

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1677–S1711

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3434–3450, and S. Res. 539–541. **Page S1703**

Measures Passed:

Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability: By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 70), Senate passed H.J. Res. 76, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability”. **Pages S1678–85**

AmeriCorps: Senate agreed to S. Res. 540, recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni to the lives of the people of the United States. **Page S1707**

Maine 200th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 541, recognizing and celebrating the 200th anniversary of the entry of Maine into the Union as the 23d State. **Page S1707**

Savanna’s Act: Senate passed S. 227, to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1708–09**

Not Invisible Act: Senate passed S. 982, to increase intergovernmental coordination to identify and combat violent crime within Indian lands and of Indians, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1709–10**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 91, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the Chinese-American veterans of World War II. **Page S1710**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability: Senate indefinitely postponed S.J. Res. 56, providing

for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability”. **Page S1685**

House Messages:

Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1678, to express United States support for Taiwan’s diplomatic alliances around the world. **Page S1710**

Danly Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination occur at 11:45 a.m., and that all post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m. **Page S1710**

Messages from the House: **Page S1702**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1707**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—70) **Page S1685**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1710.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Thomas B. Modley, Acting Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, and General David H. Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: GAO AND CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

APPROPRIATIONS: HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Ben Carson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), and Lieutenant General Todd Semonite, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense; and Brenda Burman, Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation, and Timothy R. Petty, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Eric M. Smith, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. McCaffery, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Virginia S. Penrod, Acting Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Thomas A. Constable, Acting Assistant Secretary for Readiness, Elizabeth P. Van Winkle, Executive Director, Office of Force Resiliency, E. Casey Wardynski, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Gregory J. Slavonic, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, John A. Fedrigo, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Lieutenant General Thomas C. Seamands, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G-1, Vice Admiral John B. Nowell, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, N-1, Lieutenant General Brian T. Kelly, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, and Lieutenant General Michael A. Rocco, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1046, to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3132, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006;

S. 3191, to increase the capacity of research and development programs of the Federal Government that focus on industries of the future, with an amendment;

S. 3248, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, with an amendment;

S. 3303, to amend title 49, United States Code, to promote transportation career opportunities and improve diversity in the workforce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 835, to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping; and

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Finch Fulton, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Douglas Benevento, of Colorado, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, who was introduced by Senators Gardner and Daines, and David A. Wright, of South Carolina, who was introduced by Representative Duncan, and Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kipp Kranbuhl, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Assad's campaign against the Syrian people, including S. 52, to halt the wholesale

slaughter of the Syrian people, encourage a negotiated political settlement, and hold Syrian human rights abusers accountable for their crimes, after receiving testimony from Caesar, Syrian Military Defector; Omar Alshogre, Syrian Emergency Task Force; and Raed al-Saleh, Syria Civil Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 3045, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect United States critical infrastructure by ensuring that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has the legal tools it needs to notify private and public sector entities put at risk by cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the networks and systems that control critical assets of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2757, to waive the imposition of a civil fine for certain first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3412, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance;

S. 2502, to ban the Federal procurement of certain drones and other unmanned aircraft systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2722, to prohibit agencies from using Federal funds for publicity or propaganda purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3418, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide capitalization grants to States to establish revolving funds to provide hazard mitigation assistance to reduce risks from disasters and natural hazards, and other related environmental harm;

S. 3207, to require the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish a Cybersecurity State Coordinator in each State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3332, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses;

H.R. 3675, to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs;

H.R. 2589, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a homeland intelligence doctrine for the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4761, to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that

the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability;

H.R. 5273, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to increase to 100 percent the rates of scanning of commercial and passenger vehicles entering the United States at land ports of entry along the border using large-scale non-intrusive inspection systems to enhance border security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4713, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4739, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines against potential synthetic opioid exposure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the “Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office”;

S. 2945, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the Ernest “Ernie” T. Pyle Post Office;

S. 3257, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the “Einar ‘Sarge’ H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building”;

S. 3365, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the “Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office”;

H.R. 1833, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the “Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Mill Street in

Hookstown, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3329, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5186 Benito Street in Montclair, California, as the “Paul Eaton Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the “Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office”;

H.R. 5037, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the “Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office”; and

H.R. 3317, to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones.

EARN IT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3398, to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, focusing on holding the tech industry accountable in the fight against online child sexual exploitation, after receiving testimony from John Shehan, and Nicole, both of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; Jared Sine, Match Group, Dallas, Texas; and Mary Graw Leary, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, and Elizabeth Banker, Internet Association, both of Washington, D.C.

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: 27 public bills, H.R. 6187–6213; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 896, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1662–63

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Jonathan Slavinskis, St. Bernard's Church of Our Lady of Providence Parish, Worcester, Massachusetts. **Page 1597**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1597–98, H1640**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, March 10th.

Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act: S. 760, to enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 97.

Pages H1613–14

Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2020: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 893, to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software. **Pages H1614–15**

USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020: The House passed H.R. 6172, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, by a yea-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 136 nays, Roll No. 98. Subsequently, Representative Buck offered an amendment to the title, which was rejected by a recorded vote of 35 yeas to 376 noes, Roll No. 99.

Pages H1622–37

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 116–415 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 891, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 68), the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2486) and the bill (H.R. 6172) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 96, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 95.

Pages H1599–H1613

Directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress: The House passed S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress, by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 186 noes, Roll No. 101.

Pages H1615–22, H1637–40

Rejected the McCaul motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Foreign Affairs with instruc-

tions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 212 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 100.

Pages H1637–39

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Pages H1599–H1613

Dignity in Aging Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4334, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2020 through 2024. **Pages H1640–48**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 12th. **Page H1648**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 11:10 p.m. **Page H1659**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1615 and H1640.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1612–13, H1613, H1613–14, H1636–37, H1637, H1639, and H1639–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from David Bernhardt, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Labor Relations Board. Testimony was heard from John Ring, Chairman, National Labor Relations Board; and Peter Robb, General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Federal Communication Commission. Testimony was heard from Ajit Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration. Testimony was heard from Steve Dickson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Matthew T. Albence, Deputy Director and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND (CENTCOM)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM)” Testimony was heard from General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., Commander, U.S. Central Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Stephen M. Hahn, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from J. Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol.

IMPACT OF PFAS EXPOSURE ON SERVICEMEMBERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Impact of PFAS Exposure on Servicemembers”. Testimony was heard from Maureen Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office. Testimony was heard from Hugh Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY—ENERGY, OFFICE OF SCIENCE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, Office of Science, and Environmental. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Chris Fall, Director, Office of Science; Lane Genatowski, Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy; and William White, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Science for Environmental Management.

U.S. AFRICA COMMAND (AFRICOM)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM)” Testimony was heard from General Stephen J. Townsend, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Africa Command. This hearing was closed.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in North and South America”. Testimony was heard from Kenneth P. Rapuano, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense

and Global Security, Department of Defense; Admiral Craig S. Faller, U.S. Navy, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; and General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Northern Command.

REVIEWING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021: MAINTAINING A ROBUST ECOSYSTEM FOR OUR TECHNOLOGICAL EDGE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Reviewing Department of Defense Science and Technology Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Fiscal Year 2021: Maintaining a Robust Ecosystem for Our Technological Edge". Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Bruce D. Jette, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of the Army; James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Navy; and William Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

SEALIFT AND MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing entitled "Sealift and Mobility Requirements in Support of the National Defense Strategy". Testimony was heard from General Steve Lyons, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command; Mark H. Buzby, Maritime Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration; Vice Admiral Ricky L. Williamson, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; and Lieutenant General David S. Nahom, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Department of the Air Force.

PROTECTING CONGRESS' POWER OF THE PURSE AND THE RULE OF LAW

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Protecting Congress' Power of the Purse and the Rule of Law". Testimony was heard from Thomas H. Armstrong, General Counsel, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

THE HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT (H.R. 1784): EXAMINING A PLAN TO SECURE PAID SICK LEAVE FOR U.S. WORKERS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "The Healthy Families Act (H.R. 1784): Examining a Plan to Secure Paid Sick Leave for U.S. Workers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 5279, the "Cosmetic Safety Enhancement Act of 2019"; H.R. 5668, the "MODERN Labeling Act of 2020"; H.R. 5663, the "Safeguarding Therapeutics Act"; H.R. 4866, the "National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Act of 2019"; H.R. 4712, the "Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act"; H.R. 2117, the "FASTER Act of 2019"; H.R. 2468, the "School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act"; H.R. 2271, the "Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act"; H.R. 4801, the "Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2019"; H.R. 1379, the "Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act"; H.R. 2477, the "BENES Act of 2019"; H.R. 5534, the "Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act"; and H.R. 3935, the "Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act". H.R. 5279, H.R. 5668, H.R. 4712, H.R. 2117, H.R. 2468, H.R. 4866, H.R. 2271, H.R. 2477, H.R. 5534 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 5663, H.R. 4801, H.R. 1379, H.R. 3935 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

HOLDING WELLS FARGO ACCOUNTABLE: EXAMINING THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THE BANK'S EGREGIOUS PATTERN OF CUSTOMER ABUSES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Holding Wells Fargo Accountable: Examining the Role of the Board of Directors in the Bank's Egregious Pattern of Customer Abuses". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE CRISIS IN IDLIB

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled "The Crisis in Idlib". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANTAGONIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD: PUTIN'S FROZEN CONFLICTS AND THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a

hearing entitled “Antagonizing the Neighborhood: Putin’s Frozen Conflicts and the Conflict in Ukraine”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING AMERICA’S TRANSPORTATION AND MARITIME SYSTEMS: A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND THE U.S. COAST GUARD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Securing America’s Transportation and Maritime Systems: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Requests for the Transportation Security Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard”. Testimony was heard from David Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

RESOURCING DHS’ CYBERSECURITY AND INNOVATION MISSIONS: A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY AND THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Resourcing DHS’ Cybersecurity and Innovation Missions: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Science and Technology Directorate”. Testimony was heard from Chris Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Andre Hentz, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

CONFRONTING THE CORONAVIRUS: THE FEDERAL RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Confronting the Coronavirus: The Federal Response”. Testimony was heard from Ken Cuccinelli, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen C. Redd, M.D., Deputy Director for Public Health Service and Implementation Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1548, for the relief of Maria Car-

men Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas; H.R. 5602, the “Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2020”; H.R. 2733, the “Savanna’s Act”; H.R. 2438, the “Not Invisible Act of 2019”; and H.R. 6100, the “Strengthening the Opposition to Female Genital Mutilation Act”. H.R. 1548 and H.R. 6100 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 5602, H.R. 2733, and H.R. 2438 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 139, the “Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument Act”; H.R. 1162, the “Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act”; H.R. 2473, the “Securing Access for the central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act”; H.R. 3094, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32806, and for other purposes; H.R. 3250, the “Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools Act of 2019”; H.R. 3349, the “Republic of Texas Legation Memorial Act”; H.R. 3723, the “Desalination Development Act”; H.R. 4153, the “Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act”; H.R. 4891, the “Western Water Security Act of 2019”; H.R. 5068, the “Women Who Worked on the Home Front World War II Memorial Act”; and H.R. 5126, the “Direct Enhancement of Snapper Conservation and the Economy through Novel Devices Act of 2019”. H.R. 4891, H.R. 5068, H.R. 5126, H.R. 139, H.R. 1162, H.R. 2473, H.R. 3094, H.R. 3250, H.R. 3349, and H.R. 3723 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4153 was ordered reported, without amendment.

CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee began a hearing entitled “Coronavirus Preparedness and Response”.

FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 6201, the “Families First Coronavirus Response Act”. Testimony was heard Chairman Lowey, Chairman Pallone, Chairman Scott of Virginia, and Representatives Granger, Burgess, Foxx, Sewell, and Estes.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the National Institute of Standards and Technology”. Testimony was heard from Walter G. Copan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, and Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6079, “Microloan Improvement Act of 2020”; H.R. 6078, “Microloan Transparency and Accountability Act of 2020”; H.R. 6133, to reauthorize the State Trade Expansion Program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6021, the “Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Development Act”. H.R. 6079, H.R. 6078, H.R. 6133, and H.R. 6021 were ordered reported, without amendment.

FEMA’S PRIORITIES FOR 2020 AND BEYOND: COORDINATING MISSION AND VISION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “FEMA’s Priorities for 2020 and Beyond: Coordinating Mission and Vision”. Testimony was heard from Peter T. Gaynor, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

COMBATTING CHILD POVERTY IN AMERICA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support held a hearing entitled “Combatting Child Poverty in America”. Testimony was heard from Joy Bivens, Agency Director, Department of Job and Family Services, Franklin County, Ohio; and public witnesses.

NSA BUDGET HEARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “NSA Budget Hearing”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, after receiving tes-

timony from James W. Oxford, Joseph Sharpe, Daniel Seehafer, Melissa Bryant, Chanin Nuntavong, Ralph Bozella, and Vincent Troiola, all of The American Legion, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine agriculture innovation and the Federal biotechnology regulatory framework, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office’s annual report on the nation’s fiscal health, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of John Leonard Badalamenti, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, William Scott Hardy, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, John F. Heil III, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, David Cleveland Joseph, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Anna M. Manasco, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Drew B. Tipton, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, and Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Vincent F. DeMarco, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the coronavirus and America’s small business supply chain, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Scott J. Laurer, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 11:45 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 1:45 p.m., S-219, Capitol.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Public Witness Day”, 8:30 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Navy and Marine Corps Installations and Quality of Life”, 9 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “FY21 Navy and Marine Corps Readiness Posture”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “FY21 Priorities for Missile Defense and Missile Defeat Programs”, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, markup on H.R. 6160, to extend the chemical facility anti-terrorism standards program of the Department of Homeland Security; and H.R. 5544, the “American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act of 2020”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled, “The Irreparable Environmental and Cultural Impacts of the Proposed Resolution Copper Mining Operation”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, continue hearing entitled “Coronavirus Preparedness and Response”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, continue hearing on H.R. 6201, the “Families First Coronavirus Response Act”, 8 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 6084, the “Water Power Research and Development Act”; H.R. 6097, the “Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act”; H.R. 4481, the

“Securing Energy Critical Elements and American Jobs Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4733, the “Low-Dose Radiation Research Act of 2019”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, business meeting to reauthorize the Women Veterans Task Force; and markup on H.R. 712, the “VA Medical Cannabis Research Act”; H.R. 1647, the “Veterans Equal Access Act”; H.R. 2224, the “Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Act”; H.R. 3798, the “Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act”; H.R. 6140, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program; H.R. 6018, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to collect overpayments of specially adapted housing assistance; H.R. 6157, to improve the GI comparison tool program and update oversight of schools who convert from a profit to a non-profit school; legislation on the Veterans’ Compensation COLA Act; H.R. 5284, the “Vet OUTREACH Act”; H.R. 2816, the “Vietnam Era Veterans Hepatitis-C Testing Enhancement Act”; H.R. 2628, the “VET CARE Act”; H.R. 1527, the “Long Term Care Veterans Choice Act”; H.R. 5750, the “Streamlining GI Bill Processing Act of 2020”; H.R. 5781, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make an individual who is eligible for educational assistance under chapter 33 of such title, transfers such educational assistance to a dependent, and fails to complete a service agreement, solely liable for any overpayment of such educational assistance; S. 3084, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the limitation on pay for certain high-level employees and officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 6036, the “VA Family Leave Act of 2020”; and H.R. 5766, the “VET TEC Expansion Act”, 9 a.m., HVC–210.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Counterproliferation, hearing entitled “FBI Budget Hearing”, 10 a.m., HVC–304. This hearing is closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, March 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:45 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2486—Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act.

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