

“(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each non-Federal member of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, except that the initial terms for members may be staggered 1-, 2-, or 3-year terms to establish a rotation in which one-third of the members are selected each year. Any such member may be appointed for not more than 2 consecutive terms.

“(B) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Committee shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which the member’s predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of that term. A member may serve after the expiration of that member’s term until a successor has taken office.

“(c) MEETINGS AND RULES OF PROCEEDURES.—

“(1) MEETINGS.—The Committee shall hold not fewer than 3 meetings in a calendar year, at such time and place as determined by the Chair.

“(2) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Committee shall meet and begin the operations of the Committee.

“(3) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—The Committee may establish rules for the conduct of the business of the Committee if such rules are not inconsistent with this section or other applicable law.

“(d) EMPLOYEE STATUS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Committee (other than a member who is appointed to the Committee in connection with another Federal appointment) shall not be considered an employee of the Federal Government by reason of any service as such a member, except for the purposes of section 5703 of title 5, relating to travel expenses.

“(2) PAY NOT PERMITTED.—A member of the Committee covered by paragraph (1) may not receive pay by reason of service on the Committee.

“(e) APPLICABILITY TO THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Committee.

“(f) DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.—Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Committee without reimbursement from the Committee, and such detailee shall retain the rights, status, and privileges of his or her regular employment without interruption.

“(g) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Committee may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as agencies.

“(h) REPORTS.—

“(1) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Committee may submit to the Administrator and Congress interim reports containing such findings, conclusions, and recommendations as have been agreed to by the Committee.

“(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 540 days after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Committee shall submit to the Administrator and Congress a report containing such findings, conclusions, and recommendations as have been agreed to by the Committee.”

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 36 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new items:

“3607. Definitions.

“3608. Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program.

“3609. Roles and responsibilities of the General Services Administration.

“3610. FedRAMP Board.

“3611. Independent assessment.

“3612. Declaration of foreign interests.

“3613. Roles and responsibilities of agencies.

“3614. Roles and responsibilities of the Office of Management and Budget.

“3615. Reports to Congress; GAO report.

“3616. Federal Secure Cloud Advisory Committee.”

(c) SUNSET.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, chapter 36 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking sections 3607 through 3616.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Effective on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the table of sections for chapter 36 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking the items relating to sections 3607 through 3616.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section or any amendment made by this section shall be construed as altering or impairing the authorities of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget or the Secretary of Homeland Security under subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, S. 3600 is commonsense, bipartisan legislation that will help protect critical infrastructure from the absolute relentless cyber attacks that we see that threaten both our economy as well as our national security.

I appreciate Senator PORTMAN working with me to get this legislation across the finish line. And I think this is especially important right now as we face increased risk of cyber attacks from Russia and the cyber criminals that they harbor in retaliation for our support for Ukraine.

I appreciate the Senate for coming together here tonight to get this important landmark bill done.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, just one more point.

As we have always said, we in the Democratic majority want to work with our Republican colleagues on bipartisan legislation whenever we can, and this is an example of that.

Obviously, there are times when we can’t, and we will move forward. But the more we can get done and accomplished in a bipartisan way on important legislation like this, the better.

So, once again, let me salute the bipartisan coalition led by GARY PETERS and ROB PORTMAN and so many others on both sides of the aisle who contributed to this very important legislation.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess until 8:30 p.m. today and proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the joint session of Congress provided under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 69; and that upon dissolution of the joint session, the Senate adjourn until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022; that following the prayer and the pledge, the

morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 273, H.R. 3076, the Postal Service Reform Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, we will gather in the Senate Chamber at 8:20 this evening to proceed as a body to the House for the State of the Union.

If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it recess under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:23 p.m., recessed until 8:30 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the President pro tempore.

JOINT SESSION OF THE TWO HOUSES—ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives to receive a message from the President of the United States.

Thereupon, the Senate, preceded by the Deputy Sergeant at Arms, Kelly Fado; the Secretary of the Senate, Sonceria A. Berry; and the Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear the address by the President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

(The address delivered by the President of the United States to the joint session of the two Houses of Congress is printed in the proceedings of the House of Representatives in today’s Record.)

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022, AT 11 A.M.

At the conclusion of the joint session of the two Houses, and in accordance with the order previously entered, at 10:27 p.m., the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 11 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 1, 2022:

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

RAYMOND A. LIMON, OF NEVADA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2025.

TRISTAN LYNN LEAVITT, OF IDAHO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DONALD ARMIN BLOME, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAOR-

DINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOHN F. PLUMB, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
MELISSA GRIFFIN DALTON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.