

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3967, Honoring our PACT Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2983–S3013*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4415–4434, and S. Res. 682–683. **Pages S3002–03**

#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring our PACT Act:** By 84 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 230), Senate passed H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances. **Pages S2983–91**

**World Elder Abuse Awareness:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 682, designating June 15, 2022, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” and the month of June as “Elder Abuse Awareness Month”. **Page S3008**

**Greater Washington Soap Box Derby:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 88, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S3008**

**Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act:** Senate passed S. 3309, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3009–10**

Carper (for Peters) Amendment No. 5098, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3009–10**

**VETS Safe Travel Act:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 2280, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3010**

**Otto Warmbier Countering North Korean Censorship and Surveillance Act:** Senate passed S. 2129, to promote freedom of information and counter censorship and surveillance in North Korea, after agree-

ing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3011–13**

**de Alba Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Ana Isabel de Alba, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Pages S2991–92**

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

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 231), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2992**

**Boyle Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Page S2992**

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

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 232), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2992**

**Motion to Discharge Dettelbach Nomination:** Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on the Judiciary being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from further consideration of the nomination of Steven M. Dettelbach, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice. **Pages S2992–95**

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 233), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination from the Committee on the Judiciary. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Page S2995**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jaime E. Lizarraga, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2027.

Mark Toshiro Uyeda, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2023.

Naz Durakoglu, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs). **Page S3001**

**Nomination Discharged:** The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Steven M. Dettelbach, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, which was sent to the Senate on April 25, 2022, from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3001–02**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S3008**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—233) **Pages S2991, S2992, S2995**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:22 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3010.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* On Wednesday, June 15, 2022, Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of General Christopher G. Cavoli, USA, to be general and Commander, U.S. European Command, and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Department of Defense, and 1,230 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023".

### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on protecting communities from flood risk, after receiving testimony from Jana Henderson, Mississippi Office of Mitigation Director and State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Pearl, on behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers; Peter Van Doren, Cato Institute, and Jerry Theodorou, R Street Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Douglas Quinn, American Policyholder Association, Toms River, New Jersey; and Samuel D. Brody, Director, Texas A and M University Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas, College Station.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tamara Cofman Wittes, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Michael Alan Ratney, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Timmy T. Davis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### COVID-19 FEDERAL RESPONSE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on the ongoing Federal response to COVID-19, focusing on current status and future planning, after receiving testimony from Rochelle P. Walensky, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Robert M. Califf, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, and Dawn O'Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sarah A. L. Merriam, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Lara E. Montecalvo, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Tiffany M. Cartwright, to be

United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Nina Nin-Yuen Wang, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colo-

rado, and Phillip A. Talbert, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, Department of Justice.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 8095–8138; 1 private bill, H.R. 8139; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1182–1186, were introduced. **Pages H5643–46**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5647–48**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3952, to strengthen the role of the Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in order to promote scientific integrity and advance the Administration's world-class research and development portfolio, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–373, Part 1); and

H.R. 7233, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for requirements under Medicaid State plans for health screenings and referrals for certain eligible juveniles in public institutions; and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue clear and specific guidance under the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance programs to improve the delivery of health care services, including mental health services, in elementary and secondary schools and school-based health centers, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–374). **Page H5643**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Norcross to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5613**

**Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act of 2022:** The House passed H.R. 7606, to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters within the Department of Agriculture, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 277. **Pages H5615–32**

Rejected the Cammack motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 276. **Page H5631**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–50, modified by the amendment printed in part E of H. Rept. 117–366, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill.

Agreed to:

Khanna amendment (No. 1 printed in part F of H. Rept. 117–366) that authorizes USDA to carry out a program that reduces dependence on foreign sources of fertilizers, supports reliable access to critical inputs for farmers, and encourages innovation and competition in the highly concentrated fertilizer industry, and would support investments in materials or tools for efficient use of fertilizer, sustainable fertilizer production, and incentives for greater precision in fertilizer use; and **Pages H5627–29**

Spanberger amendment (No. 2 printed in part F of H. Rept. 117–366) that directs USDA to establish Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers to support small and medium-size agricultural producers and businesses with coordination, technical assistance, and grants related to producers' and businesses' supply chain challenges, and directs the existing Agriculture Innovation Centers Program to do research, offer technical assistance and support services, conduct outreach, and provide other services to strengthen and secure supply chains for US agricultural commodities and products. **Pages H5629–31**

H. Res. 1170, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2543), (H.R. 2773), and (H.R. 7606) was agreed to Tuesday, June 14th.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5631 and H5632.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a markup on the FY 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. The FY 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a markup on the FY 2023 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill. The FY 2023 Financial

Services and General Government Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

### U.S. EFFORTS TO SUPPORT EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled “U.S. Efforts to Support European Energy Security”. Testimony was heard from Andrew Light, Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs, Department of Energy; Harry Kamian, Senior Bureau Official and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State; and Jake Levine, Chief Climate Officer, International Development Finance Corporation.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 4768, the “DEFEND the Great Lakes Act”; H.R. 6936, the “Stamp Out Invasive Species Act”; H.R. 6949, the “Delaware River Basin Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2022”; H.R. 7398, the “Prohibit Wildlife Killing Contests Act of 2022”; H.R. 7792, the “Water Data Act”; H.R. 7793, the “Rio Grande Water Security Act”; and H.R. 7801, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to allow the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Coastal and Estuarine Resilience and Restoration Program, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stansbury and Evans; Stephanie Garcia Richard, Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office, New Mexico; Mike A. Hamman, State Engineer, New Mexico; and public witnesses.

### ENSURING INDEPENDENCE AND BUILDING TRUST: CONSIDERING REFORMS TO WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS AT VA

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Independence and Building Trust: Considering Reforms to Whistleblower Protections at VA”. Testimony was heard from Maryanne T. Donaghy,

Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth McMurray, Chief of Retaliation and Disclosure Unit, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; and public witnesses.

### JANUARY 6TH INVESTIGATION

*Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “January 6th Investigation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D666)

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”. Signed on June 16, 2022. (Public Law 117–143)

S. 66, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida. Signed on June 16, 2022. (Public Law 117–144)

S. 2201, to manage supply chain risk through counterintelligence training. Signed on June 16, 2022. (Public Law 117–145)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

8:30 a.m., Friday, June 17

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

1 p.m., Friday, June 17

## Senate Chamber

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

## House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.

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