

Friday, February 19, 2021

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:19:45 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:20:15 a.m. until 3 p.m., on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Thursday, February 18, 2021, Committee concluded

a hearing to examine the Coronavirus crisis, focusing on paving the way to an equitable recovery, after receiving testimony from Mayor Jamael Tito Brown, Youngstown, Ohio; John A. Costa, Amalgamated Transit Union, Silver Spring, Maryland; Jyoshu Tsushima, Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Columbus, Ohio; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.; and John Cracchiolo, Sal and Jerry's Bakery, West Babylon, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Committee Meetings

COVID-19 AND THE CHILD CARE CRISIS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "COVID-19 and the Child Care Crisis". Testimony was heard from Theresa Hawley, First Assistant Deputy Governor, Education, Office of Governor, Illinois; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COVID-19 RESPONSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Department of Veterans Affairs COVID-19 Response". Testimony was heard from Richard Stone, Acting Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting on Committee Resolutions to establish procedures in contested election cases properly filed under the Federal Contested Election Act, and related matters. Committee Resolutions to establish procedures in contested election cases properly filed under the Federal Contested Election Act, and related matters were adopted.

A PATHWAY FOR PEACE IN AFGHANISTAN: EXAMINING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AFGHANISTAN STUDY GROUP

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled "A Pathway for Peace in Afghanistan: Examining the Findings and Recommendations of the Afghanistan Study Group". Testimony was heard from the following Afghanistan Study Group officials: Kelly A. Ayotte, Co-Chair; General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. (Retired), Co-Chair; and Nancy Lindborg, Co-Chair.

THE SCIENCE OF COVID–19 VACCINES AND ENCOURAGING VACCINE UPTAKE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Science of COVID–19 Vaccines and Encouraging Vaccine Uptake”. Testimony was heard from Dr. Philip Huang, M.D., Director and Health Authority, Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services, Texas; Keith Reed, Deputy Commissioner, Oklahoma State Department of Health; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Merrick Brian Garland, of Maryland, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 117th Congress, and an omnibus committee funding resolution, 5:30 p.m., S–219, Capitol.

House

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, markup on a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, S. Con. Res. 5, 1 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, February 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Monday, February 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Following the prayer and pledge, Senator Portman will be recognized to deliver *Washington's Farewell Address*.

Following the address, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of the Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.



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