

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2675–S2711

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4301–4313. Page S2708

Measures Reported:

S. 1687, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3564, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3595, to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides.

S. 3906, to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, with amendments. Page S2707

Measures Passed:

Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the “Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building”. Page S2679

Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1170, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 League in Irvine, California, as the “Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building”. Page S2679

Patsy Cline Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1444, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 132 North Loudoun Street, Suite 1 in Winchester, Virginia, as the “Patsy Cline Post Office”. Page S2679

Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2932, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 South Knowles Avenue

in New Richmond, Wisconsin, as the “Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building”.

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Ron Wright Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 Melear Drive in Arlington, Texas, as the “Ron Wright Post Office Building”.

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Gary James Fletcher Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 3826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1304 4th Avenue in Canyon, Texas, as the “Gary James Fletcher Post Office Building”.

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Arturo L. Ibleto Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 735, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 502 East Cotati Avenue in Cotati, California, as the “Arturo L. Ibleto Post Office Building”.

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Technical Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the “Technical Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building”.

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D. Edwina Stephens Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2800 South Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the “D. Edwina Stephens Post Office”.

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Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3579, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, as the “Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office”.

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Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3613, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbull Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, as the “Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building”.

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Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4168, to designate

the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6223 Maple Street, in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office”.
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Free Trade Agreement with the United Kingdom and European Union: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 134, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should work with the Government of the United Kingdom to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom that the President should work with the President of the European Commission to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between the United States and the European Union, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:
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Schumer (for Lee) Amendment No. 5045, in the nature of a substitute.
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Schumer (for Lee) Amendment No. 5046, to amend the preamble.
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Schumer (for Lee) Amendment No. 5047, to amend the title.
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Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 350, to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m.; that if cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 350, Senate resume consideration of S.J. Res. 46, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security relating to “Procedures for Credible Fear Screening and Consideration of Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and CAT Protection Claims by Asylum Officers”, and vote on passage thereon; and that following disposition of S.J. Res. 46, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.
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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Amendment to Montreal Protocol (“Kigali Amendment”) (Treaty Doc. 117–1) (Ex. Rept. 117–2).
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Gomez Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.
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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 206), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time be considered expired on the nominations of Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, and Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, or his designee, following consultation with the Republican Leader.
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Jacobs-Young Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.
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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 89 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 207), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.
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Wainstein Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, be withdrawn; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in consultation with the Republican Leader.
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Loyd Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.
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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 208), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.
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Harper, Bagenstos, Huie, Baker, and Hartley Nominations—agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, Robert Steven Huie, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, and Jane Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, be withdrawn; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, or his designee, following consultation with the Republican Leader.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 200), Evelyn Padin, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 201), Charlotte N. Sweeney, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. **Page 2681**

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 203), Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years.

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

By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 202), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 205), Henry Christopher Frey, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 204), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Jane Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 209), Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2028.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Thomas E. Brown, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Stephen D. Lynn, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Roy W. Minter, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Brian A. Kyes, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Measures Referred:

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—209)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2711.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FBI

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 Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: USAID

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 United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Samantha Power, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture's Rural Housing Service, including S. 2092, to permanently authorize the Native Community Development Financial Institutions lending program of the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Xochitl Torres Small, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4101, to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide training and guidance relating to human rights abuses, including such abuses perpetrated against the Uyghur population by the Government of the People's Republic of China;

S. 4109, to authorize the development of a national strategy for the research and development of distributed ledger technologies and their applications, to authorize awards to support research on distributed ledger technologies and their applications, and to authorize an applied research project on distributed ledger technologies in commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4217, to ensure transparent and competitive transportation fuel markets in order to protect consumers from unwarranted price increases, with amendments;

S. 4237, to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and to address growing needs in the wildland-urban interface, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 4246, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program to provide grants related to advance air mobility infrastructure, with amendments.

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 737, to establish a Federal cost share percentage for the Milk River Project in the State of Montana, S. 953, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, S. 1179, to provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, S. 1554, to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, S. 2334, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to provide grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities for large-scale water recycling and reuse projects, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make certain modifications to the Cooperative Watershed Management Program, to provide emergency drought funding, S. 2693, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize additional projects related to the Salton Sea, S. 3450, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain facilities in the Sun River project, Montana, for the purpose of hydroelectric power generation, S. 3539, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, S. 3693 and H.R. 5001, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, S. 3971, to amend the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to modify a provision relating to cost-sharing requirements applicable to certain Bureau of Reclamation dams and dikes, S. 4175, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern, S. 4176, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to modify the eligibility requirements for certain small water storage and groundwater storage projects and to authorize the use of funds for certain additional Carey Act projects, S. 4231, to support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, and other purposes,

S. 4232, to address the recovery of certain costs with respect to certain Reclamation facilities in the Colorado River Basin, S. 4233, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to provide for critical maintenance and repair of certain Bureau of Reclamation reserved or transferred works, and S. 4236, to provide for a national water data framework, to provide for the water security of the Rio Grande Basin, to reauthorize irrigation infrastructure grants, after receiving testimony from Senators Tester, Feinstein, and Padilla; and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Casey, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

JCPOA NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the JCPOA negotiations and United States' policy on Iran moving forward, after receiving testimony from Robert Malley, Special Envoy for Iran, Department of State; and Karim Sadjadpour, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Mark Dubowitz, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 4000, to require the establishment of cybersecurity information sharing agreements between the Department of Homeland Security and Congress, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4128, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to provide certain information with respect to unimplemented priority recommendations as part of the Comptroller General's annual reporting to Congress, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4166, to authorize preparedness programs to support communities containing technological hazards and emerging threats, with an amendment;

S. 471, to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan;

S. 4057, to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan for Federal electric vehicle fleet battery management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3905, to prevent organizational conflicts of interest in Federal acquisition, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4167, to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government;

S. 3552, to provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in areas of persistent poverty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1116, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employees duty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4205, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a working group relating to best practices and Federal guidance for animals in emergencies and disasters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4243, to establish the Department of Homeland Security Trade and Economic Security Council and the position of Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security within the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4254, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act;

H.R. 5343, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on case management personnel turnover of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 2142, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Manhattan Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "Indiana Hunt-Martin Post Office Building".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of LaWanda Amaker Toney, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, and Nasser H. Paydar, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, both of the Department of Education, and Rita M. Landgraf, of Delaware, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Roselyn Tso, of Oregon, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after

the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sarah A.L. Merriam, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Murphy and Blumenthal, Lara E. Montecalvo, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the First Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, Tiffany M. Cartwright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, who was intro-

duced by Senator Murray, Nina Nin-Yuen Wang, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, and Steven M. Dettelbach, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, who was introduced by Senator Brown, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022.

Committee Meetings

SUPPORTING CAREERS IN CONSERVATION: WORKFORCE TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Supporting Careers in Conservation: Workforce Training, Education, and Job Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2023 Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Representative Luria.

TACKLING TEACHER SHORTAGES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Tackling Teacher Shortages”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was

heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2023 Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Allen, Cloud, Mrvan, Porter, Stansbury, Stanton, and Van Drew.

DEFENSE HEALTH AND MEDICAL READINESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “Defense Health and Medical Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army; Rear Admiral Upper Half Bruce L. Gillingham, Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Robert I. Miller, Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force; Seileen Mullen, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Ronald J. Place, Director, Defense Health Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. SECRET SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the U.S. Secret Service. Testimony was heard from James Murray, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

THE INFANT FORMULA CRISIS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “The Infant Formula Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2023 Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird, Brown of Ohio, and Schrier.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Parker, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and Thomas Costa, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

FORMULA SAFETY AND SUPPLY: PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF AMERICA'S BABIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Formula Safety and Supply: Protecting the Health of America's Babies”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Robert M. Califf, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Frank Yiannas, Deputy Commissioner, Food Policy and Response, Food and Drug Administration; and Susan Mayne, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization and Reform of the National Flood Insurance Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION FUND: REWRITING OUR IT LEGACY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled

“Technology Modernization Fund: Rewriting our IT Legacy”. Testimony was heard from Raylene Yung, Executive Director, Technology Modernization Fund, General Services Administration; Gary Washington, Chief Information Officer, Department of Agriculture; and David Hinchman, Acting Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine supporting Ukrainian refugees, focusing on United States policy and visa issuance, after receiving testimony from Dana Francis, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration; Marek Magierowski, Ambassador of Poland to the United States; and Irina Manelis, Manelis Law, PLLC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D545)

H.R. 7691, making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Ukraine for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Signed on May 21, 2022. (Public Law 117-128)

H.R. 7791, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to establish waiver authority to address certain emergencies, disasters, and supply chain disruptions. Signed on May 21, 2022. (Public Law 117-129)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges facing farmers, families, and rural communities, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Christopher G. Cavoli, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine the Ninth Summit of the Americas, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 4171, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, S. 1160, to prioritize efforts of the Department of State to combat international trafficking in covered synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances, S. 3211, to continue the whole-of-government approach to ending global wildlife poaching and trafficking by permanently reauthorizing the activities of the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, S. 3861, to require the Secretary of State to submit annual reports to Congress on the assistance provided to Somaliland and to conduct a feasibility study, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, on establishing a security partnership with Somaliland, without recognizing Somaliland as an independent state, S. 3895, to extend and authorize annual appropriations for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom through fiscal year 2024, H.R. 4250, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for rewards for the arrest or conviction of certain foreign nationals who have committed genocide or war crimes, H.R. 6089, 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, H.R. 7276, 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, S. Con. Res. 40, welcoming the Prime Minister of Greece to the United States for an address to a joint meeting of Congress, S. Res. 124, celebrating the heritage of Romani Americans, S. Res. 394, recognizing the 25th anniversary of Radio Free Asia and its mission to provide an independent source of news to closed societies in Asia, S. Res. 458, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Children's Fund, S. Res. 540, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, S. Res. 568, supporting the goals and ideals of "Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month" and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction, S. Res. 589, recognizing, honoring, and commending the women of Ukraine who have contributed to the fight for freedom and the defense of Ukraine, S. Res. 638, commending the Government and people of the Republic of Moldova for their heroic efforts to support Ukrainian refugees fleeing President Putin's illegal war against Ukraine, S. Res. 646, expressing the Senate's support for Finland and Sweden's accession into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the expedited ratification of accession protocols, the nominations of Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Michelle Kwan, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, and Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 11 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine infant formula crisis, focusing

on addressing the shortage and getting formula on shelves, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 3635, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to authorize public safety officer death benefits to officers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or acute stress disorder, and the nominations of Nancy G. Abudu, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Julianna Michelle Childs, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Ana Isabel de Alba, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, and Natasha C. Merle, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Stephen Henley Locher, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Nancy L. Maldonado, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Gregory Brian Williams, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, 9 a.m., SR-325.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2023 Public Witness Day", 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "Defense Environmental Restoration", 12 p.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Manufactured Housing: Supporting America's Largest Unsubsidized Affordable Housing Stock", 1:30 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook", 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education", 12 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing To Protect Consumers and Strengthen the Economy", 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Digital Assets and the Future of Finance: Examining the Benefits and Risks of a U.S. Central Bank Digital Currency", 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "The State of the Transportation Security Administration", 2:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled "A Review of the Decadal Strategy for Planetary Science and Astrobiology 2023–2032", 10 a.m., Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Thursday, May 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 350, Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m.

If cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 350, Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res 46, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security relating to “Procedures for Credible Fear Screening and Consideration of Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and CAT Protection Claims by Asylum Officers”, and vote on passage thereon.

Following disposition of S.J. Res. 46, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, May 27

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.



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