

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1723–S1789

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 939–964, and S. Res. 132–135. **Pages S1766–67**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 116th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 117–4)

S. 144, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California. (S. Rept. No. 117–5)

S. 371, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community. (S. Rept. No. 117–6)

S. Res. 22, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador and recognizing the restoration and advancement of economic relations, security, and development opportunities in both nations.

S. Res. 34, recognizing the 200th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

S. Res. 35, condemning the military coup that took place on February 1, 2021, in Burma and the Burmese military’s detention of civilian leaders, calling for an immediate and unconditional release of all those detained and for those elected to serve in parliament to resume their duties without impediment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 36, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and recognizing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 37, expressing solidarity with the San Isidro Movement in Cuba, condemning escalated attacks against artistic freedoms in Cuba, and calling for the repeal of laws that violate freedom of expres-

sion and the immediate release of arbitrarily detained artists, journalists, and activists, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 44, denouncing the Maduro regime’s fraudulent legislative elections, the absence of acceptable conditions to ensure free, fair, and transparent electoral processes in Venezuela, and the further erosion of Venezuelan democracy.

S. Res. 81, honoring Las Damas de Blanco, a women-led nonviolent movement in support of freedom and human rights in Cuba, and calling for the release of all political prisoners in Cuba.

S. Res. 97, calling on the Government of Ethiopia, the Tigray People’s Liberation Front, and other belligerents to cease all hostilities, protect human rights, allow unfettered humanitarian access, and cooperate with independent investigations of credible atrocity allegations pertaining to the conflict in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 99, observing the 10th anniversary of the uprising in Syria.

S. Res. 117, expressing support for the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, or the Belfast Agreement, and subsequent agreements and arrangements for implementation to support peace on the island of Ireland, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 120, recognizing the Ninth Summit of the Americas and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to a more prosperous, secure, and democratic Western Hemisphere, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 122, reaffirming the importance of United States alliances and partnerships, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 335, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

S. 400, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200

New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the “William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building”.

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Measures Passed:

COVID–19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 1651, to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murphy (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1407, of a perfecting nature.

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Measures Considered:

PPP Extension Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1799, to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program.

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

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 136), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2021, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be considered expired, and the motion to proceed be agreed to; that the only amendments in order be the following: Kennedy Amendment No. 1401, and Rubio Amendment No. 1405; provided further that it be in order for Senator Paul, or his designee, to raise a Budget Act point of order; that at 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2021, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed and on the motion to waive, if made; and that if the motion to waive is agreed to, the bill be considered read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with 60-affirmative votes required for passage; all with no intervening action or debate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

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Adeyemo Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached provided that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, was withdrawn, and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at a time to be determined by the Major-

ity Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 134), Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 132), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 135), David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

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

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 133), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lina M. Khan, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 2017.

Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: Page S1765

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—136) Pages S1727–28, S1746

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1779.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD CYBER OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity received a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations from Mieke Eoyang, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, Jeffrey R. Jones, Vice Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cyber, Joint Staff, J-6, Major General Kevin B. Kennedy, Jr., USAF, Director of Operations, United States Cyber Command, and Rear Admiral Jeffrey J. Czerewko, USN, Deputy Director, Global Operations, J39, Joint Staff, J-3, all of the Department of Defense.

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine sexual assault in the military, including how continued Congressional oversight and an additional focus on prevention could aid the Department of Defense's efforts in this area, after receiving testimony from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Eugene R. Fidell, Yale Law School and New York University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Colonel Don Christensen, USAF (Ret.), Protect our Defenders, Alexandria, Virginia; Colonel Lawrence J. Morris, USA (Ret.), The Catholic University Of America, Washington, D.C.; Natalie Khawam, Whistleblower Law Firm, Tampa, Florida; Amy Braley Franck, Never Alone; Quinton M. McNair, USA (Ret.); and Amy Marsh.

CARES ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury; and Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

REBUILDING AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rebuild-

ing America's transportation infrastructure, after receiving testimony from John D. Porcari, former Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Cheverly, Maryland; Mayor Toby Barker, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Douglas R. Hooker, Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia; and Mark McAndrews, Port of Pascagoula, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

WESTERN WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the viability of incorporating natural infrastructure in western water management and policy to support economic development, protect watershed health, and build more resilient communities, after receiving testimony from Charles V. Stern, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Bobby Cochran, Willamette Partnership, Portland, Oregon, Troy Larson, Lewis and Clark Regional Water System, Tea, South Dakota; and Holly Richter, The Nature Conservancy, Hereford, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 400, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the "William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building"; and

The nominations of Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 615, to establish an interagency program to assist countries in North Africa and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 335, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998;

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S. Res. 114, commending the United States African Development Foundation on the occasion of its 40th anniversary for creating pathways to prosperity for underserved communities on the African continent through community-led development; and

S. Res. 122, reaffirming the importance of United States alliances and partnerships, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean, after receiving testimony from Secretary General Luis Almagro, Organization of American States, Deborah Ullmer, National Democratic Institute, and Ryan C. Berg, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL RESPONSE ENTERPRISE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the National Response Enterprise, focusing on preparing for future crises, after receiving testimony from General Joseph L. Votel, USA (Ret.), Business Executives for National Security, and Kristi M. Rogers, Principal to Principal LLC, both of Washington, D.C.; W. Craig Fugate, former Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Gainesville, Florida; and Michael Capps, Diveplane Corporation, Raleigh, North Carolina.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Cynthia Minette Marten, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Representative Susan Davis, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 421, to amend the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to expand the Indian reservation drinking water program; and

S. 789, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians.

NATIVE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine water infrastructure needs for Native communities, after receiving testimony from Raymond Tsumpti, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, Oregon; Amelia Flores, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Parker, Arizona; Valerie Nurr'Araaluk Davidson, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; and Jason

John, Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources, Ft. Defiance, Arizona.

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, after receiving testimony from former Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., National Democratic Redistricting Committee, Washington, D.C.; Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Lansing; West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner, Charleston; Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, Indianapolis; Lee E. Goodman, former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, Trevor Potter, Campaign Legal Center, Fred Wertheimer, Democracy 21, and Tiffany Muller, End Citizens United/Let America Vote Action Fund, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael Waldman, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School, New York, New York; and Bradley A. Smith, Institute for Free Speech, Columbus, Ohio.

SBA'S COVID-19 RELIEF PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Small Business Administration's COVID-19 relief programs, including S. 723, to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kelly, Asso-

ciate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Hannibal Ware, Inspector General, all of the Small Business Administration; and William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH AND THE HANNON ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' mental health and implementation of the Hannon Act, focusing on coping during COVID, after receiving testimony from David Carroll, Executive Director, and Lisa K. Kearney, Acting Director, Veterans Crisis Line, Deputy Director, and Matthew A. Miller, Director, both of Suicide Prevention, Clifford A. Smith, Director, Field Support and Analytics, all of the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Chad Bradford, Director, Mental Health Policy and Oversight, and Karin A. Orvis, Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office, both of the Department of Defense; Tammy Barlet, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Tom Porter, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lieutenant Colonel James Lorraine, USAF (Ret.), America's Warrior Partnership, Augusta, Georgia.

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

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021.

Committee Meetings

MANAGEMENT, PERFORMANCE CHALLENGES, AND COVID RESPONSE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Management, Performance Chal-

lenges, and COVID Response at the Department of Justice". Testimony was heard from Michael Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

TARGETED VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM PREVENTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled "Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention". Testimony was heard from John Picarelli, Director of the Office of Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention, Department of Homeland Security; John Cohen, Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “The Rural Economy”. Testimony was heard from Jeffery S. Hall, Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation; and Glen R. Smith, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration.

REMEDIATION AND IMPACT OF PFAS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Remediation and Impact of PFAS”. Testimony was heard from Mark Correll, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Air Force (Environment, Safety and Infrastructure); Paul Cramer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment (Installations), Department of Defense; Terry Rauch, Director of Medical Research and Development, Department of Defense; Patricia R. Hastings, Chief Consultant, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Post Deployment Health Services; and public witnesses.

EXTREMISM IN THE ARMED FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Extremism in the Armed Forces”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7, the “Paycheck Fairness Act”; H.R. 1065, the “Pregnant Workers Fairness Act”; and H.R. 1195, the “Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act”. H.R. 7, H.R. 1065, and H.R. 1195 were ordered reported, as amended.

POWER STRUGGLE: EXAMINING THE 2021 TEXAS GRID FAILURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Power Struggle: Examining the 2021 Texas Grid Failure”. Testimony was heard from Sylvester Turner, Mayor, Houston, Texas; Christi Craddick, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas; and public witnesses.

THE CLEAN FUTURE ACT: POWERING A RESILIENT AND PROSPEROUS AMERICA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act: Powering a Resilient and Prosperous America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESERVING A LIFELINE: EXAMINING PUBLIC HOUSING IN A PANDEMIC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Preserving a Lifeline: Examining Public Housing in a Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Oscar Durán, Executive Director, Municipal Housing Agency of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Brian Gage, Executive Director, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, Ohio; and public witnesses.

STATE AND LOCAL RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC TERRORISM: THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL AND BEYOND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “State and Local Responses to Domestic Terrorism: The Attack on the U.S. Capitol and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Dana Nessel, Attorney General, Michigan; Aaron Ford, Attorney General, Nevada; and John Chisholm, District Attorney, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

EXAMINING THE NEED TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Examining the Need to Expand Eligibility Under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act”. Testimony was heard from Senator Lujan and Representative Stanton; Jean Bishop, Supervisor, District 4, Mohave County, Arizona; Scott D. Szymendera, Analyst in Disability Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

HOW THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S BUILD BACK BETTER PLAN CAN BENEFIT THE U.S. TERRITORIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How the Biden Administration’s Build Back Better Plan Can Benefit the U.S. Territories”. Testimony was heard from Pedro R. Pierluisi, Governor, Puerto Rico; Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor, Guam; Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor, U.S. Virgin Islands; Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor, Northern Mariana Islands; and Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga, Governor, American Samoa.

HONORING ‘EQUAL PAY DAY’: EXAMINING THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF GENDER INEQUALITY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Honoring ‘Equal Pay Day’: Examining the Long-Term Economic Impacts of

Gender Inequality”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING R&D PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE AVIATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Examining R&D Pathways to Sustainable Aviation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 610, the “San Francisco Bay Restoration Act”; H.R. 1144, the “Promoting United Government Efforts to Save our Sound Act”; H.R. 587, the “Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II”; H.R. 1921, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2008, the “Local Water Protection Act”; H.R. 1765, the “Washington Channel Public Access Act”; H.R. 468, the “Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure Act of 2021”; H.R. 1262, the “Notice to Airman Improvement Act of 2021”; H.R. 390, to redesignate the Federal Building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee as the “Odell Horton Federal Building”; H.R. 1703, the “National Children’s Museum Act”; H.R. 1917, the “Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act”; H.R. 539, the “Preventing Disaster Revictimization Act”; H.R. 1951, the “Increase Federal Disaster Cost Share Act of 2021”; H.R. 2016, the “Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act”; and General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted. H.R. 468, H.R. 1262, H.R. 1144, H.R. 587, H.R. 1921, H.R. 1765, H.R. 2008, H.R. 539, H.R. 390, H.R. 1917, H.R. 1703, and H.R. 2016 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 610 and H.R. 1951 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE PANDEMIC AND VA’S MEDICAL SUPPLY CHAIN: EVALUATING THE YEAR-LONG RESPONSE AND MODERNIZATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Pandemic and VA’s Medical Supply Chain: Evaluating the Year-Long Response and Modernization”. Testimony was heard from Deborah Kramer, Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Support, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael Missal, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Shelby Oakley, Director of Con-

tracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine Child Nutrition Reauthorization, focusing on healthy meals and healthy futures, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, 12 noon, SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the American Rescue Plan, focusing on shots in arms and money in pockets, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the tax code, focusing on making the wealthiest people and largest corporations pay their fair share of taxes, 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the latest developments in the nuclear energy sector, focusing on ways to maintain and expand the use of nuclear energy in the United States and abroad, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine how U.S. international tax policy impacts American workers, jobs, and investment, 9:30 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. response to the coup in Burma, 10 a.m., VTC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine our COVID-19 response, focusing on improving health equity and outcomes by addressing health disparities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Deanne Bennett Criswell, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 632, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 169, to amend title

17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and the nominations of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Hearing to Review the State of Black Farmers in the U.S.”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Leading by Action: The Fierce Urgency for Diversity and Inclusion in the Foreign Policy Workforce”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “The Effects of COVID-19 on Arts and Humanities Organizations”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Creating Equitable Communities Through Transportation and Housing”, 2:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Lessons Learned: Charting the Path to Educational Equity Post-COVID-19”, 1 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, joint hearing entitled “Disinformation Nation: Social Media’s Role in Promoting Extremism and Misinformation”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Ending Exploitation: How the Financial System Can Work to Dismantle the Business of Human Trafficking”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 391, the “Global Health Security Act of 2021”;

H.R. 1079, the “Desert Locust Control Act”; H.R. 1145, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes; H.R. 1500, to direct the Administrator of the USAID to submit to Congress a report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global basic education programs; H.R. 1158, to provide women and girls safe access to sanitation facilities in refugee camps; H.R. 1083, the “Southeast Asia Strategy Act”; H.R. 1392, the “Protection of Saudi Dissidents Act of 2021”; H.R. 1464, the “Khashoggi Accountability Act”; H.R. 256, to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; H.R. 2118, the “Securing America From Epidemics Act”; H. Res. 245, calling for renewed, decisive, and robust international collaboration and coordination to fight COVID-19 across Africa; and H.R. 1934, the “Promoting United States International Leadership in 5G Act”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “The Importance of a Diverse Federal Judiciary”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Rooting Out Fraud in Small Business Relief Programs”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Building Technologies Research for a Sustainable Future”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Priorities for Transportation Infrastructure”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Restoring Faith by Building Trust: VA’s First 100 Days”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Examining Private Equity’s Expanded Role in the U.S. Health Care System”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, March 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1799, PPP Extension Act, with all post-cloture time being considered expired and the motion to proceed agreed to.

At 10:45 a.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Kennedy Amendment No. 1401, Rubio Amendment No. 1405, and that Senator Paul, or his designee, be recognized to raise a budget point of order. If the motion to waive is agreed to, Senate will then vote on final passage of the bill, as amended, if amended.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.



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