

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden (Treaty Doc. 117–3), as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4750–4765, and S. Res. 740–743. **Pages S3918–19**

Measures Reported:

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. Rept. No. 117–139)

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. Rept. No. 117–140) **Page S3914**

Measures Passed:

Greenwood, Indiana Attack: Senate agreed to S. Res. 740, condemning the attack that occurred in Greenwood, Indiana, on July 17, 2022, expressing support and prayers for those impacted by that tragedy, and praising the actions of Elisjsha Dicken (also known as the “Good Samaritan”) who valiantly engaged and thwarted the shooter. **Page S3902**

Jenna Quinn Law: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 734, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to provide for grants in support of training and education to teachers and other school employees, students, and the community about how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse among primary and secondary school students, and the bill was then passed, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S3904**

Schumer (for Cornyn/Hassan) Amendment No. 5195, to require reports on the program of child sexual abuse awareness field-initiated grants. **Page S3904**

National Lobster Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 742, designating September 25, 2022, as “National Lobster Day”. **Page S3904**

Congratulating the Colorado Avalanche: Senate agreed to S. Res. 743, congratulating the Colorado Avalanche on winning the 2022 Stanley Cup Final. **Pages S3904–05**

National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12:00 noon, on Thursday, August 4, 2022, Senate begin consideration of S. J. Res. 55, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Council on Environmental Quality relating to “National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions”, and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that upon disposition of the joint resolution, Senate execute the previous order with respect to the nomination of Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S3905**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to by a vote of 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 282): Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden (Treaty Doc. 117–3), after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Adopted:
Sullivan Amendment No. 5192, to provide a declaration to the Protocol. **Pages S3892–99**

Rejected:
By 10 yeas to 87 nays (Vote No. 281), Paul Amendment No. 5191, to provide a reservation to the Protocol. **Pages S3898–99**

Desai Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, that there be 10 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate. **Page S3904**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan J. Patricof, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

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Alvin Brown, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Juan Eduardo Sanchez, of Texas, to be Federal Co-chairperson of the Southwest Border Regional Commission.

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

Eric W. Kneedler, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Bijan Sabet, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States.

Robert Harley Shriver III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—282) **Pages S3899–S3900**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, August 4, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3998.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine organizational failures of the United States organ procurement and transplantation network, after receiving testimony from Brian Shepard, United Network for Organ Sharing, Richmond, Virginia; Diane Brockmeier, Mid-America Transplant, St. Louis, Missouri; Barry S. Friedman, AdventHealth Transplant Institute, Orlando, Florida; Calvin Henry, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, Atlanta, Georgia; and Jayme Locke, University of Alabama, Birmingham.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nathaniel Fick, of Maine, to be Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, who was introduced by Senator King, Rachna Sachdeva Korhonen, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Lucy Tamlyn, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Jessica Davis Ba, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, who was introduced by Representative Norton, all of the Department of State, and Rolfe Michael Schiffer, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, after the

nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original resolution celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea alliance and the dedication of the Wall of Remembrance at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 2022; and

The nominations of Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Jonathan Henick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Lesslie Viguerie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Candace A. Bond, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, William H. Duncan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Hugo F. Rodriguez, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Heide B. Fulton, of West Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Robert J. Faucher, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Shefali Razdan Duggal, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Angela Price Aggeler, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia, Carrin F. Patman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Gautam A. Rana, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, and Yohannes Abraham, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 4488, to establish an interagency committee on global catastrophic risk, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4337, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4516, to require the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to develop governmentwide procurement policy and guidance to mitigate organizational

conflict of interests relating to national security and foreign policy;

S. 4465, to establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and an Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4572, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry, with amendments;

S. 4687, to enhance the authority granted to the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice with respect to unmanned aircraft systems and unmanned aircraft, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4611, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4656, to reauthorize and amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to create stronger accountability mechanisms for Joint Task Forces, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4654, to amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4623, to advance Government innovation through leading-edge procurement capability;

S. 4552, to extend the program for authority to acquire innovative commercial items using general solicitation procedures;

S. 4553, to extend other transaction authority for the Department of Homeland Security;

S. 4477, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4629, to amend the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to modify requirements relating to data centers of certain Federal agencies;

S. 1877, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4592, to encourage the migration of Federal Government information technology systems to quantum-resistant cryptography;

S. 4599, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster

survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4326, to authorize the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to pay stipends to members of Transnational Criminal Investigative Units who have been properly vetted, with an amendment;

S. 4645, to restrict the flow of illicit drugs into the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4460, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4577, to improve plain writing and public experience;

H.R. 5641, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to increase the threshold for eligibility for assistance under sections 403, 406, 407, and 502 of such Act, with an amendment;

H.R. 3709, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit to Congress a report on preliminary damage assessments and make necessary improvements to processes in the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

H.R. 6825, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the funding and administration of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 5615, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a plan to make Federal assistance available to certain urban areas that previously received Urban Area Security Initiative funding to preserve homeland security capabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 7077, to require the United States Fire Administration to conduct on-site investigations of major fires;

H.R. 370, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make technical corrections to the requirement that the Secretary of Homeland Security submit quadrennial homeland security reviews;

H.R. 521, to permit disabled law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear materials couriers, members of the Capitol Police, members of the Supreme Court Police, employees of the Central Intelligence Agency performing intelligence activities abroad or having specialized security requirements, and diplomatic security special agents of the

Department of State to receive retirement benefits in the same manner as if they had not been disabled;

H.R. 91, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the “Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building”;

H.R. 92, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the “Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office”;

H.R. 700, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the “Lawrence M. ‘Larry’ Walsh Sr. Post Office”;

H.R. 3508, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 West Main Street, in Honeoye Falls, New York, as the “CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office”;

H.R. 5271, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee, as the “Thelma Harper Post Office Building”;

H.R. 5900, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office”;

H.R. 6386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the “Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building”;

H.R. 6614, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4744 Grand River Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Rosa Louise McCauley Parks Post Office Building”; and

H.R. 5809, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1801 Town and Country Drive in Norco, California, as the “Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui Memorial Post Office Building”.

GAIN OF FUNCTION RESEARCH

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine gain of function research, focusing on what the pandemic taught us and where to go from here, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Ebright, Rutgers University Waksman Institute of Microbiology, Piscataway, New Jersey; Steven Quay, Atossa Therapeutics, Inc., Seattle, Washington; and Kevin M. Esvelt, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

DEMOCRACY'S FRONTLINE WORKERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting our democracy's front-line workers, after receiving testimony from Kenneth Polite, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Kim Wyman, Senior Election Security Lead, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Jocelyn Benson, Michigan Secretary of State, Lansing; Maggie Toulouse Oliver, New Mexico Secretary of State, Santa Fe; Amy Cohen, National Association of State Election Directors, Washington, D.C.; Matt Crane, Colorado County Clerks Association, Littleton; D. Michael Hurst, Jr., Phelps Dunbar LLP, Jackson, Mississippi; Rafael A. Mangual, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York; and Jason C. Johnson, Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, Baltimore, Maryland.

ELECTORAL COUNT ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Electoral Count

Act, focusing on the need for reform, after receiving testimony from Senators Collins and Manchin; Bob Bauer, New York University School of Law, and Janai Nelson, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., both of New York, New York; John M. Gore, Jones Day, and Norman L. Eisen, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Derek T. Muller, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jaime Areizaga-Soto, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2022.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the economic costs of climate change, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to

hold hearings to examine China's role in the Middle East, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 4524, to limit the judicial enforceability of predispute nondisclosure and nondisparagement contract clauses relating to disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment, S. 673, to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed, and the nominations of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan, Gina R. Mendez-Miro, and Camille L. Velez-Rive, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Ana C. Reyes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Natalie K. Wight, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, August 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of S. J. Res. 55, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Council on Environmental Quality relating to “National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions”, and vote on passage thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and vote on confirmation thereon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Friday, August 5

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.



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