

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 12, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

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#### Measures Passed:

**DoD Waiver:** By 69 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 4), Senate passed H.R. 335, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

(A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, pass.)

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#### Inaugural Ceremony Proceedings—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Inaugural Ceremony Proceedings be printed in the Record.

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**Austin Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, January 22, 2021, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Lloyd James Austin, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Defense; that there be 10 minutes for debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—4) Page S87

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S94.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.12, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces; and

The nomination of Lloyd James Austin, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Defense.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Young, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 72 public bills, H.R. 373–444; 1 private bill, H.R. 445; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 17; H. Con. Res. 7; and H. Res. 54–60, were introduced. **Pages H220–24**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H227**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the over 400,000 Americans who have passed away from the COVID–19 virus. **Page H209**

**Order of Business—Consideration of H.R. 335:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H.R. 335 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee; that all points of order against consideration of the bill be waived; that the bill be considered as read; that all points of order against provisions in the bill be waived; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit. **Page H209**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:12 p.m. **Page H209**

**Providing for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces:** The House passed H.R. 335, to

provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces, by a yeand-nay vote of 326 yeas to 78 nays, Roll No. 18. **Pages H209–19**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H209.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeand-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H219.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Janet Louise Yellen, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–106.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, January 22

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

1:30 p.m., Monday, January 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Lloyd James Austin, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Defense, and vote on confirmation thereon at approximately 10:30 a.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1:30 p.m.

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