

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6971–S7009

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5188–5194, and S. Res. 859–861. **Page S6999**

Measures Reported:

S. 3381, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines. (S. Rept. No. 117–232)

S. 3773, to authorize the leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. (S. Rept. No. 117–233)

S. 3789, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–234)

S. 3388, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S6999**

Measures Passed:

Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act: Senate passed H.R. 7077, to require the United States Fire Administration to conduct on-site investigations of major fires, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7003**

Hassan (for Peters) Amendment No. 6505, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7003**

Registration for Index-Linked Annuities Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3198, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise any rules necessary to enable issuers of index-linked annuities to register on a form tailored specifically to registered index-linked annuities, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hassan (for Smith/Tillis) Amendment No. 6506, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7004**

Iran Hostage Crisis Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2607, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979–1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7004–05**

Big Cat Public Safety Act: Senate passed H.R. 263, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species. **Pages S7005–06**

Leahy-Smith America Invents Act: Senate passed S. 2773, to amend the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to address satellite offices of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7006–07**

Maintenance Projects at Ports of Entry: Senate passed S. 3903, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7007–08**

Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5481, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Master Sergeant Jerry K. Crump VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6722, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in French Camp, California, as the "Richard A. Pittman VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. VA Medical Center: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6863, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Lt. Col. Luke Weathers, Jr. VA Medical Center", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7903, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Canton, Michigan, as the "Major General Oliver W. Dillard VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Sy Kaplan VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7925, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic located in Palm Desert, California, as the "Sy Kaplan VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Colonel Mary Louise Rasmuson Campus of the Alaska VA Healthcare System: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 5016, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Colonel Mary Louise Rasmuson Campus of the Alaska VA Healthcare System", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7008**

Lawrence M. 'Larry' Walsh Sr. Post Office: Senate passed 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". **Pages S7008–09**

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks Post Office Building: Senate passed 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". **Page S7009**

Norma Comnick Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 228, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2141 Ferry Street in Anderson, California, as the "Norma Comnick Post Office Building". **Page S7009**

Robert S. McKeithen Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 Main Street in Biloxi, Mississippi, as the "Robert S. McKeithen Post Office Building". **Page S7009**

National Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 859, designating December 17, 2022, as "National Wreaths Across America Day". **Page S7009**

National Family Service Learning Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 860, expressing support for the designation of the week of November 14 through November 18, 2022, as "National Family Service Learning Week". **Page S7009**

December 6, 2019 Terrorist Attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola: Senate agreed to S. Res. 861, remembering the December 6, 2019, terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola and commemorating those who lost their lives, and those who were injured, in the line of duty. **Page S7009**

Resignation of Senator Ben Sasse: Senator Ben Sasse, of Nebraska, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate, effective January 8, 2023, at 12 noon. **Page S7003**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Mia Roberts Perez, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and John Frank Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, be withdrawn and that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Mia Roberts Perez, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kai N. Scott, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Kai N. Scott, at 1:30 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Kai N. Scott, and John Frank Murphy; and that at 5 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and on confirmation of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota; and that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, ripen following disposition of the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins. **Page S6989**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Page S7009**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 376), Frances Kay Behm, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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

By 47 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 374), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 377), Kelley Brisbon Hodge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 375), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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

Chrissie C. Latimore, of South Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Peter D. Leary, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

McLain J. Schneider, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Leigha Simonton, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas for the term of four years.

David C. Davis, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Jaime E. Esparza, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Roger B. Handberg, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

Alamdar S. Hamdani, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Markenzy Lapointe, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Terry J. Burgin, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Glenn M. McNeill, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years. Page S6989

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

Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2022, from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—377)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7009.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on research programs, after receiving testimony from Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education and Economics; Jason Rowntree, Michigan State University Center for Regenerative Agriculture, East Lansing; Felecia M. Nave, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi; Katy Martin Rainey, Purdue University Soybean Center, West Lafayette, Indiana, on behalf of the American Seed Trade Association; Steve Ela, Ela Family Farms, Hotchkiss, Colorado; and Deacue Fields, III, University of Arkansas System, Little Rock.

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

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 9430–9446; 1 private bill, H.R. 9447; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1509, were introduced. **Page H8800**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8801**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1508, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3648) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7946) to provide benefits for noncitizen members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–590); and Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Madison Cawthorn (H. Rept. 117–591). **Page H8799**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:28 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H8762**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m. **Page H8763**

Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2022: The House passed H.R. 7946, to provide benefits for noncitizen members of the Armed Forces, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 503. **Pages H8763–73**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H8763–70**

Agreed to:

Vicente Gonzalez (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–590) that requires the Secretary of Homeland to promulgate regulations to implement this Act not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 213 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 502). **Pages H8770–72**

H. Res. 1508, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3648) and (H.R. 7946) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 215 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 501, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H8759–62**

Suspending the Rules and passing bills en bloc: Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 1508, Representative Hoyer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the following bills en bloc, and therefore the or-

dering 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. 8844;

S. 198, amended; and

S. 1687, amended, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 380 yeas to 46 nays, Roll No. 504. **Pages H8773–75**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, December 5th.

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2022: S. 4052, to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 505; **Page H8775**

SBA Cyber Awareness Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3462, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 506; **Pages H8775–76**

Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act of 2022: S. 3875, to require the President to develop and maintain products that show the risk of natural hazards across the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 333 yeas to 92 nays, Roll No. 507; **Pages H8776–77**

Amending the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements: S. 3499, to amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 508; **Pages H8777–78**

Rural Opioid Abuse Prevention Act: S. 2796, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for the eligibility of rural community response pilot programs for funding under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 509; **Page H8778**

Providing Resources, Officers, and Technology to Eradicate Cyber Threats to Our Children Act of 2022: S. 4834, to reauthorize the National Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 510; and **Pages H8778–79**

Patents for Humanity Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5796, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish a competition to award certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 511. **Pages H8779–80**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8762, H8771–72, H8772–73, H8774–75, H8775, H8776, H8776–77, H8777–78, H8778, H8779, and H8779–80.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A REVIEW OF PROGRESS MADE AND A PLAN TO ACHIEVE FULL ECONOMIC INCLUSION FOR EVERY AMERICAN

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Unfinished Business: A Review of Progress Made and a Plan to Achieve Full Economic Inclusion for Every American”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Garcia-Dias, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

CONFRONTING YEMEN’S HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL CRISES WITHOUT A CEASEFIRE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Confronting Yemen’s Humanitarian and Political Crises Without a Ceasefire”. Testimony was heard from Timothy A. Lenderking, Special Envoy for Yemen, Department of State; and Sarah Charles, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee began a markup on H. Res. 1456, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conclusion of the Department of State on whether Marc Fogel is wrongfully detained; H. Res. 1482, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Congressionally appropriated funds to the nation of Ukraine from January 20, 2021 to

November 15, 2022; H.R. 9374, the “Countering Malign Russian Activities Globally Act”; H.R. 9243, the “Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act”; H.R. 8654, the “End Tuberculosis Now Act”; and H. Con. Res. 110, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime’s human rights abuses.

LESSONS FROM THE FIELD: OVERCROWDING IN NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Lessons from the Field: Overcrowding in National Parks”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Bradybaugh, Superintendent, Zion National Park, U.S. National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1479, of inquiry requesting the President transmit certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the surveillance or monitoring of prog-gun, pro-life, or conservative groups under the Internet Covert Operations Program operated by the United States Postal Inspection Service; H.R. 8622, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 3rd Street in King City, California, as the “Chief Rudy Banuelos Post Office”; H.R. 9074, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 North Sunrise Way in Palm Springs, California, as the “Chairman Richard Milanovich Post Office”; H.R. 9251, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6444 San Fernando Road in Glendale, California, as the “Paul Ignatius Post Office”; H.R. 9335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Franklin Street in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the “Mitchell F. Lundgaard Post Office Building”; and H.R. 5468, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue, in Westminster, California, as the “General Tran Hung Dao Post Office”. H. Res. 1479 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 8622, H.R. 9074, H.R. 9251, and H.R. 9335 were ordered reported, without amendment.

BUILDING A SAFER ANTARCTIC RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building a Safer Antarctic Research Environment”. Testimony was

heard from Karen Marrongelle, Chief Operating Officer, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES THROUGH EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP AT SBA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Building Sustainable Businesses through Employee Ownership at SBA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING REFORM: EXAMINING THE FUTURE OF THE VA GRANT AND PER DIEM PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Transitional Housing Reform: Examining the Future of the VA Grant and Per Diem Program”. Testimony was heard from Monica Diaz, Executive Director, Homeless Programs Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE NEED FOR CONTINUED ACTION

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Key Accomplishments, Additional Opportunities, and the Need for Continued Action”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1176)

S. 1941, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to standardize the use of core-based statistical area designations across Federal programs, to allow between 120 and 180 days for public comment on any proposed change to such designations, and to report on the scientific basis and estimated impact to Federal programs for any proposed change to such designations. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–219)

S. 2159, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, as the “Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–220)

S. 3510, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance with respect to natural disaster resilience. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–221)

S. 3655, to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to extend the termination date of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board. Signed on December 5, 2022. (Public Law 117–222)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, and Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, and Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, S. 4824, to provide for proper oversight of North Korea policy, S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, S. 4955, to amend certain authorities relating to human rights violations and abuses in Ukraine, S. Con. Res. 47, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime’s human rights abuses, S. Con. Res. 16, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Operation Provide Comfort, S. Res. 713, recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide, S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, S. Res. 730, remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and committing to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks, S. Res. 322, reaffirming the alliance between the

United States and Bulgaria, congratulating Bulgaria on its July 11, 2021 parliamentary elections, and calling for continued progress in Bulgaria towards combating corruption, respecting the freedom of the press, and protecting minority rights, S. Res. 650, recognizing May 28 as “World Hunger Day”, that the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, and that Vladimir Putin’s illegal war against Ukraine has diminished Ukraine’s agricultural output and threatens to exacerbate the problems of global hunger on World Hunger Day, H.R. 7240, to reauthorize the READ Act, the nominations of Joey R. Hood, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Lucy Tamlyn, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jessica Davis Ba, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, and Rachna Sachdeva Korhonen, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Cynthia Dyer, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Henry V. Jardine, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Kathleen Ann Kavalec, of California, to be Ambassador to Romania, George P. Kent, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Kristina A. Kvien, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Manuel P. Micaller, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Christopher T. Robinson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Bijan Sabet, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, all of the Department of State, L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Carol Spahn, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “An Enduring Legacy: The Role of Financial Institutions in the Horrors of Slavery and the Need for Atonement, Part II”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “Understanding and Addressing Challenges in the Mekong Region”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled “Modernizing International Development Assistance: Opportunities and Challenges”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn and Webex.

Full Committee, continue markup on H. Res. 1456, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conclusion of the Department of State on whether Marc Fogel is wrongfully detained; H. Res. 1482, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Congressionally appropriated funds to the nation of Ukraine from January 20, 2021 to November 15, 2022; H.R. 9374, the “Countering Malign Russian Activities Globally Act”; H.R. 9243, the “Providing Appropriates Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act”; H.R. 8654, the “End Tuberculosis Now Act”; and H. Con. Res. 110, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime’s human rights abuses, Time TBA, Location TBA.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8361, the “Preventing Suicide Through Voluntary Firearm Purchase Delay Act”; H.R. 4130, the “American Music Fairness Act”; H. Res. 1477, calling for the submission to the House of Representatives of certain information in the possession of the Attorney General regarding NICS Indices Self-Submission Forms; and H. Res. 1478, calling for the submission to the House of Representatives of certain information regarding the decision of the President of the United States to institute the “Ghost Gun” Rule, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, continue hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7776, the “Water Resources Development Act of 2022” [James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023]; the Senate Amendment to H.R. 8404, the “Respect for Marriage Act”; H.R. 3648, the “EAGLE Act of 2022”; and H.R. 7946, the “Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2022”, 11:30 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “U.S. Coast Guard’s Leadership on Arctic Safety, Security, and Environmental Responsibility”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fulfilling our Pact: Ensuring Effective Implementation of Toxic Exposure Legislation”, 10 a.m., HVC–210 and Zoom.

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Mia Roberts Perez, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kai N. Scott, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, at 11:30 a.m.

Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Kai N. Scott, and John Frank Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, at 1:30 p.m.

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