

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the resolution of Advise and Consent to Ratification to the amendment to the Montreal Protocol (“Kigali Amendment”), as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4879–S4940

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4902–4916, and S. Res. 787–790. **Pages S4912–13**

Measures Reported:

S. 177, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–151)

S. 1128, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance to the University of Alaska of certain public land in the State of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–152)

S. 1222, to designate and adjust certain lands in the State of Utah as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. (S. Rept. No. 117–153)

S. 1321, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 117–154)

S. 1631, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona to the Arizona Board of Regents, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–155)

S. 1942, to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–156)

S. 2438, to modify the boundary of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 117–157)

S. 3266, to improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land,

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–158) **Page S4912**

Measures Passed:

Russia and Belarus SDR Exchange Prohibition Act: Senate passed H.R. 6899, to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from engaging in transactions involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by the Russian Federation or Belarus. **Page S4940**

House Messages:

Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 516, to plan for and coordinate efforts to integrate advanced air mobility aircraft into the national airspace system. **Page S4887**

Disclose Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4822, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, be at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 22, 2022; that if cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Amanda Bennett, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media, and vote on confirmation thereon; and that upon disposition of the nomination, Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Arati Prabhakar, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m. **Page S4940**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday,

September 22, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Treaty Approved:

Amendment to Montreal Protocol (“Kigali Amendment”): By 69 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 343), two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the resolution of Advise and Consent to Ratification, as amended, to Treaty Document 117–1, the amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the “Montreal Protocol”), adopted at Kigali on October 15, 2016, by the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (the “Kigali Amendment”), with 1 declaration, after having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, and taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 342), Sullivan/Lee Amendment No. 5518, to ensure that the People’s Republic of China is not treated as a developing country.

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Withdrawn:

Schumer Amendment No. 5503, to add an effective date.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make grammatical, technical changes to the resolution of ratification with respect to the treaty, in order to reflect the addition of material.

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Bennett Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Amanda Bennett, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media.

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

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 344), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Prabhakar Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Arati Prabhakar, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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

By 58 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 345), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert A. Wood, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Roselyn Tso, of Oregon, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—345)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page 4940.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

VA ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the VA’s electronic health record modernization, focusing on rollout, cost, and schedule, after receiving testimony from Donald M. Remy, Deputy Secretary, Terry Adirim, Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Shereef Elnahal, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Jon J. Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, and David Case, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Mike Sicilia, Oracle, Austin, Texas; and Brian Rieksts, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION EFFORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the status of military recruiting and retention efforts across the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Stephanie P. Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Personnel Policy, Lieutenant General Douglas F. Stitt, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, United States Army, Vice Admiral Rick J. Cheeseman, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Personnel, Manpower and Training, N1, United States Navy, Lieutenant General Caroline M. Miller, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel, and Services, United States Air Force, and Michael R. Strobl, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

NATIONAL PARKS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 305, to establish the Springfield Race Riot National Monument in the State of Illinois, S. 1211, to establish the Cahokia Mounds Mississippian Culture National Historic Park in Collinsville, Illinois, Monroe, Madison, and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, and St. Louis City County, Missouri, S. 3447, to authorize the National Service Animals Monument Corporation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 3579, to authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, S. 3873, to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the “Rock Boucher Amphitheater”, S. 4122, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Housatonic River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 4168, to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Park Foundation, S. 4222, to establish the St. Croix National Heritage Area, S. 4371, to establish the Cesar E. Chavez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, S. 4377 and H.R. 4380, bills to designate the El Paso Community Healing Garden National Memorial, S. 4464 and H.R. 1908, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Ka’ena Point National Heritage Area, S. 4693, to amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails and designate

the American Discovery Trail, S. 4784, to modify the boundary of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, to improve public access to the National Monument, and S.J. Res. 57, redesignating the Robert E. Lee Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery as the “Arlington House National Historic Site”, after receiving testimony from Senator Padilla; Michael A. Caldwell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Will Shafroth, National Park Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Steve Richardson, Friends of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, Patten, Maine.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine putting the Bipartisan Infrastructure law to work, focusing on state and local perspectives, after receiving testimony from Nicole Majeski, Delaware Department of Transportation Secretary, Dover; Jimmy D. Wriston, West Virginia Department of Transportation Secretary, and Commissioner of the Division of Highways, Charleston; Mayor Regina Romero, Tucson, Arizona; and Jim Tymon, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, D.C.

WOMEN LEADERS COUNTERING AUTHORITARIANISM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine women leaders countering authoritarianism, after receiving testimony from Rosa Maria Paya, Cuba Decide, Miami, Florida; Jewher Ilham, Worker Rights Consortium, Arlington, Virginia; and Roya Hakakian, New Haven, Connecticut.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States, who was introduced by Senator Capito, Vijay Shanker, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Laura E. Crane, Leslie A. Meek, and Veronica M. Sanchez, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRIBAL ACCESS TO SPECTRUM

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting and supporting tribal access to spectrum and related benefits in Native communities, after receiving testimony from Heidi

Todacheene, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Umair Javed, Chief Counsel, and Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Chief Legal Advisor, both of the Office of the Chairwoman, Federal Communications Commission; Anna Maria Ortiz, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, and Sally Moino, Assistant Director, Physical Infrastructure, both of the Government Accountability Office; Tyler Iokepa Gomes, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Kapolei; Melanie Benjamin, and Keith Modglin, both of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Onamia, Minnesota; and Chris Croyley, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes, Juneau, Alaska.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Markey, Margaret R. Guzman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Warren and Markey, Araceli Martinez-Olguin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Padilla, Jamar K. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, and Jamal N. Whitehead, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SBA STATE TRADE EXPANSION PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the SBA's State Trade Expansion Program, after receiving testimony from Gabriel J. Esparza, Associate Administrator, Office of International Trade, Small Business Administration; Shaun Akhavan, Allied International Corp., Glen Burnie, Maryland; and Grace Preston, Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc., Nashua, New Hampshire.

VETERANS' ACCESS TO CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring veterans' timely access to care in VA and the community, after receiving testimony from Denis McDonough, Secretary, and Darin Selnick, former Senior Advisor to the Secretary, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Carrie M. Farmer, RAND Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Joy J. Ilem, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING AMERICAN INNOVATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting American innovation, focusing on industry, academia, and the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, after receiving testimony from William R. Evanina, The Evanina Group, Alexandria, Virginia; Michelle Van Cleave, Jack Kemp Foundation, and Robert Sheldon, CrowdStrike, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin R. Gamache, Texas A and M University System, College Station.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 8930–8948; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 97–98; and H. Res. 1378–1382, were introduced. **Pages H8064–65**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8066–67**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 82. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (H. Rept. 117–482); and

H. Res. 1377, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4118) to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to build safer, thriving communities, and save lives, by investing in effective community-based violence reduction initiatives, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5768) to direct the Attorney General to establish a grant program to establish, create, and administer the violent incident clearance and technology investigative method, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6448) to direct the Director of the Office of Community

Oriented Policing Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice to carry out a grant program to provide assistance to police departments with fewer than 200 law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8542) to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and political subdivisions thereof to hire, employ, train, and dispatch mental health professionals to respond in lieu of law enforcement officers in emergencies involving one or more persons with a mental illness or an intellectual or developmental disability, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–483).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Act: The House passed S. 1098, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize borrowers to separate joint consolidation loans, by a ye-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 448. Consideration began yesterday, September 20th.

Pages H8030–31

Rejected the Foxx motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor, by a ye-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 447.

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H. Res. 1361, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (S. 1098) was agreed to yesterday, September 20th.

Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present the statue of Harry S. Truman from the people of Missouri: The House agreed to take from the Speaker table and agree to S. Con. Res. 44, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present the statue of Harry S. Truman from the people of Missouri.

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Authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled “Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 82, authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled “Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989”.

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Presidential Election Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 8873, to amend title 3, United States Code, to reform the process for the counting of elec-

toral votes, by a ye-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 449.

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H. Res. 1372, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8873) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 446, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 445.

Pages H8022–30

Senate Referrals: S. 3884 was held at the desk. S. 4552 was held at the desk. S. 4553 was held at the desk. S. 4899 was held at the desk. S. 4900 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8022.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8029, H8029–30, H8030–31, H8031, and H8047–48.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMISSION ON SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRIAL COUNSELS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Update on the Implementation of Recommendations of the Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military and the Establishment of the Office of Special Trial Counsels”. Testimony was heard from Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Gabe Camarillo, Under Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army; Erik Raven, Under Secretary of the Navy, Department of the Navy; and Gina Ortiz Jones, Under Secretary of the Air Force, Department of the Air Force.

EXAMINING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Examining the Administration of the Unemployment Insurance System”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Costa, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on 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”; H.R. 6737, the “Flint Registry Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 6965, the “Visit America Act”; H.R. 5441, the “Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2021”; H. Res. 1355, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to ivermectin; H. Res. 1244, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to any COVID–19 vaccine; H. Res. 1258, of inquiry directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide certain documentation to the House of Representatives relating to the calculation of certain expenditure limitations applicable to Federal funding of the Medicaid program in Puerto Rico; H. Res. 1263, of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to COVID–19 funding; H. Res. 1267, of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to the oversight of the Wuhan Institute of Virology laboratory by the Director of the National Institutes of Health; H. Res. 1268, of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to actions taken by the Secretary of Health and Human Services related to the COVID–19 pandemic response; H. Res. 1274, of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to communications by or among any of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the White House, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Justice related to the executive branch’s recommendations for a long-term, consensus approach to reduce the supply and availability of illicitly manufactured fentanyl-related substances in the United States; H. Res. 1275, of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to communications by staff of the White House regarding the implications of revoking the public health orders commonly referred to as “title 42”; H. Res. 1284, of inquiry directing

the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide certain documentation to the House of Representatives relating to the negotiation of prices for prescription drugs under the Medicare prescription drug program; H. Res. 1287, of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President’s possession to the House of Representatives relating to the recall of infant formula manufactured by Abbott Laboratories and potential impacts on the infant formula supply chain; H. Res. 1265, of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to plans to exploit the energy crisis to pursue a radical climate agenda; H. Res. 1272, of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to plans to declare a “climate emergency” in order to invoke emergency authorities to impose regulations on industrial activity, or the supply and delivery of energy or electric power, in the United States; H. Res. 1260, of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Energy, to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to plans to draw down and sell petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and plans to refill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; H. Res. 1326, of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Energy, to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to plans to protect baseload bulk power system generation and transmission to maintain bulk power system reliability; H. Res. 1264, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to misinformation and the preservation of free speech; H. Res. 1271, of inquiry requesting the President transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to activities of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration relating to broadband service; H. Res. 1237, of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to online censorship of political speech; and H. Res. 1261, of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to communications and directives with the Federal Trade Commission. H.R. 8163, and H.R. 6965 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3655, H.R. 5141, H.R. 6737, H.R. 5441, H. Res. 1355, H. Res. 1244, H. Res. 1258, H. Res. 1263, H. Res. 1267, H. Res. 1268, H. Res. 1274, H. Res. 1275, H. Res. 1284, H. Res. 1287, H. Res. 1265, H. Res. 1272, H. Res. 1260, H. Res. 1326, H. Res. 1264, H. Res. 1271, H. Res. 1237, and H. Res. 1261 were ordered reported, without amendment.

HOLDING MEGABANKS ACCOUNTABLE: OVERSIGHT OF AMERICA'S LARGEST CONSUMER FACING BANKS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Holding Megabanks Accountable: Oversight of America’s Largest Consumer Facing Banks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE U.S. INTEREST IN REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA: OPPORTUNITIES, OBSTACLES, AND OBJECTIVES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Examining the U.S. Interest in Regional Security Cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa: Opportunities, Obstacles, and Objectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ATROCITY CRIMES COMMITTED BY RUSSIA IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled “Accountability for Atrocity Crimes Committed by Russia in Ukraine”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE: A FOCUS ON WATER

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Critical Infrastructure Preparedness and Resilience: A Focus on Water”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5455, the “Terry Technical Correction Act”; H.R. 2864, the “Clean Slate Act of 2021”; H.R. 5651, the “Fresh Start Act of 2021”; H.R. 8770, the “Expanding the VOTE Act”; H. Res. 1343, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to unaccompanied alien children; and H. Res. 1356, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Ray Epps. H.R. 5455, H.R. 5651, H.R. 2864, H.R. 8770, H. Res. 1343, and H. Res. 1356 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee continued a 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; and H.R. 4690, the “Sustaining America’s Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021”.

PUTIN'S PROXIES: EXAMINING RUSSIA'S USE OF PRIVATE MILITARY COMPANIES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Putin’s Proxies: Examining Russia’s Use of Private Military Companies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING LONG-TERM CARE IN AMERICA: THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS IN NURSING HOMES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Examining Long-Term Care in America: The Impact of the Coronavirus in Nursing Homes”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RIGHT TO REPAIR: LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGETARY SOLUTIONS TO UNFAIR RESTRICTIONS ON REPAIR

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing entitled “Right to Repair: Legislative and Budgetary Solutions to Unfair Restrictions on Repair”[Original Jurisdiction Hearing]. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE ACT OF 2022;
BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE ACT;
VICTIM ACT OF 2022; INVEST TO PROTECT
ACT OF 2022**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 8542, the “Mental Health Justice Act of 2022”; H.R. 4118, the “Break the Cycle of Violence Act”; H.R. 5768, the “VICTIM Act of 2022”; and H.R. 6448, the “Invest to Protect Act of 2022”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4118, the “Break the Cycle of Violence Act”, H.R. 5768, the “VICTIM Act of 2022”, H.R. 6448, the “Invest to Protect Act of 2022”, and H.R. 8542, the “Mental Health Justice Act of 2022”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4118, the “Break the Cycle of Violence Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5768, the “VICTIM Act of 2022”, under a closed rule. The rule provides 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–62, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6448, the “Invest to Protect Act of 2022”, under a closed rule. The rule provides 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–65 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8542, the “Mental Health Justice Act of 2022”, under a closed rule. The rule provides 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by

the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jackson Lee and Tiffany.

**LOOKING BACK TO PREDICT THE
FUTURE: THE NEXT GENERATION OF
WEATHER SATELLITES**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics; and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint hearing entitled “Looking Back to Predict the Future: The Next Generation of Weather Satellites”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; John Gagosian, Joint Agency Satellite Division Director, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Fred Meny, Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1298, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the role of the Department of the Treasury in the Paycheck Protection Program of the Small Business Administration; and H.R. 8844, the “STEP Improvement Act of 2022”. H. Res. 1298 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 8844 was ordered reported, without amendment.

**BUSINESS MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS
MEASURES**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting on legislation on VA Facility Naming Bills; and a markup on H.R. 6273, the “VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2021”; H.R. 3793, the “Support Families of the Fallen Act”; legislation on the Food Security for All Veterans Act; H.R. 8852, the “End Veteran Hunger Act of 2022”; legislation on the Expanding Home Loans for Guard and Reservists Act; H.R. 2800, the “WINGMAN Act”; H.R. 8510, the “Strengthening Whistleblower Protections at the Department of Veterans Affairs Act”; H.R. 5918, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members of towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance; H.R. 1957, the “Veterans Infertility Treatment Act

of 2021”; H.R. 4601, the “Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act”; H.R. 3304, the “CARS for Vets Act”; H.R. 2521, the “DOULA for VA Act of 2021”; and H.R. 7589, the “REMOVE Copays Act”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8876, the “Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act of 2022”; and a business meeting on legislation on Improvements to Medicare Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services; legislation on Improvements to the Medicare Program Related to Physician Services and Education; legislation on Requiring Coverage of Forensic Medical Exams with No Cost Sharing; legislation on Improved Information in Provider Directories, Plan Definitions, and Crisis Services for Private Insurance Plans; and legislation on Improved Information for Network Coverage and Plan Documents in Private Insurance Plans. H.R. 8876 was ordered reported, as amended. Legislation on Improvements to Medicare Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services; legislation on Improvements to the Medicare Program Related to Physician Services and Education; legislation on Requiring Coverage of Forensic Medical Exams with No Cost Sharing; legislation on Improved Information in Provider Directories, Plan Definitions, and Crisis Services for Private Insurance Plans; and legislation on Improved Information for Network Coverage and Plan Documents in Private Insurance Plans were agreed to, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jose Emilio

Esteban, of California, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Alexis Taylor, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Vincent Garfield Logan, of New York, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the nation’s largest banks, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges in deploying innovative battery and non-battery technologies for energy storage, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider 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 Cindy K. Chung, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Kelley Brisbon Hodge, John Frank Murphy, Mia Roberts Perez, and Kai N. Scott, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Thomas E. Brown, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia, and Kirk M. Taylor, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado, both of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD–106.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine stopping senior scams, focusing on empowering communities to fight fraud, 10 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “State of Emergency: Examining the Impact of Growing Wildfire Risk on the Insurance Market”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Federal Building Security: Examining the Risk Assessment Process”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “Power and Profiteering: How Certain Industries Hiked Prices, Fleeced Consumers, and Drove Inflation”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4822, DISCLOSE Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m.

If cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4822, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Amanda Bennett, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media, and vote on confirmation thereon.

Following disposition of the nomination of Amanda Bennett, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Arati Prabhakar, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, September 22

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4118—Break the Cycle of Violence Act. Consideration of H.R. 5768—VICTIM Act of 2022. Consideration of H.R. 6448—Invest to Protect Act of 2022. Consideration of H.R. 8542—Mental Health Justice Act of 2022.

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