

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2428–2465, and S. Res. 314–317. **Pages S5049–51**

Measures Passed:

2020 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games: Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, commemorating the past success of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams and supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the 2020 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. **Pages S5038–39**

Authorize Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *AO Alfa-Bank v. John Doe, et al.* **Page S5056**

Trevor Reed: Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, calling for the immediate release of Trevor Reed, a United States citizen who was unjustly found guilty and sentenced to 9 years in a Russian prison. **Page S5056**

Paul Whelan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 165, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan. **Pages S5056–57**

National Cyber Director: Senate passed S. 2382, to authorize the National Cyber Director to accept details from other elements of the Federal Government on nonreimbursable basis. **Pages S5057–58**

Kim Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Todd Sunhwa Kim, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S5038**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 22, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 26, 2021. **Page S5038**

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 S5038**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 26, 2021; and that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S5058**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 277), Jill Hruby, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy. **Page S5038**

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

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

Meredith Berger, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Gina Maria Ortiz Jones, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Caroline Diane Krass, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

Heidi Shyu, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. **Pages S5040–41**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Andrew Philip Hunter, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Graham Scott Steele, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Thomas R. Nides, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel.

Tom Udall, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa.

Tamara Cofman Wittes, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Jonathan Kanter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S5058**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Andrew Philip Hunter, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, which was sent to the Senate on July 20, 2021. **Page S5058**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—277) **Page S5038**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:08 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5058.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: On Wednesday, July 21, 2021, Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2022”.

FUTURE PANDEMIC RISK

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine frameworks to address future pandemic risk, after receiving testimony from Evan G. Greenberg, Chubb, and Martin South, Marsh, both of New York, New York; Robert P. Hartwig, University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business, Columbia; Adenah Bayoh, Adenah Bayoh and Companies, Irvington, New Jersey; and Robert M. Gordon, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, and L. Charles Landgraf, Arnold and Porter, on behalf of the Business Continuity Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

SPACE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space and Science concluded a hearing to examine space situational awareness, space traffic

management, and orbital debris, focusing on solutions for emerging threats, after receiving testimony from Karina Drees, Commercial Spaceflight Federation, Kevin M. O’Connell, Space Economy Rising, LLC, and Tom Stroup, Satellite Industry Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Marcus J. Holzinger, University of Colorado, Boulder; and Paul Graziani, COMSPOC Corp, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert T. Anderson, of Washington, to be Solicitor, Department of the Interior, and Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Samuel T. Walsh, of New York, to be General Counsel, and Andrew Eilperin Light, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Affairs), all of the Department of Energy.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POPULATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine current issues adversely affecting environmental justice populations, after receiving testimony from Laura Pulido, University of Oregon, Eugene; Catherine Coleman Flowers, Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice, Montgomery, Alabama; Tracy Harden, Chuck’s Dairy Bar, Rolling Fork, Mississippi; and Delbert J. Rexford, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation, Utqiagvik, Alaska.

21ST CENTURY ECONOMY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine American workers in a 21st century economy, focusing on the right to organize, after receiving testimony from Mark Gaston Pearce, Georgetown Law Center Workers’ Rights Institute, and Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute, both of Silver Spring, Maryland; Jyoti Sarolia, Ellis Hospitality, Temecula, California, on behalf of the International Franchise Association; and Gracie Heldman, Pandora, Ohio.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gustavo A. Gelpi, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Angel Kelley, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Christine P. O’Hearn, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Helaine Ann Greenfeld, of Maryland, and Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 65 public bills, H.R. 4614–4678; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 550–551, were introduced. **Pages H3841–44**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3846–47**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2497, to establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–100);

H.R. 2278, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–101); and

H.R. 3110, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to expand access to breastfeeding accommodations in the workplace, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–102).

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Averting Loss of Life and Injury by Expediting SIVs Act of 2021: The House passed H.R. 3985, to amend the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 to expedite the special immigrant visa process for certain Afghan allies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 218. **Pages H3807–17**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. **Page H3807**

H. Res. 535, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2467), (H.R. 2668), and (H.R. 3985) was agreed to Tuesday, July 20th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H3817.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TERRORISM AND DIGITAL FINANCING: HOW TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING THE THREAT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing enti-

tled “Terrorism and Digital Financing: How Technology is Changing the Threat”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Stephanie Dobitsch, Deputy Undersecretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis; Jeremy Sheridan, Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Secret Service; and John Eisert, Assistant Director, Investigative Programs, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BUDGET HEARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Defense Intelligence Agency Budget Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Scott Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4502, the “Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022” [Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Agriculture, Rural Development, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2022], 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, July 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, July 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Todd Sunhwa Kim, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

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