Update”, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “F-35 Sustainment”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command”, 4:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2023 DOE Budget”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled “What’s in Your Digital Wallet? A Review of Recent Trends in Mobile Banking and Payments”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber, hearing entitled “The Role of Young People in Fostering Peace in Northern Ireland”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State Department’s Foreign Policy Priorities and the FY23 Budget Request”, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled “A Growing Threat: The Impact of Disinformation Targeted at Communities of Color”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Opportunities and Risks of Offshore Carbon Storage in the Gulf of Mexico”, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Preventing Pandemics through US Wildlife-borne Disease Surveillance”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth and Webex.

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Now or Never: The Urgent Need for Ambitious Climate Action”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on the Budget Views and Estimates Letter; H.R. 5315, the “Drone Infrastructure Inspection Grant Act”; H.R. 6270, the “Advanced Aviation Infrastructure Modernization Act”; H.R. 3482, the “National

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Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2023”, 10 a.m., HVC-210 and Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on the Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget; and hearing entitled “Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget with Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra”, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Turning an Idea into Law: Modernizing the Legislative Process”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the Senate

10 a.m., Thursday, April 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 4521, America COMPETES Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the compound motion to go to conference with the House at 12 noon. If cloture is invoked on the compound motion, Senate will vote on adoption thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, April 28

House Chamber

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