

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2253–S2292

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4125–4132, S. Res. 609–615, and S. Con. Res. 38. **Page S2275**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 539, to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to waive certain debts owed to the United States related to covered assistance provided to an individual or household. (S. Rept. No. 117–101)

Report to accompany H.R. 3462, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration. (S. Rept. No. 117–102)

Report to accompany S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area. (S. Rept. No. 117–103)

Report to accompany S. 2042, to reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women’s Business Enterprise. (S. Rept. No. 117–104)

Report to accompany S. 2521, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an SBIC Working Group. (S. Rept. No. 117–105) **Pages S2274–25**

Measures Passed:

Vaccine and Mask Requirements: By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 147), Senate passed S.J. Res. 39, 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 “Vaccine and Mask Requirements To Mitigate the Spread of COVID–19 in Head Start Programs”. **Pages S2259–66**

Safe Sleep for Babies Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3182, to provide that inclined sleepers for infants and crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2291**

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp: Senate passed H.R. 6023, to require the United States Postal Service to continue selling the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp until all remaining stamps are sold. **Page S2291**

National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 604, supporting the designation of the week of April 25 through April 29, 2022, as “National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2291**

National Minority Health Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 613, promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2022, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders. **Pages S2291–92**

Gioblastoma Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 614, designating July 20, 2022, as “Gioblastoma Awareness Day”. **Page S2292**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 144), Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S2253–58**

By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 146), Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S2258–59**

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

By 61 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 145), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2258–59**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Gerald H. Acker, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—147) Pages S2258–59, S2266

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2292.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA AND NSF

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and

the National Science Foundation, after receiving testimony from former Senator Bill Nelson, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National Science Foundation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, and General Mark A. Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: IRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall III, Secretary of the Air Force, General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and General John W. Raymond, USSF, Chief of Space Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence applications to operations in cyberspace, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Lohn, Georgetown University Center for Security and Emerging Technology; Eric J. Horvitz, Microsoft Corporation; and Andrew W. Moore, Google Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 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 Transportation, after receiving testimony from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 177, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, with amendments;

S. 1128, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance to the University of Alaska of certain public land in the State of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1222, to designate and adjust certain lands in the State of Utah as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System;

S. 1321, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, with an amendment;

S. 1631, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona to the Arizona Board of Regents, with amendments;

S. 1942, to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2438, to modify the boundary of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana, with an amendment; and

S. 3266, to improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

DIPLOMACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of State authorization, focusing on strengthening U.S. diplomacy for the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Brian P. McKeon, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

BROADBAND WORKFORCE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine connecting workers and communities, focusing on preparing and supporting the broadband workforce, after receiving testimony from Brent Gillum, LightStream, Buffalo,

Indiana; Dan Hendricks, Denver Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Western Colorado Joint Electrical Apprenticeship, Denver; Ron Holcomb, Tipmont Wintek, Linden, Indiana; and Nicol Turner Lee, The Brookings Institution Center for Technology Innovation, Washington, D.C.

21ST CENTURY COURTS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights concluded a hearing to examine an ethical judiciary, focusing on transparency and accountability for 21st century courts, after receiving testimony from Amanda Frost, American University Washington College of Law, Kedric Payne, Campaign Legal Center, and Thomas H. Dupree, Jr., Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, all of Washington, D.C.; Abby K. Wood, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Los Angeles; and Jennifer L. Mascott, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Dara Lindenbaum, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

VETERANS AFFAIRS WORKFORCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the VA workforce, focusing on assessing ways to bolster recruitment and retention, after receiving testimony from Gina M. Grosso, Assistant Secretary Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security and Preparedness, and Carolyn Clancy, Assistant Under Secretary for Health and Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks, Jessica Bonjorni, Chief, Human Capital Management, and Ralph Gigliotti, Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network, 19, each of the Veterans Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 7639–7664; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 1082–1087 were introduced. **Pages H4712–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4715**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1437, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation information, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–304);

H.R. 847, to support research on privacy enhancing technologies and promote responsible data use, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–305). **Page H4712**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4709**

Senate Referral: S. 4119 was held at the desk. **Page H4709**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4709.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 and advance appropriations requests for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Weapons Council, 4:30 p.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine overdraft fees and their effects on working families, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Water Resources Development Act”, the nomination of Benny R. Wagner, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and 6 General Services Administration resolutions, 9:45 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine laws and enforcement governing the political activities of tax exempt entities, 2 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of John N. Nkengasong, of Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large, Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, Marc B. Nathanson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, MaryKay Loss Carlson, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, and Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, all of the Department of State, 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), 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), and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jane Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Alan M. Leventhal, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Constance J. Milstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, and Bruce I. Turner, of Colorado, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD–419/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine resources and authorities needed to protect and secure the homeland, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for Native communities, focusing on setting new foundations, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine excessive swipe fees and barriers to competition in the credit and debit card systems, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold hearings to examine platform transparency, focusing on understanding the impact of social media, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Shereef M. Elnahal, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Russian war crimes in Ukraine, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, May 6

Senate Chamber

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

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Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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