

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2203–S2255

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1372–1399, and S. Res. 180. **Pages S224–25**

Measures Passed:

National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 180, supporting the designation of the week of April 26 through April 30, 2021, as “National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week”. **Pages S2245–46**

Consider Teachers Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 848, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the service obligation verification process for TEACH Grant recipients, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2246–47**

Measures Considered:

Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act: Senate began consideration of S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2220–21**

Pending:

Duckworth (for Carper/Capito) Amendment No. 1460, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2221**

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

By 92 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 172), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2220**

Appointments:

Congressional Award Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following

individuals to the Congressional Award Board: Senator Lummis and Mr. Shawn Whitman of Virginia. **Page S2245**

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senator Blunt (re-appointment). **Page S2245**

Election Assistance Commission, Board of Advisors: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107–252, Title II, Section 214, appointed the following individual to the Election Assistance Commission, Board of Advisors: Sarah Ball Johnson of Colorado. **Page S2245**

Joint Session Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the Joint Session to be held at 9 p.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. **Pages S2245–46**

Power Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, ripen at 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. **Page S2247**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 81 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 167), Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S2205–07**

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 169), Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S2210**

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 168), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2208**

By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 171), Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. **Pages S2210–20**

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

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 170), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2210**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Farrell Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

Gilbert Ray Cisneros, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Brenda Sue Fulton, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Ely Stefansky Ratner, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Deborah G. Rosenblum, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Shawn Graham Skelly, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Kimberly L. Jones, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2023.

Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Margaret Vo Schaus, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Robert Cornelius Hampshire, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Carlos Alberto Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Carol Annette Petsonk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Richard W. Spinrad, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Cynthia Weiner Stachelberg, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Tracy Stone-Manning, of Montana, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Radhika Fox, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Melanie Anne Egorin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

Catherine A. McLaughlin, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Department of Health and Human Services.

Deirdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

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Cynthia C. Hogan, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2024.

Rajesh D. Nayak, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Shirley Sachi Sagawa, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Chris Inglis, of Maryland, to be National Cyber Director.

Robert Peter Silvers, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security.

Bryan Todd Newland, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Stacey A. Dixon, of the District of Columbia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Helaine Ann Greenfeld, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Donald Michael Remy, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Space Force.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—172) Pages S2207–08, S2210, S2220

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2247.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine the Missile Defense Agency, focusing on a program update, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Jon A. Hill, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported routine lists in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

DOD MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense's management challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Field, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Peter Levine, Institute for Defense Analyses, former Deputy Chief Management Officer for the Department Of Defense, Alexandria, Virginia; and Adam Grant, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, Philadelphia.

CURBING COVID CONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine curbing COVID cons, focusing on warning consumers about pandemic

frauds, scams, and swindles, after receiving testimony from Daniel Kaufman, Acting Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Cynthia L. Alexander, Washington Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division, Seattle; William E. Kovacic, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; Kevin H. Rhodes, 3M Company, Saint Paul, Minnesota; and Bonnie Patten, Truth in Advertising, Inc., Madison, Connecticut.

FUTURE OF AUTOMOBILES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight, and Ports concluded a hearing to examine the future of automotive mobility, safety, and technology, after receiving testimony from John Bozzella, Alliance for Automotive Innovation, and Ann Wilson, Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Rana Abbas Taylor, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Northville, Michigan; and Reuben Sarkar, American Center for Mobility, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy development on federal lands, focusing on the current status of the Department of the Interior's onshore oil and gas leasing program, after receiving testimony from Nada Wolff Culver, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, Cheyenne; Governor Brian Vallo, Acoma Pueblo, New Mexico; Vicki Hollub, Occidental, Washington, D.C.; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

NATIONAL CLIMATE BANK ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine S. 283, to establish a National Climate Bank, after receiving testimony from Senator Van Hollen; Rusty Bell, Campbell County Commissioner, Gillette, Wyoming; Reed Hundt, Coalition for Green Capital, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Duanne Andrade, Solar and Energy Loan Fund, Fort Pierce, Florida; and Jason Isaac, Life: Powered, Austin, Texas.

CLIMATE CHALLENGES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate challenges, focusing on the tax code's role in creating American jobs, achieving energy independence, and providing consumers with affordable, clean energy, after receiving testimony

from Jason Walsh, BlueGreen Alliance, and Alex Brill, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Maria M. Pope, Portland General Electric, Portland, Oregon; and Kevin Sunday, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Harrisburg.

FAIRER TAX SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth concluded a hearing to examine creating opportunity through a fairer tax system, after receiving testimony from Abigail E. Disney, Fork Films, New York, New York; Cheryl Straughter, Soleil, Boston, Massachusetts; David Gamage, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington; Scott A. Hodge, Tax Foundation, and Kyle Pomerleau, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jeff Hoopes, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill.

U.S. POLICY ON AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy on Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Zalmay Khalilzad, Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation, Department of State.

21ST CENTURY IT MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine controlling Federal legacy IT costs and crafting 21st century IT management solutions, after receiving testimony from Kevin Walsh, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; Renee P. Wynn, former Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Annandale, Virginia; Max Everett, former Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Casey Coleman, Salesforce Global Public Sector, Cookville, Texas.

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S CHILD CARE SECTOR

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting children, workers and families by strengthening America's child care sector, after receiving testimony from Susan Gayle Perry, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh; Myra Jones-Taylor, ZERO TO THREE, Washington, D.C.; Khadija Lewis Khan, Beautiful Beginnings Child Care Center, Providence, Rhode Island, on behalf of the Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children; and Dasja Reed, New Orleans, Louisiana.

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded a hearing to examine how social media platforms' design choices shape our discourse and our minds, focusing on algorithms and amplification, after receiving testimony from Monika Bickert, Facebook, Menlo Park, California; Lauren Culbertson, Twitter, Inc., and Tristan Harris, Center for Humane Technology, both of San Francisco, California; Alexandra N. Veitch, YouTube, LLC, San Bruno, California; and Joan Donovan, Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

SUPREME COURT FACT-FINDING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights concluded a hearing to examine Supreme Court fact-finding and the distortion of American democracy, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Fisher, Indiana Solicitor General, Indianapolis; Allison Orr Larsen, William and Mary Law School, Williamsburg, Virginia; Theodore M. Shaw, University of North Carolina Center for Civil Rights, Chapel Hill; and Paul M. Smith, Campaign Legal Center, and Ilya Shapiro, Cato Institute Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Committee Meetings

THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND RECOVERY ACT: RETURNING MONEY TO DEFRAUDED CONSUMERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “The Consumer Protection and Recovery Act: Returning Money to Defrauded Consumers”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca K. Slaughter, Acting Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern and Representative Moore.

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights held a hearing entitled “The Effects of Climate Change in Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AT THE BORDER: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON THE WAY FORWARD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “Unaccompanied Children at the Border: Stakeholder Perspectives on the Way Forward”. Testimony was heard from Robert Garcia, Mayor, Long Beach, California; and public witnesses.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ON NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Accessibility for People with Disabilities on National Parks and Public Lands”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING AND THE GROWING ONLINE MARKETPLACE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Wildlife Trafficking and the Growing Online Marketplace”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

THE LEADING EDGE: INNOVATION IN U.S. AEROSPACE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “The Leading Edge: Innovation in U.S. Aerospace”. Testimony was heard from Eric Garcetti, Mayor, Los Angeles, California; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine health disparities in Indian Country, focusing on a review of the Indian Health Service’s COVID response and future needs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Library of Congress, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Government Accountability Office, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the VA telehealth program, focusing on leveraging recent investments to build future capacity, 3 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command’s efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine defense acquisition programs and acquisition reform, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine United States nuclear deterrence policy and strategy, 4:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the reemergence of rent-a-bank, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 15, to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors, S. 115, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in the United States, S. 120, to prevent and respond to the misuse of communications services that facilitates domestic violence and other crimes, S. 163, to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry, S. 198, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, S. 316, to establish a temperature checks pilot program for air transportation, S. 326, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, S. 381, to establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council, S. 558, to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 576, to amend title 14, United States Code, to require the Coast Guard to conduct icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes to minimize commercial disruption in the winter months, S. 593, to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, S. 735, to amend the Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992 to further support advanced technological manufacturing, S. 1106, to prohibit the sale of shark fins, S. 1259, to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, an original bill relating to marine mammals, and the nominations of Donet Dominic Graves, Jr., of Ohio, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request

for fiscal year 2022 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the response to COVID-19, focusing on using lessons learned to address mental health and substance use disorders, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Kiran Arjandas Ahuja, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Anton George Hajjar, of Maryland, Amber Faye McReynolds, of Colorado, and Ronald Stroman, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine the non-governmental organization perspective on the southwest border, 2:30 p.m., VTC.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the COVID-19 response in Native communities, focusing on Native education systems one year later, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ketanji Brown Jackson, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Julien Xavier Neals, and Zahid N. Quraishi, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Regina M. Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on extreme risk order/"red flag" laws, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 89, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to secure medical opinions for veterans with service-connected disabilities who die from COVID-19 to determine whether their service-connected disabilities were the principal or contributory causes of death, S. 189, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, S. 219, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of certain payments during the emergency period resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, S. 437, to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, S. 444, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing an additional vehicle adapted for operation by disabled individuals to certain

eligible persons, S. 454, to provide health care and benefits to veterans who were exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, S. 458, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the representative of record of a claimant for compensation or benefits administered by the Secretary an opportunity to review a proposed determination regarding that claim, S. 565, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as radiation-exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 657, to modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, S. 731, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 810, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for which there is a presumption of service connection for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam to include hypertension, S. 894, to identify and refer members of the Armed Forces with a health care occupation who are separating from the Armed Forces for potential employment with the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 927, to improve the provision of health care and other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances, S. 952, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of service connection for certain diseases associated with exposure to toxins, S. 976, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, S. 1031, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 1039, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation for disabilities occurring in Persian Gulf War veterans, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide pension claim enhancement assistance to individuals submitting claims for pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1093, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, S. 1095, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of courses of education offered by public institutions of higher learning that do not charge veterans the in-State tuition rate for purposes of Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, S. 1096, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses and children of individuals who die from a service-connected disability within 120 days of serving in the Armed Forces, and S. 1188, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to notify Congress regularly of reported cases of burn pit exposure by veterans, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 1:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Coast Guard Readiness", 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Department of Defense's Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan: Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Results and the Path Forward", 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Building Back Better: Investing in Improving Schools, Creating Jobs, and Strengthening Families and our Economy", 12 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Long Haul: Forging a Path through the Lingering Effects of COVID-19", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the Role of Municipal Bond Markets in Advancing—and Undermining—Economic, Racial and Social Justice", 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, hearing entitled "State and Local Perspectives on DHS Preparedness Grant Programs", 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, business meeting on Disposition of Contested elections, and for other purposes, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing on Request for a DHS Departmental Report on the Beneficiary of H.R. 681, 2 p.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled "'Why Don't They Just Get in Line?' Barriers to Legal Immigration", 2:15 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 443, the "Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act"; H.R. 1029, the "Free Veterans from Fees Act"; H.R. 1492, the "Methane Waste Prevention Act of 2021"; H.R. 1503, the "Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021"; H.R. 1505, the "Bonding Reform and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2021"; H.R. 1506, the "Transparency in Energy Production Act of 2021"; H.R. 1517, the "Ending Taxpayer Welfare for Oil and Gas Companies Act of 2021"; H.R. 1884, the "Save Oak Flat Act"; and H.R. 2348, the "Advancing Conservation and Education Act", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ending Hunger in America: Challenges, Opportunities, and Building the Political Will to Succeed" [Original Jurisdiction Hearing], 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “National Science Foundation: Advancing Research for the Future of U.S. Innovation”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Harnessing the Power of Immigrant-owned Businesses to Build Back Better”, 12:15 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Investing in America: Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Charting the Path Forward for Telehealth”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

6 p.m., Wednesday, April 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

At 12:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

(At 8:15 p.m., Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber and proceed as a body to the Hall of the House for a Joint Session to receive an address from President Biden.)

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Joint Session with the Senate to receive an address from the President of the United States.



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