

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3385–S3465*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-three bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1796–1828, and S. Res. 232–237. **Pages S3420–21**

#### Measures Passed:

**Tulsa Race Massacre 100th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.

**Pages S3410–13**

**National MPS Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 235, designating May 15, 2021, as “National MPS Awareness Day”. **Page S3460**

**Legal Counsel:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 236, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *United States v. Wornick*. **Page S3460**

#### Measures Considered:

**Endless Frontier Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S3401–10, S3413–16**

#### Adopted:

Cantwell (for Paul) Amendment No. 2003 (to Amendment No. 1502), to prohibit the National Institutes of Health and any other Federal agency from funding gain-of-function research conducted in China. **Pages S3402, S3403–09**

Cantwell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1507 (to Amendment No. 1502), to prohibit any Federal funding for the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

**Pages S3402, S3403–08, S3409**

Cantwell (for Daines/Cortez Masto) Amendment No. 1787 (to Amendment No. 1502), to direct the President to enforce the intellectual property provisions of the Economic and Trade Agreement Be-

tween the Government of the United States of America and the Government of China.

**Pages S3402–03, S3409**

#### Rejected:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 204), Cantwell (for Wyden) Amendment No. 1975 (to Amendment No. 1502), to set forth trade policy, negotiating objectives, and congressional oversight requirements relating to the response to the COVID–19 pandemic. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

**Pages S3401–02, S3403–08**

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 205), Cantwell (for Crapo) Amendment No. 1565 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide limitations on the authority of the President to modify trade agreements. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

**Pages S3402, S3403–08**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 206), Cantwell (for Lee) Amendment No. 1891 (to Amendment No. 1502), to impose limitations on research. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

**Pages S3403–08, S3409–10**

#### Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3401**

Cantwell Amendment No. 1527 (to Amendment No. 1502), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3401**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer Amendment No. 1502 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 27, 2021. **Page S3416**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Schumer Amendment No. 1502. **Page S3416**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, the following amendments be called up reported by number: Durbin Amendment No. 2014, Kennedy Amendment No. 1710, and Sullivan Amendment No. 1911; that at 12 noon, on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, Senate vote on or in relation to Sullivan Amendment No. 1710, and at 2:30 p.m., on or in relation to Durbin Amendment No. 2014, and Kennedy Amendment No. 1710, with no amendments in order to these amendments prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendments, with 60 affirmative votes required for the adoption with the exception of Sullivan Amendment No. 1911, and two minutes of debate equally divided prior to each vote. **Page S3416**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be at 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. **Page S3417**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. **Page S3461**

**National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3233, to establish the National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex. **Pages S3416–17**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of 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. **Page S3417**

**Hajjar Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anton George Hajjar, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service. **Page S3417**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3233, to establish the National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex. **Page S3417**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3417**

**Lander Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. **Page S3417**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Anton George Hajjar, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service. **Page S3417**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3417**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3417**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 201), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. **Pages S3387–94**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 203), Kristen M. Clarke, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S3394–97**

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 202), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3394**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Daryl W. Baldwin, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Genine Macks Fidler, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2022.

Beverly Gage, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Lynnette Young Overby, of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2022.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S3461–65**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Lynette Young Overby, of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026, Phyllis Kaminsky, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Daryl W. Baldwin, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026, which was sent to the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Genine Macks Fidler, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026, which was sent to the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Beverly Gage, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026, which was sent to the Senate on April 29, 2021.

A routine list in the Space Force. **Page S3465**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S3419–20**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S3421–25**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S3425–28**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3418–19**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S3428–60**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S3460**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3460**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—206) **Pages S3393–94, S3397, S3408, S3410**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3461.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Christine Elizabeth Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, and 3,438 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frank Kendall III, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Heidi Shyu, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Research and Engineering, and Susanna V. Blume, of the District of Columbia, to be Director

of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FINANCIAL SYSTEM SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual testimony on the Federal Reserve's supervision and regulation of the financial system, after receiving testimony from Randal K. Quarles, Vice Chair for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### AMERICA'S TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY WORKFORCE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine investing in America's tourism and hospitality workforce and small businesses, after receiving testimony from D. Taylor, UNITE HERE, and Shaundell Newsome, Sumnu Marketing, on behalf of the Urban Chamber of Commerce Las Vegas, both of Las Vegas, Nevada; Bill Lupfer, Florida Attractions Association, Tallahassee; and Drew Daly, CruiseOne, Dream Vacations and Cruises Inc., Miami, Florida.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lily Lawrence Batchelder, of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Warren, and Benjamin Harris, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, J. Nellie Liang, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary, and Jonathan Davidson, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, to be Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. Res. 229, recognizing the devastating attack on a girls' school in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 8, 2021, and expressing solidarity with the Afghan people; and

The nominations of Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment), to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the

Inter-American Development Bank, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1675, to improve maternal health, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1491, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve obstetric care in rural areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1662, to increase funding for the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration and for the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health;

S. 1301, to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans;

S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1658, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to expand access to breastfeeding accommodations in the workplace, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### STOPPING GUN VIOLENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on safe storage, after receiving testimony from Maya Haasz, Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora; Ted C. Bonar, End Family Fire at Brady, Washington, D.C.; Joseph H. Bartozzi, National Shooting Sports Federation, Newtown, Connecticut; Kristin Song, Guilford, Connecticut; and Stephen Willeford, Sutherland Springs, Texas.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 86 public bills, H.R. 3470–3555; and 13 resolutions, H. Res. 432–444 were introduced. **Pages H2662–66**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2669–70**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Trone to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2661**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from the following National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services officials: Diana W.

Bianchi, M.D., Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Gary H. Gibbons, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Norman E. Sharpless, Director, National Cancer Institute; and Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2022 DEFENSE HEALTH AND MEDICAL READINESS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2022 Defense Health and Medical Readiness". Testimony was heard from Terry Adirim, Acting Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army; Rear Admiral Upper Half Bruce L. Gillingham, Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Dorothy A. Hogg, Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force; and Lieutenant General Ronald Place, Director, Defense Health Agency.

### **KEEPING OUR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES SAFE AND READY: THE MILITARY'S PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Keeping Our Service Members and Their Families Safe and Ready: The Military’s Prevention and Response to Domestic Violence”. Testimony was heard from Brenda Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office; Patricia Barron, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Colonel Steve Lewis, Family Advocacy Program Manager, Department of the Army; Colonel Andrew A. Cruz, Chief, Air Force Family Advocacy Program, Department of the Air Force; Crystal Griffen, Deputy Director Family Support, Commander, Navy Installations Command; and Lisa Eaffaldano, Assistant Branch Head, Prevention and Clinical Services, U.S. Marine Corps.

### **THE CLEAN FUTURE ACT AND DRINKING WATER: LEGISLATION TO ENSURE DRINKING WATER IS SAFE AND CLEAN**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act and Drinking Water: Legislation to Ensure Drinking Water is Safe and Clean”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer McLain, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

### **THE IMPACT OF SANCTIONS IN AFRICA**

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

### **THE STATUS OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN UNITED STATES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “The Status of Drought Conditions Throughout the Western United States”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Klein, Senior Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Craig McLean, Acting Chief Scientist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Joaquin Esquivel, Chair, California State Water Resources Control Board, California Environmental Protection Agency; Craig Foss, State Forester, Department of Lands, Idaho; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2662, the “IG Independence and Empowerment Act”; H.R. 302, the “Preventing a Patronage System Act”; H.R. 2617, the “Performance Enhancement Act”; H.R. 3327, the “No CORRUPTION Act”; H.R. 1297, the “Air America Act”; H.R. 3367, the “Gold Star Children Act”; H.R. 3210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 15th Street in Boulder, Colorado, as the “Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building”; H.R. 3419, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Meserole Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Joseph R. Lentol Post Office”; H.R. 207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 1st Avenue in Amory, Mississippi, as the “Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. ‘Rabbit’ Kennedy Post Office Building”; H.R. 209, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 305 Highway 15 North in Pontotoc, Mississippi, as the “Lance Corporal Marc Lucas Tucker Post Office Building”; and H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 Main Street in Biloxi, Mississippi, as the “Robert S. McKeithen Post Office Building”. H.R. 2662, H.R. 302, H.R. 2617, H.R. 3327, H.R. 1297, and H.R. 3367 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3210, H.R. 3419, H.R. 207, H.R. 209, and H.R. 3175 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### **SOLARWINDS AND BEYOND: IMPROVING THE CYBERSECURITY OF SOFTWARE SUPPLY CHAINS**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “SolarWinds and Beyond: Improving the Cybersecurity of Software Supply Chains”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Scholl, Chief, Computer Security Division, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Vijay D’Souza, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D558)

H.R. 1318, 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. Signed on May 24, 2021. (Public Law 117-14)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 26, 2021**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine the intelligence community, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the National Institutes of Health, and the state of medical research, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine budgeting for the future of forest management, focusing on rethinking resiliency, 10:15 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the United States Agency for International Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine space force, military space operations, policy and programs, 4:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine annual oversight of Wall Street firms, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine the current state of the National Park System, focusing on the impacts of COVID-19 on National Park Service operations, staff, visitation and facilities, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Surface

Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021", the nominations of Shannon Aneal Estenoz, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, Radhika Fox, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Michal Ilana Freedhoff, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and 10 General Services Administration resolutions, 9:45 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Clean Energy for America Act", 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1471, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the COVID-19 response in Native communities, focusing on Native languages one year later, including S. 989, to establish a Native American language resource center in furtherance of the policy set forth in the Native American Languages Act, and S. 1402, to amend the Native American Languages Act to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tiffany P. Cunningham, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Margaret Irene Strickland, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Ur Mendoza Jaddou, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and David H. Chipman, of Virginia, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Anne Milgram, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the pandemic response and the small business economy, focusing on an update from the Small Business Administration, 1:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider 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. 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. 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. 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, an original bill entitled, "The COST of War Act of 2021", and the nominations of Donald Michael Remy, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Secretary, Matthew T. Quinn, of Montana, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Maryanne T. Donaghy, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection), and Patricia L. Ross, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary (Congressional and Legislative Affairs), all of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3 p.m., SR-301.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations, hearing entitled "The Future of SNAP: Moving Past the Pandemic", 12 p.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Department of Homeland Security Resource Management and Operational Priorities", 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "Defense Environmental Restoration", 1 p.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3110, the "Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act"; and H.R. 2062, the "Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act", 12 p.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Shot at Normalcy: Building COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence", 11 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Consumer Credit Reporting: Assessing Accuracy and Compliance", 12 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 164, to authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease or transfer certain land, and for other purposes; H.R. 438, to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes; H.R. 1146, the "Community Reclamation Partnerships Act"; H.R. 1619, the "Catawba Indian Nation Lands Act"; H.R. 1733, the "RECLAIM Act of 2021"; H.R. 1734, the "Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2021"; H.R. 2415, the "Orphaned Well Clean-up and Jobs Act of 2021"; and H.R. 2641, the "Pacific Northwest Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act of 2021", 11 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled "Confronting Violent White Supremacy (Part V): Examining the Rise of Militia Extremism", 2 p.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Examination of the SBA's Covid-19 Programs", 10 a.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Full Committee Member Day Hearing", 9:30 a.m., Zoom.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity and Oversight, hearing entitled "Veteran Employment Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic", 1 p.m. Zoom.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 26

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1260, Endless Frontier Act, with a vote on or in relation to Sullivan Amendment No. 1911, at 12 noon. At 2:30 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Durbin Amendment No. 2014 and Kennedy Amendment No. 1710 to the bill. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments is at 2:30 p.m.

Senators should expect additional roll call votes during Wednesday's session.

*(Senate will recess following the vote on or in relation to Sullivan Amendment No. 1911 until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, May 28

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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