

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2463–S2497

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1574–1602, and S. Res. 207–211. **Pages S2485–87**

Measures Passed:

Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act: Senate passed S. 1585, to add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards. **Pages S2469–70**

Honoring Las Damas de Blanco: Senate agreed to 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. **Page S2494**

Recognizing the Ninth Summit of the Americas: Senate agreed to 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. **Pages S2494–96**

United States African Development Foundation 40th Anniversary: Senate agreed to 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. **Page S2496**

Doula Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, recognizing the work and contributions of doulas towards improving pregnancy, birth, and postpartum outcomes. **Page S2496**

Glioblastoma Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, designating July 21, 2021, as “Glioblastoma Awareness Day”. **Page S2496**

Public Service Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, expressing the sense of the Senate that, during Public Service Recognition Week, public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States. **Page S2496**

Motion to Discharge Brooks-LaSure Nomination: By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 184), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination of Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, from the Committee on Finance. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Pages S2465–69**

McReynolds Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Amber Faye McReynolds, of Colorado, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2026. **Pages S2496–97**

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

By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 189), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2480–81**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, May 13, 2021; that all time on the nomination expire at 12 noon; and that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination, Senate recess until 1:45 p.m.; provided further that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Donet Dominic Graves, Jr., of Ohio, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, be withdrawn, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m. **Page S2496**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 186), Ronald Stroman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2021. **Pages S2470–76**

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

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 185), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2469**

By 66 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 188), Ronald Stroman, of the District of Columbia, to be a

Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2028. **Pages 2476–80**

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

By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 187), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2476**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

Gustavo A. Gelpi, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Angel Kelley, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Lauren J. King, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Eunice C. Lee, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Veronica S. Rossman, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Karen McGlashan Williams, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S2497**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which was sent to the Senate on February 22, 2021, from the Senate Committee on Finance.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—189) **Pages S2469 and S2476–81**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2497.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN AMERICA

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine domestic violent extremism in America, after receiving testimony from Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, Department of Justice; and Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine military and civilian personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lernes Herbert, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Terry Adirim, Acting Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Elizabeth P. Van Winkle, Executive Director, Office of Force Resiliency, Lieutenant General Gary M. Brito, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, Vice Admiral John B. Nowell Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, N–1 and Chief of Naval Personnel, Lieutenant General Brian T. Kelly, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Lieutenant General David A. Ottingnon, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Patricia Mulcahy, Chief Human Capital Officer, United States Space Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense budget posture for nuclear forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Program, General Timothy Ray, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Andrew Walter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Matters, and Leonor Tomero, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, all of the Department of Defense.

THE PENTAGON

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine waste, fraud, cost overruns, and auditing at the Pentagon, after receiving testimony from Lawrence J. Korb, Center for American

Progress, William D. Hartung, Center for International Policy, Mandy Smithberger, Project on Government Oversight, Roger Zakheim, Ronald Reagan Institute, and Tom Spoehr, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 82, to require a joint task force on air travel during and after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency;

S. 116, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products, with an amendment;

S. 140, to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 316, to establish a temperature checks pilot program for air transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 497, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants;

S. 516, to plan for and coordinate efforts to integrate advanced air mobility aircraft into the national airspace system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1037, to provide for the establishment of a section of the website of the Department of Commerce that shall serve as the primary hub for information relating to Federal manufacturing programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1289, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program;

The nominations of Leslie B. Kiernan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, and Lina M. Khan, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shannon Aneal Estenoz, of Florida, to be As-

sistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and Radhika Fox, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Michal Ilana Freedhoff, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, who was introduced by Senator Markey, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PRESIDENT'S TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2021 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Katherine C. Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, focusing on improving mental health and addiction services in our communities, after receiving testimony from Victor Armstrong, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh; Stephanie Woodard, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Carson City; Lenette Kosovich, Rimrock Foundation, Billings, Montana; and Malkia Newman, CNS Healthcare Anti-Stigma Program, Waterford, Michigan.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine COVID-19 pandemic and the United States international response, after receiving testimony from Gayle E. Smith, Coordinator for Global COVID Response and Health Security, Department of State; and Jeremy M. Konyndyk, Executive Director of COVID-19 Task Force, Office of the Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1351, to strengthen the security and integrity of the United States scientific and research enterprise;

S. 1316, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make a declaration of a significant incident, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1097, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce;

S. 1353, to promote United States values and fulfill agency missions through the use of innovative

applied artificial intelligence technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 73, to ban the Federal procurement of certain drones and other unmanned aircraft systems;

S. 1143, to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation;

S. 1330, to facilitate the reskilling of Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1350, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a national risk management cycle, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1306, to provide for domestic sourcing of personal protective equipment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 732, to strengthen Buy American requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1303, to ensure that certain Federal infrastructure programs require the use of materials produced in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

GAO REPORT ON DUPLICATION, OVERLAP, AND FRAGMENTATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Government Accountability Office's 2021 report on duplication, overlap, fragmentation and opportunities to achieve financial benefits, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jocelyn Samuels, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Seema Nanda, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

COVID-19 RESPONSE IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the COVID-19 response in native communities, focusing on tourism economies one year later, after receiving testimony from Dennis Alvord, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration; Anthony M. Rodman, Acting Director, Office of Indian Economic Development, Department of the Interior; John De Fries, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Honolulu; Sherry L.

Rupert, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Russell Dick, Huna Totem Corporation, Juneau, Alaska.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Deborah L. Boardman, and Lydia Kay Griggsby, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, both introduced by Senators Cardin and Van Hollen, and Ronald L. Davis, of California, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety concluded a hearing to examine the essential role of immigrant workers in America, including S. 747, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the adjustment of status of essential workers, after receiving testimony from Ronald D. Vitiello, former Chief, Border Patrol, and former Acting Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Rose Michelle Tilus, Haitian Bridge Alliance, Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Bruce Goldstein, Farmworker Justice, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.; and Tom K. Wong, University of California San Diego, La Jolla.

CLAIMS PROCESS DURING COVID

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supporting disabled veterans, focusing on the state of claims processing during and after COVID-19, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Murphy, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, and Willie C. Clark, Sr., Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, both of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and Toby T. Mathew, Chief Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment, Veterans Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Ryan Gallucci, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shane Liermann, Disabled American Veterans, and Carmen McGinnis, Disabled American Veterans, all of Washington, D.C.

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

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 3129–3171; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 384–391, were introduced. **Pages H2268–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2272**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 958, to codify maternity care coordination programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–30);

H.R. 1448, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy, and to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–31); and

H.R. 1703, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Children's Museum to provide the National Children's Museum rental space without charge in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–32).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Correa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2199**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2208**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 384, electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H2208**

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Protecting Moms Who Served Act: H.R. 958, to codify maternity care coordination programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H2215–17**

Designating the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32806: H.R. 49, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32806; **Pages H2219–20**

Native American Child Protection Act: H.R. 1688, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act; and **Pages H2222–25**

Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Act:

H.R. 2208, to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair.

Pages H2225–26

Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act and Pregnant Workers Fairness Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 380, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2547) to expand and enhance consumer, student, servicemember, and small business protections with respect to debt collection practices; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1065) to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, by a yeand-nay vote of 214 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 136, after the previous question was ordered by a yeand-nay vote of 212 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 135. Pursuant to section 7 of H. Res. 380, House Resolution 379 is hereby adopted. **Pages H2226–35**

Suspending the Rules and passing bills en bloc: Pursuant to section 6 of H. Res. 380, Representative Hoyer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the following bills en bloc, and therefore the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions would be vacated to the end that all such motions would be considered as withdrawn: H.R. 297, H.R. 433, H.R. 478, H.R. 586, H.R. 721, H.R. 768, H.R. 810, H.R. 1205, H.R. 1260, H.R. 1324, H.R. 1448, H.R. 1475, H.R. 1480, H.R. 2862, H.R. 2955, and H.R. 2981, which was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 349 yeas to 74 nays, Roll No. 137. **Pages H2235–46**

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 15 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 2208.

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on **Pages H2233–34, H2234–35, and H2246.**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

**TITLE II CONSERVATION PROGRAMS:
EXPLORING CLIMATE SMART PRACTICES**

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled "Title II Conservation Programs: Exploring Climate Smart

Practices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USDA RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS MISSION AREA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “USDA Research, Education and Economics Mission Area”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Carrie Castille, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Hubert Hamer, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Acting Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics; Simon Y. Liu, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; and Spiro Stefanou, Administrator, Economic Research Service.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Federal Aviation Administration Safety. Testimony was heard from Steve Dickson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

AN UPDATE ON AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Update on Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from David F. Helvey, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense; and Brigadier General Matthew G. Trollinger, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs, Joint Staff, J-5.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE’S FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service”. Testimony was heard from Stacy Dean, Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 HHS BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2022 HHS Budget”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 166 the “The Fair Lending for All Act”; H.R. 1188, the “Greater Accountability in Pay Act”; H.R. 1443, the “LGBTQ Business Equal Credit Enforcement and Investment Act”; H.R. 2570, the “Climate Risk Disclosure Act”; H.R. 3007, the “Disclosure of Tax Havens and Offshoring Act”; and H.R. 3009, the “Improving Language Access in Mortgage Servicing Act”. H.R. 166, H.R. 1188, H.R. 1443, H.R. 2570, H.R. 3007, and H.R. 3009 were ordered reported, as amended.

DRIVING A GLOBAL, WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY RESPONSE TO CLIMATE ACTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Driving a Global, Whole-of-Society Response to Climate Action”. Testimony was heard from John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT OF THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK: UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE THREAT ASSESSMENT AND COUNTER-SURVEILLANCE BEFORE AND DURING THE ATTACK

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee continued a hearing entitled “Oversight of the January 6th Attack: United States Capitol Police Threat Assessment and Counter-Surveillance Before and During the Attack”. Testimony was heard from Christopher P. Failla, Inspector General, Architect of the Capitol.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Office of Insular Affairs Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 279, the “Insular Cases Resolution”. Testimony was heard from Representative Plaskett; Tina Muna Barnes, Vice Speaker, Guam Legislature; and Talauega Eleasalo Va’alele Ale, Lieutenant Governor, American Samoa.

THE CAPITOL INSURRECTION: UNEXPLAINED DELAYS AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Capitol Insurrection: Unexplained Delays and Unanswered Questions”. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Contee III, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington D.C.; and public witnesses.

COVID-19 VARIANTS AND EVOLVING RESEARCH NEEDS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a

hearing entitled “COVID–19 Variants and Evolving Research Needs”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Streiffer, Deputy Laboratory Director for Science and Technology, Argonne National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MILITARY TRANSITION DURING THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Military Transition During the COVID–19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from William Mansell, Director, Defense Support Services, Department of Defense; James Rodriguez, Acting Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Cheryl Rawls, Executive Director, Outreach, Transition and Economic Development Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR FAMILIES AND FOSTER YOUTH

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support held a hearing entitled “Making a Difference for Families and Foster Youth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FUNDING OUR NATION’S PRIORITIES: REFORMING THE TAX CODE’S ADVANTAGEOUS TREATMENT OF THE WEALTHY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Funding Our Nation’s Priorities: Reforming the Tax Code’s Advantageous Treatment of the Wealthy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RACIAL WEALTH GAP IN U.S.

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the racial wealth gap in the United States, after receiving testimony from Dorothy A. Brown, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia; Darrick Hamilton, The New School Institute on Race and Political Economy, and Ian Rowe, Vertex Partnership Academies, both of New York, New York; and Mehrsa Baradaran, University of California Irvine School of Law, Irvine.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine rethinking disaster recovery and resiliency, focusing on protecting our nation’s transportation systems, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christine Elizabeth Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of Tommy P. Beaudreau, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine offshore energy development in federal waters and leasing under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine retirement security, focusing on building a better future, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Department of Homeland Security actions to address unaccompanied minors at the southern border, 10:15 a.m., SD–342/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 228, to promote antitrust enforcement and protect competition through adjusting premerger filing fees, and increasing antitrust enforcement resources, S. 1511, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustain in the line of duty, S. 921, to amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States, S. 1502, to make Federal law enforcement officer peer support communications confidential, and the nominations of Kristen M. Clarke, and Todd Sunhwaee Kim, both of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 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, both 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., SH–216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Resource Management and Operational Priorities”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Mental Health Emergencies: Building a Robust Crisis Response System”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Navy and Marine Corps Quality of Life and Installations Update”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Reauthorization: Creating Opportunities for Youth Employment”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act: Superfund Proposals to Advance Cleanups, Equity, and Climate Resilience”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy, hearing entitled “A Race Against Time: Deploying Vaccines and Addressing the Disproportionate Impacts of COVID–19 in Latin America and the Caribbean”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Juvenile Justice Pipeline and the Road Back to Integration”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled “Environmental Justice in Indigenous Communities”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Protecting Coastal Communities and Ocean Resources from Offshore Drilling”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3076, the “Postal Service Reform Act”; H.R. 3077, the “Postal Service Improvement Act”; H.R. 1930, the “Federal Advisory Committee Transparency Act”; H.R. 2485, the “Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act”; H.R. 2681, the “Integrity Committee Transparency Act”; and H.R. 978, the “Chai Suthammanont Remembrance Act”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, markup on H.R. 2225, the “National Science Foundation for the Future Act”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Overview of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, markup on H.R. 2225, the “National Science Foundation for the Future Act”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Federal Real Estate Post-COVID–19 Part One: A View from The Private Sector”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Biden Administration’s 2021 Trade Policy Agenda”, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Recruiting, Empowering and Retaining a Diverse Congressional Staff”, 9 a.m., Zoom.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine preventing mass atrocities, 9:30 a.m., VTC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, May 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Thursday, May 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Amber Faye McReynolds, of Colorado, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Donet Dominic Graves, Jr., of Ohio, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

(Senate will recess following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Amber Faye McReynolds until 1:45 p.m.)

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete Consideration of H.R. 2547—Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act.

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