

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2875–S2898

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4365–4377, and S. Res. 668–669. **Page S2893**

Measures Reported:

S. 138, to waive certain pay limitations for Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior employees engaged in emergency wildland fire suppression activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–119)

H.R. 4363, to establish a daily public reporting requirement for covered contract awards of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–120)

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, with amendments. **Page S2891**

Measures Considered:

Honoring Our Pact Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2875–83, S2884–87**

Pending:

Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2875**

Schumer Amendment No. 5065 (to Amendment No. 5051), to add an effective date. **Page S2875**

Schumer Amendment No. 5076 (to the text proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 5051), to add an effective date. **Page S2887**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051 (listed above), 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, June 9, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022. **Page S2887**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051 (listed above). **Page S2887**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051 (listed above) and the underlying bill be at 4 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2022. **Page S2887**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2022; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, June 9, 2022 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S2898**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany 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) (Ex. Rept. 117–3). **Page S2893**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 223), Robert Steven Huie, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S2883**

By 49 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 224), Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services. **Page S2884**

Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2023.

Leona M. Bridges, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2023.

Stacie Olivares, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2024.

Michael F. Gerber, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2022.

Michael F. Gerber, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2026.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
(Total—224) **Pages S2883–84**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:48 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2898.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade concluded a hearing to examine agricultural trade, focusing on priorities and issues facing America's farmers, after receiving testimony from Neal Fisher, North Dakota Wheat Commission, Mandan; Gopinath Munisamy, University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Athens; Karla Baker Thompson, JET Farms Georgia and Integrity Farms, Camilla; and Sheryl Meshke, Associated Milk Producers Inc., New Ulm, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Milk Producers Federation.

SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine saving Social Security, after receiving testimony from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; and Nancy J. Altman, and Alex Lawson, both of Social Security Works, Robert Roach, Jr., Alliance for Retired Americans, Maya MacGuineas, Committee for a Responsible

Federal Budget, and Shai Akabas, Bipartisan Policy Center, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, after receiving testimony from Alan Davidson, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

USFS BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Randy Moore, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine S. 4244, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit the manufacture, processing, use, and distribution in commerce of commercial asbestos and mixtures and articles containing commercial asbestos, after receiving testimony from Linda Reinstein, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, Redondo Beach, California; Danny Whu, International Association of Fire Fighters, and Robert J. Simon, American Chemistry Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Lee Boone, Copiah Water Association, Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4171, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1160, to prioritize efforts of the Department of State to combat international trafficking in covered synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3895, to extend and authorize annual appropriations for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom through fiscal year 2024, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with amendments;

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, with amendments;

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, with amendments;

S. Res. 458, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Children's Fund, with amendments;

S. Res. 540, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, with an amendment;

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, with amendments;

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, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment;

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, Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Michael J. Adler, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Margaret C. Whitman, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Michael Battle, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, John T. Godfrey, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Sudan, and Michael C. Gonzales, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine European energy security, focusing on America's role in supporting Europe's energy diversification agenda, after receiving testimony from Amos Hochstein, Presidential Coordinator, Department of State.

DOMESTIC EXTREMISM IN AMERICA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine domestic extremism in America, focusing on white supremacist violence in the wake of recent attacks, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Yates, Human Rights First, New York, New York; Eric K. Ward, Western States Center, Portland, Oregon; and Michael German, New York University Law School Brennan Center for Justice, and Nathan A. Sales, Fillmore Global Strategies LLC and former Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of 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, Gregory Brian Williams, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, and Gerard M. Karam, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District

of Pennsylvania, Jacqueline C. Romero, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Joshua D. Hurwit, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 7993–8024; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 95; and H. Res. 1162–1169 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H5447–48

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2773, 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, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–359); and

Supplemental report on H.R. 7606, to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters within the Department of Agriculture (H. Rept. 117–357, Part 2).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Takano to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act: The House passed H.R. 2377, to authorize the issuance of extreme risk protection orders, by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 255.

Pages H5415–30

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–46, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 117–356, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 1153, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2377) and (H.R. 7910) was agreed to yesterday, June 8th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H5429.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

A 2022 REVIEW OF THE FARM BILL: ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES ON TITLE I COMMODITIES AND TITLE XI CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Economic Perspectives on Title I Commodities and Title XI Crop Insurance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a markup on H.R. 7900, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”. H.R. 7900 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a markup on H.R. 7900, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”. H.R. 7900 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a markup on H.R. 7900, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”. H.R. 7900 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

TERRORISM AND CRYPTOCURRENCY: INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Terrorism and Cryptocurrency: Industry Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION REFORM, PART 2: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYER LIABILITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Examining Civil Rights Litigation Reform, Part 2: State and Local Government Employer Liability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAL COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND REVITALIZATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Coal Community Protection and Revitalization”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Yarmuth and Representative Cartwright; Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

TURNING THE TIDE FOR OCEAN CLIMATE ACTION: UNLEASHING THE CLIMATE BENEFITS OF OUR BLUE PLANET

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Turning the Tide for Ocean Climate Action: Unleashing the Climate Benefits of Our Blue Planet”. Testimony was heard from Richard W. Spinrad, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Monica Medina, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

HEARING ON THE JANUARY 6TH INVESTIGATION

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: Full Committee held a hear-

ing entitled “Hearing on the January 6th Investigation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
JUNE 13, 2022**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023, 5:30 p.m., SR-232A.

House

Committee on Oversight and Reform, June 10, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “The U.S. and International Humanitarian Response to Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine”, 9 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2543, the “Federal Reserve Racial and Economic Equity Act” [Financial Services Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Economic Justice Act]; H.R. 2773, the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act of 2021”; and H.R. 7606, the “Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act of 2022” [Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act], 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol and Webex.

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, Full Committee, hearing entitled “January 6th Investigation”, 10 a.m., 390 Cannon and Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, June 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3967, Honoring our PACT Act.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051, in the nature of a substitute.

The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051 (listed above) and the underlying bill is 4 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House Chamber

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