

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4585–S4625

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4844–4856, S.J. Res. 62, and S. Res. 763–764. **Pages S4619–20**

Measures Passed:

Federal Electric Vehicle Fleet Battery Management: Senate passed S. 4057, to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan for Federal electric vehicle fleet battery management, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Guidance Clarity Act: Senate passed S. 533, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4624**

Controlled Substances Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 4235, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions, and the bill was then passed.

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Medical Facility Projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs: Senate passed H.R. 7500, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022.

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National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 764, designating September 2022, as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S4625**

Appointments:

Afghanistan War Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, in consultation with the House Minority Leader, appointed the following individual to serve as co-chair of the Afghanistan War Commission: Dr. Colin Jackson of Rhode Island (co-chair). **Pages S4623–24**

Merriam Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Sarah A. L. Merriam, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S4590–S4611**

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 336), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 15, 2022; that all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that following disposition of the nomination of Sarah A. L. Merriam, Senate begin consideration of the nomination David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David P. Pekoske at 1:45 p.m., with all other provisions of the order of Thursday, September 8, 2022, remaining in effect. **Page S4625**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 335), Lara E. Montecalvo, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Pages S4585–90**

Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2028.

Richard E. DiZinno, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2023.

Shefali Razdan Duggal, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4623**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—336) **Pages S4589–90**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4625.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 4802, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Shailen P. Bhatt, of Michigan, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hickenlooper, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 4428, to support the security of Taiwan and its right of self-determination, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4653, to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Rolfe Michael Schiffer, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Nathaniel Fick, of Maine, to be Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, Department of State, Patrick Leahy, of Vermont, and James E. Risch, of Idaho, both to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Seventy-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and a routine list in the Foreign Service.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine social media's impact on homeland security, after receiving testimony from Alex Roetter, formerly of Twitter, Boulder, Colorado; Brian Thomas Boland, formerly of Facebook, Bellevue, Washington; Geoffrey Cain, Lincoln Network, Hamilton, New Jersey; Chris Cox, Meta, Menlo Park, California; Neal Mohan, YouTube, San Bruno, California; Vanessa

Pappas, TikTok, Inc., Culver City, California; and Jay Sullivan, Twitter, Inc., San Francisco, California.

MONKEYPOX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stopping the spread of monkeypox, focusing on the Federal response, 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, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

FLATLINING CARE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety concluded a hearing to examine flatlining care, focusing on why immigrants are crucial to bolstering our health care workforce, after receiving testimony from Benny Martinez, Brooks County Sheriff, Falfurrias, Texas; Sarah K. Peterson, SPS Immigration PLLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Ram Alur, Marion VA Medical Center, Marion, Illinois, on behalf of Physicians for American Healthcare Access.

PROTECTING PRIVATE INFORMATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded a hearing to examine protecting Americans' private information from hostile foreign powers, after receiving testimony from Samm Sacks, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Susan Landau, Tufts University Fletcher School and School of Engineering, Medford, Massachusetts; Matthew Pottinger, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C.; and Adam I. Klein, University of Texas Robert Strauss Center on International Security and Law, Austin.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Terrence Edwards, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense.

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

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 8817–8831; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 95; and H. Res. 1347–1352 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H7842–43

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4819, to require the Secretary of Energy to revitalize existing university infrastructure relating to nuclear science and engineering and establish new university-based nuclear science and engineering facilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–466).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Trahan wherein she resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Morelle wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Education and Labor.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1347, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Consensus Calendar: The Chair announced the Speaker's designation, pursuant to clause 7(a)(l) of rule 15, of H.R. 3173 as the measure on the Consensus Calendar to be considered this week.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act: H.R. 3173, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans.

Pages H7796–H7804

Suspending the Rules and passing bills en bloc: Pursuant to section 8 of H. Res. 473, Representative Hoyer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the following bills en bloc, and therefore the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions would be vacated to the end that all such motions would be considered as withdrawn: H.R. 1468, S. 4205, H.R. 7939, H.R. 7846, H.R. 7735, H.R. 5916, H.R. 8260, and H.R. 5865, which was agreed

to by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 426.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Aviation Preparedness Plan Act: H.R. 884, amended, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a national aviation preparedness plan for communicable disease outbreaks, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 427;

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Expediting Disaster Recovery Act: H.R. 5774, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that unmet needs after a major disaster are met, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 428;

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Civilian Reservist Emergency Workforce Act: S. 2293, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide certain employment rights to reservists of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 429; and

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Bulb Replacement Improving Government with High-efficiency Technology Act: S. 442, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 78 nays, Roll No. 430.

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Whistleblower Protection Improvement Act: The House considered H.R. 2988, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify and enhance protections for Federal Government whistleblowers. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 15th.

Pages H7825–33

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Reform now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report of H. Rept. 117–464, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

Pages H7828–30

Proceedings Postponed:

Carolyn B. Maloney (NY) amendment en bloc No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–464: Auchincloss (No. 1) that seeks to require GAO to conduct within four

years of enactment a study that at a minimum examines the timeliness of MSPB whistleblower complaint rulings, reports on the rate of whistleblowers opting for a district court trial, and offers recommendations for MSPB to make improvements to its whistleblower complaint review process; Jackson Lee (No. 2) that seeks to direct each Office of Inspector General to establish and maintain a mechanism to receive anonymous whistleblower information that conforms to specified requirements to ensure and maintain anonymity; Porter (No. 3) that seeks to create new reporting requirement for Inspectors General to provide to Congress the number of instances in which their Office did not resolve a whistleblower retaliation complaint within 8 months after receiving the complaint; and Spanberger (No. 4) that seeks to add language to allow whistleblowers to challenge adverse security clearance actions through the same adjudication process used for other whistleblower retaliation complaints.

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H. Res. 1339, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 302), (H.R. 2988), and (H.R. 8326) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 425, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 424. **Pages H7804–14**

Ensuring a Fair and Accurate Census Act: The House considered H.R. 8326, to amend title 13, United States Code, to improve the operations of the Bureau of the Census. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 15th. **Pages H7833–40**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–64, modified by the amendment printed in part D of H. Rept. 117–464, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Reform now printed in the bill. **Pages H7837–38**

Proceedings Postponed:

Danny K. Davis (IL) amendment en bloc No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–464: Jackson Lee (No. 1) that seeks to direct the Deputy Director to appoint an employee within the Census Bureau who will be responsible for optimizing racial and ethnic equity in the decennial census count of the population by engaging in specified activities, the progress of which shall be included in the Secretary's biannual reports to Congress; and Case (No. 3) that seeks to require the Census Bureau to submit a report to Congress on the agency's current processes for consulting and engaging with jurisdictions and local partners in conducting the decennial census and efforts by the

Bureau to improve local-level data collection and coordination of local field operations. **Pages H7838–39**

Hice amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–464) that seeks to eliminate for-cause removal requirements of the Director of the Census Bureau; strikes the requirement that the Deputy Director position be a career-reserved candidate and certain qualifications for the position; and adds that the Deputy act as the Director in the event of a vacancy in the Director position. **Pages H7839–40**

H. Res. 1339, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 302), (H.R. 2988), and (H.R. 8326) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 425, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 424. **Pages H7804–14**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7812–13, H7813, H7821–22, H7822–23, H7823–24, H7824, and H7825.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES AND PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Soil Health Practices and Programs that Support Regenerative Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IN SOLIDARITY: REMOVING BARRIERS TO ORGANIZING

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “In Solidarity: Removing Barriers to Organizing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 3173, the “Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act of 2021”; H.R. 3655, the “Vaccine Injury Compensation Modernization Act of 2021”; H.R. 5141, the “Maximizing Outcomes through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for (MOBILE) Health Care Act”; H.R. 8163, the “Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act”; and H.R. 6737, the “Flint Registry Reauthorization Act”. H.R. 3173, H.R. 3655, H.R. 5141, H.R. 8163, and H.R. 6737 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

WHEN BANKS LEAVE: THE IMPACTS OF DE-RISKING ON THE CARIBBEAN AND STRATEGIES FOR ENSURING FINANCIAL ACCESS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “When Banks Leave: The Impacts of De-Risking on the Caribbean and Strategies for Ensuring Financial Access”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Strengthening U.S. Engagement in Central Asia”. Testimony was heard from Donald Lu, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Kaur, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; and David De Falco, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe and Eurasia, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 8446, the “Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2022”; H.R. 2374, the “Peace and Tolerance in Palestinian Education Act”; H. Res. 1240, requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of State, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession referring or relating to certain aspects of the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan; H. Res. 1266, requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to any initiative or negotiations regarding Iran’s nuclear program; H. Res. 1342, reaffirming the importance of diplomacy and development in United States-African Union relations, promoting strategic partnerships and shared objectives between the United States and the African Union, and expressing strong support for the successful implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement; H.R. 4213, the “YSEALI Act”; H.R. 8681, the “John Lewis Civil Rights Fellowship Act”; H.R. 8153, the “Indo-Pacific Engagement Act”; H.R. 8813, the “AFFECT Human Rights in Venezuela Act”; and H.R. 6846, the “CORRUPT Act”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1236, of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the Disinformation Governance Board; H. Res. 1328, requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Homeland Security, to

transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession referring or relating to certain aspects of border policies of the United States; H.R. 3756, the “Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act”; H.R. 8610, the “Health Security and Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Act”; and H.R. 8801, the “DHS Joint Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2022”. H.R. 8610, H.R. 8801, and H.R. 3756 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 1236 and H. Res. 1328 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1238, of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the October 4, 2021 memorandum issued by the Attorney General entitled “Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff”; H. Res. 1239, of inquiry directing the Attorney General to provide certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the October 4, 2021 memorandum issued by the Attorney General entitled “Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff”; H. Res. 1241, of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to immigration enforcement and border security; H. Res. 1249, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the impact of illegal immigration on federal or tribal lands; H. Res. 1250, of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the impact of illegal immigration on Federal or Tribal lands; H. Res. 1257, of inquiry directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide certain documents in the Secretary’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to the establishment of an Emergency Intake Site in Erie, Pennsylvania, at the Pennsylvania International Academy, to house the influx of unaccompanied migrant children; and H. Res. 1325, of inquiry requesting the President and directing Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to transmit, respectively, a copy of the affidavit to the House of Representatives related to the raid on the former President. H. Res. 1325, H. Res. 1238, H. Res. 1257, H. Res. 1239, H. Res. 1241, H. Res. 1249,

and H. Res. 1250 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE ROLE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRMS IN PREVENTING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Role of Public Relations Firms in Preventing Action on Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 8108, the “Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Land Act”; H.R. 8109, the “Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act”; and H.R. 8719, the “Great Bend of the Gila Conservation Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva; Brian Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.R. 6032, the “Katimîñ and Ameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act”; H.R. 6964, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for lands held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation; H.R. 7581, the “Yurok Lands Act of 2022”; H.R. 8115, the “Recreation and Public Purposes Tribal Parity Act”; H.R. 8286, to take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 8380, the “Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Shab-eh-nay Band Reservation Settlement Act of 2022”; and H.R. 8387, the “Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kilmer, and Representatives Garcia, Huffman, Strickland, and Newhouse; Wizipan Garriott, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FREE SPEECH UNDER ATTACK (PART III): THE LEGAL ASSAULT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Free Speech Under Attack (Part III): The Legal Assault on Environmental Activists and the First Amendment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RIGHT TO REPAIR AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development held a hearing entitled “Right to Repair and What it Means for Entrepreneurs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CARGO PREFERENCE: COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF MARITIME'S BUY AMERICAN LAWS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Cargo Preference: Compliance with and Enforcement of Maritime’s Buy American Laws”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF U.S.-TAIWAN TRADE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Future of U.S.-Taiwan Trade”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL MODERNIZATION: A ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Congressional Modernization: A Roadmap for the Future”. Testimony was heard from Catherine Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine S. 4760, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to provide the Commodity Futures Trading Commission jurisdiction to oversee the spot digital commodity market, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Anthony J. Cotton, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander of United States Strategic Command, Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's role in supporting the commercialization of fusion energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine assessing United States policy towards Venezuela, 10 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 Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Bradley N. Garcia, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Frances Kay Behm, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jerry W. Blackwell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Anne M. Nardacci, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Kevin G. Ritz, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee, hearing entitled “A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Broadband”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Education And Labor: Full Committee, business meeting to approve Subcommittee assignments; and markup on H. Res. 1295, of inquiry directing the Secretary of Education to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the Department of Education's cost estimates for the Secretary's waivers related to public service loan forgiveness and income-driven repayment; H. Res. 1296, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Education to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the legal authority to forgive Federal student loan debt; and H. Res. 1273, of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession to the House of Representatives relating to communication between the executive branch and the American Federation of Teachers regarding re-opening schools and supporting safe, in-person learning, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 8446, the “Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2022”; H.R. 2374, the “Peace and Tolerance in Palestinian Education Act”; H. Res. 1240, requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of State, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession referring or relating to certain aspects of the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan; H. Res. 1266, requesting the President to

transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to any initiative or negotiations regarding Iran's nuclear program; H. Res. 1342, reaffirming the importance of diplomacy and development in United States-African Union relations, promoting strategic partnerships and shared objectives between the United States and the African Union, and expressing strong support for the successful implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement; H.R. 4213, the “YSEALI Act”; H.R. 8681, the “John Lewis Civil Rights Fellowship Act”; H.R. 8153, the “Indo-Pacific Engagement Act”; H.R. 8813, the “AFFECT Human Rights in Venezuela Act”; and H.R. 6846, the “CORRUPT Act”, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact: hearing entitled “The Sustainable Development Goals and Recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for U.S. Policy”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy: hearing entitled “Learning Loss in Latin America and the Caribbean: Building Better Education Systems in the Wake of the Pandemic”, 12:30 p.m., 2127 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation: hearing entitled “Building on our Baseline: Securing Industrial Control Systems Against Cyberattacks”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 1247, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the 2023–2028 five-year program for offshore oil and gas leasing; H. Res. 1248, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the compliance with the obligations of the Mineral Leasing Act; H. Res. 1251, of inquiry directing the Secretary of Agriculture to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the mineral withdrawal within the Superior National Forest; H. Res. 1252, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the mineral withdrawal within the Superior National Forest; and H. Res. 1253, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the actions of the Department of the Interior's Departmental Ethics Office, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fueling the Climate Crisis: Examining Big Oil's Prices, Profits, and Pledges”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight: hearing entitled “The Fountain of Youth? The Quest for Aging Therapies”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development:

hearing entitled “Back to School, Back to Startups: Supporting Youth Apprenticeship, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Recovery Update: Status of FEMA Recovery Efforts in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands 5 Years After Hurricanes Irma and Maria”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Veteran Readiness and Employment: Is VA Succeeding?”, 10 a.m., HVC-210 and Zoom.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Women Veterans’ Access to the Full Spectrum of Medical Care, Including Reproductive Healthcare, through the Department of Affairs (VA) Veteran Health Administration (VHA)”, 2 p.m., HVC-210 and Zoom

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Preparing America’s Health Care Infrastructure for the Climate Crisis”, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Joint Meetings

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Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Sarah A. L. Merriam, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, post-closure, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Sarah A. L. Merriam, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

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House Chamber

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