

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2713–S2763

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4314–4348, S.J. Res. 48, and S. Res. 650–660.

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Measures Failed:

Screening and consideration of Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and CAT Protection Claims by Asylum Officers: By 46 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 211), Senate failed to pass 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”.

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Subsequently, Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which passage failed.

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Measures Passed:

GAO Database Modernization Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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MAPS Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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CTPAT Pilot Program Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4591, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs, performance metrics, and outcomes of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program, and the bill was then passed.

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Security Treaty 70th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 341, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Security Treaty among Australia, New Zealand, and the United States of America.

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Operation Allies Refuge: Senate agreed to S. Res. 390, expressing appreciation for the State of Qatar’s efforts to assist the United States during Operation Allies Refuge.

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U.S. and Baltic States Diplomatic Relations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 499, celebrating 100 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Baltic States.

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United States-Africa Leaders Summit: Senate agreed to S. Res. 538, expressing support for a second United States-Africa Leaders Summit as an important opportunity to strengthen ties between the United States and African partners and build on areas of mutual interest.

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Republic of Poland Support for Ukraine: Senate agreed to S. Res. 615, expressing appreciation for the efforts of the Republic of Poland to assist Ukrainian refugees and support the sovereignty of Ukraine following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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Calling for the Immediate Release of Vladimir Kara-Murza: Senate agreed to S. Res. 632, calling for the immediate release of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza, who was unjustly detained on April 11, 2022.

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Great Outdoors Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 654, designating June 2022 as “Great Outdoors Month”. **Page S2737**

National Senior Fraud Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 655, supporting the designation of May 13, 2022 as “National Senior Fraud Awareness Day” to raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent scams targeted at seniors in the United States, to encourage the implementation of policies to prevent those scams from happening, and to improve protections from those scams for seniors. **Pages S2737–38**

Older Americans Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 656, designating May 2022 as “Older Americans Month”. **Pages S2737–38**

Older Americans Mental Health Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 657, designating May 16, 2022, as “Older Americans Mental Health Awareness Day” to raise awareness of the mental health needs of older adults. **Pages S2737–38**

CASA/GAL Volunteers’ Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 658, designating June 6, 2022, as “CASA/GAL Volunteers’ Day”. **Pages S2737–38**

Aden Spencer Perry: Senate agreed to S. Res. 659, honoring the memory of Aden Spencer Perry. **Page S2738**

Norman Y. Mineta: Senate agreed to S. Res. 660, expressing the condolences of the Senate on the death of the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta. **Page S2738**

Measures Considered:

Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act: Senate resumed 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. **Pages S2713–21**

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

By 47 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 210), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2721**

Subsequently, Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2721**

Honoring our Pact Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consider-

ation of H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances. **Page S2729**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Alex Wagner, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S2728–29**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2726**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S2735**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, May 27, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 11 a.m.; and Friday, June 3, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, June 3, 2022, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, June 6, 2022. **Page S2761**

Wagner Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alex Wagner, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S2728–29**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 26, 2022 a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022. **Page S2761**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2728**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 6,

2022; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, May 26, 2022 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S2761**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 82 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 212), Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of the Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service. **Pages S2723–26**

Steven Scott Cliff, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Andrew Fois, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States for a term of five years.

Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Benny R. Wagner, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Denis Udall, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring April 15, 2023.

Teresa Arrington Fox Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2022.

Denis Udall, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring April 15, 2029.

Teresa Arrington Fox Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2028. **Page S2729**

12 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
48 Army nominations in the rank of general.

12 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

5 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S2729–31**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2023.

Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2025.

Angela Price Aggeler, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia.

Marie C. Damour, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu.

Mark W. Libby, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Gautam A. Rana, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Rosemarie Hidalgo, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice. **Page S2761**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S2751**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—212) **Pages S2721–22, S2725–26**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Norman Y. Mineta, in accordance with S. Res. 660, at 4:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2761.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARMERS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges facing farmers, families, and rural communities, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Michael M. Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations,

and General David H. Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NINTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine the Ninth Summit of the Americas, after receiving testimony from Kevin O'Reilly, Summit of the Americas National Coordinator, Department of State; and Eric Farnsworth, Council of the Americas, and Rebecca Bill Chavez, Inter-American Dialogue, both of Washington, D.C.

INFANT FORMULA CRISIS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the infant formula crisis, focusing on addressing the shortage and getting formula on shelves, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Califf, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of 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, and Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, and Natasha C. Merle, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2023 PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2023 Public Witness Day". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled "Defense Environmental Restoration". Testimony was heard from Richard Kidd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment and Energy Resilience; Amy Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health; Karnig

Ohannessian, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment; and Nancy Balkus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Infrastructure.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING: SUPPORTING AMERICA'S LARGEST UNSUBSIDIZED AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Manufactured Housing: Supporting America's Largest Unsubsidized Affordable Housing Stock". Testimony was heard from Michael Liu, Director, Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development Department, Florida; and public witnesses.

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook". Testimony was

heard from Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education”. Testimony was heard from Miguel Cardona, Secretary, Department of Education.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING TO PROTECT CONSUMERS AND STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing to Protect Consumers and Strengthen the Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIGITAL ASSETS AND THE FUTURE OF FINANCE: EXAMINING THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF A U.S. CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Digital Assets and the Future of Finance: Examining the Benefits and Risks of a U.S. Central Bank Digital Currency”. Testimony was heard from Lael Brainard, Vice Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

THE STATE OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The State of the Transportation Security Administration”. Testimony was heard from David Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

A REVIEW OF THE DECADAL STRATEGY FOR PLANETARY SCIENCE AND ASTROBIOLOGY 2023–2032

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Decadal Strategy for Planetary Science and Astrobiology 2023–2032”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, May 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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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