

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8215–S8317*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3213–3215, S. Res. 447–452, and S. Con. Res. 21. **Page S8236**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Senate on the political situation in Belarus, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 2428, to amend title 31, United States Code, to modify False Claims Act procedures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8236**

#### Measures Passed:

*National College Application Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 449, designating November 2021 as “National College Application Month”. **Page S8316**

*Honoring the late Senator Max Cleland:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 451, honoring the life and legacy of the late Senator Max Cleland. **Pages S8316–17**

*National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, recognizing November 2021 as “National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month”. **Page S8317**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018, with respect to Nicaragua; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–17) **Page S8235**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Amendment to Montreal Protocol (“Kigali Amendment”) (Treaty Doc. No. 117–1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Com-

mittee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S8316**

**Nelson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes. **Pages S8224–32**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, and the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, occur at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S8223**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. **Page S8317**

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

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 467), Graham Scott Steele, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S8215–22**

By 76 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 469), Robert Farrell Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation. **Pages S8222–24**

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

By 75 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 468), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8222–23**

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 470), Jonathan Kanter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S8232–33**

Richard Trumka, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2021.

Willie L. Phillips, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S8316**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S8235**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S8244–S8314**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S8314**

**Privileges of the Floor:**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—470) **Pages S8222, S8223, S8224, S8233**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Max Cleland, in accordance with S. Res. 451, at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8317.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ENERGY PRICE TRENDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the causes, outlook, and implications of domestic and international energy price trends, after receiving testimony from Stephen Nalley, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Tim Gould, Chief Energy Economist, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; and Robert Bryce, *A Question of Power: Electricity and the Wealth of Nations*, Austin, Texas.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Maria Louise Lago, of New York, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DHS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### 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:** 9 public bills, H.R. 5982–5990; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 794, were introduced. **Page H6317**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6318–19**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cardenas to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6269**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6275**

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

*VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act of 2021:* H.R. 4591, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program; **Pages H6278–79**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs, performance metrics, and outcomes of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program; **Page H6279**

**VITAL Assessment Act:** H.R. 5516, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6279–80**

**Burn Pit Registry Enhancement Act:** H.R. 2433, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take actions necessary to ensure that certain individuals may update the burn pit registry with a registered individual’s cause of death; **Pages H6280–81**

**VA Assessment by Independent Measures Act:** H.R. 4626, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an independent assessment of health care delivery systems and management processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs be conducted once every 10 years; **Pages H6281–83**

**Protections for Student Veterans Act:** H.R. 5603, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish protections for a member of the Armed Forces who leaves a course of education, paid for with certain educational assistance, to perform certain service; **Pages H6283–86**

**Protecting Moms Who Served Act of 2021:** S. 796, to codify maternity care coordination programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 414 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 374; **Pages H6286–88, H6297–98**

**Student Veterans Counseling Centers Eligibility Act:** H.R. 4233, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to veterans and members of the Armed Forces using certain educational assistance benefits, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 375; **Pages H6288–89, H6298**

**Bringing Registered Apprenticeships to Veterans Education Act:** H.R. 147, amended, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to transitional services for separating members of the Armed Forces and educational assistance under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 376; **Pages H6289–91, H6295–99**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvements to services and benefits for veterans and separating members of the Armed Forces with

respect to apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes.”; **Page H6291**

**Homeland Procurement Reform Act:** H.R. 2915, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 regarding the procurement of certain items related to national security interests for Department of Homeland Security frontline operational components; and **Pages H6292–94**

**DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2021:** H.R. 5652, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Acquisition Review Board in the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages H6294–96**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m. **Page H6297**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Amending title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States:** H.R. 3730, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States; and **Pages H6291–92**

**TSA Reaching Across Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Traveler Education Act:** H.R. 5574, amended, to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports. **Pages H6296–97**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Nicaragua that was declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018 is to continue in effect beyond November 27, 2021—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–75). **Page H6301**

**Senate Referral:** S. 2923 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H6316**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6297–98, H6298, and H6299.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### A LOOK AT THE RENEWABLE ECONOMY IN RURAL AMERICA

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing entitled “A Look at the Renewable Economy in Rural America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SECURING AMERICA’S FUTURE: SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS FOR A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Securing America’s Future: Supply Chain Solutions for a Clean Energy Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2311, the “Credit Union Governance Modernization Act of 2021”; H.R. 2620, the “Investor Choice Act of 2021”; H.R. 5910, the “Holding SPACs Accountable Act of 2021”; H.R. 5911, the “Fair Hiring in Banking Act”; H.R. 5913, the “Protecting Investors from Excessive SPACs Fees Act of 2021”; and H.R. 5914, the “Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors”. H.R. 2311, H.R. 2620, H.R. 5910, H.R. 5911, H.R. 5913, and H.R. 5914 were ordered reported, as amended.

### NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE ARCTIC

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled “National Security Implications of Climate Change in the Arctic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S POLICY PRIORITIES FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy held a hearing entitled “The Biden Administration’s Policy Priorities for Latin America and the Caribbean”. Testimony was heard from Brian Nichols, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

### ON THE FRONTLINES IN TURBULENT TIMES: WORKFORCE PERSPECTIVES ON THE STATE OF TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “On the Frontlines in Turbulent Times: Workforce Perspectives on the State of Transportation Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SILENCED: HOW FORCED ARBITRATION KEEPS VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE SHADOWS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Silenced: How Forced Arbitration Keeps Victims of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in the Shadows”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PLUGGING IN PUBLIC LANDS: TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Plugging in Public Lands: Transmission Infrastructure for Renewable Energy”. Testimony was heard from Janea Scott, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 59, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; H.R. 4690, the “Sustaining America’s Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021”; and H.R. 5770, the “Forage Fish Conservation Act of 2021”. Testimony was heard from Representative Dingell; Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### CRACKING DOWN ON RANSOMWARE: STRATEGIES FOR DISRUPTING CRIMINAL HACKERS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE AGAINST CYBER THREATS

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Cracking Down on Ransomware: Strategies for Disrupting Criminal Hackers and Building Resilience Against Cyber Threats”. Testimony was heard from Chris Inglis, National Cyber Director, Executive Office of the

President; Brandon Wales, Executive Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Bryan Vorndran, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

### CENSURING REPRESENTATIVE PAUL GOSAR

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 789, Censuring Representative Paul Gosar. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 789, Censuring Representative Paul Gosar. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ethics or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5781, the “National Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Program Act”; H.R. 1437, the “PRECIP Act”; and H.R. 5324, the “NWR Modernization Act of 2021”. H.R. 5781, H.R. 1437, and H.R. 5324 were ordered reported, as amended.

### A DISCUSSION WITH SBA ADMINISTRATOR ISABELLA CASILLAS GUZMAN

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Discussion with SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman”. Testimony was heard from Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration.

### REBUILDING COAST GUARD INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE MISSION CAPABILITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Rebuilding Coast Guard Infrastructure to Sustain and Enhance Mission Capability”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Paul Thomas, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard; and Heather MacLeod, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

### THE OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROGRAM AND WHO IT LEFT BEHIND

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Opportunity

Zone Program and Who It Left Behind”. Testimony was heard from Jessica Lucas-Judy, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, 10:15 a.m., SR–301.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Alanna McCargo, of Virginia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, and Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Time to be announced, S–207, Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 594, to double the existing penalties for the provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, S. 1127, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, S. 2699, to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, the nominations of Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and

Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, focusing on U.S. policy lessons learned, 10 a.m., SD-G50/VTC.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine security, trade, and travel flows at the Southwest border ports of entry, focusing on the Federal government perspective, 2:30 p.m., SD-342/VTC.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 648, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1364, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, H.R. 1975, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, H.R. 2088, to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* business meeting to consider S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, S. 1621, to reauthorize and limit the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Small Business Administration, the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and other pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1296, to require a pilot program on activities under the Transition Assistance Program for a reduction in suicide among veterans, S. 1564, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university

law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, S. 1607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve how the Department of Veterans Affairs discloses to individuals entitled to educational assistance from the Department risks associated with using such assistance at particular educational institutions and to restore entitlement of students to such assistance who are pursuing programs of education at educational institutions that are subject to Federal or State civil enforcement action, S. 1664, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder, S. 1838, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on using alternative credit scoring information for veterans and members of the Armed Forces, S. 1850, to preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery, S. 1881, to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers, S. 1936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of entitlement under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs by reason of school closures due to emergency and other situations, S. 2089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, S. 2329, to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 2405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, S. 2431, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General, S. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the application and review process of the Department of Veterans Affairs for clothing allowance claims submitted by veterans, S. 2644, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 2687, to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority, S. 2761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, S. 3047, to establish a pilot program to support medical residency and fellowship programs that assist veterans, S. 3094, to

amend title 38, United States Code, to improve homeless veterans reintegration programs, S. 3163, to improve access to medical examinations required by veterans to obtain disability compensation or pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill entitled, “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”, 3 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control*: to hold hearings to examine the nexus between the illicit drug trade and corruption, 1 p.m., SD-608.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled “Trade Policy and Priorities”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “U.S. Role in Global COVID-19 Vaccine Equity”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, joint hearing entitled “Examining the Implementation of COVID-19 Education Funds”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5561, the “Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 5487, the “SHINE for Autumn Act of 2021”; H.R. 1193, the “CAROL Act”; H.R. 1667, the “Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act”; H.R. 3320, the “Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act of 2021”; H.R. 4555, the “Oral Health Literacy and Awareness Act of 2021”; H.R. 5551, the “Improving the Health of Children Act”; H.R. 3537, the “Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act”; H.R. 1218, the “Data Mapping to Save Moms’ Lives Act”; H.R. 2501, the “Spectrum Coordination Act”; H.R. 5502, the “Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces for Consumers Act”; and H.R. 4594, the “Restoring Brand USA Act”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “The FY22 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism Bureau”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation, joint hearing entitled “A Whole-of-Government Approach to Combatting Ransomware: Examining DHS’s Role”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4445, the “Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021”; H.R. 612, the “Downwinders Parity Act of 2021”; H.R. 1621, the “Prohibiting Punishment of Acquitted Conduct Act of 2021”; H.R. 5720, the “Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act of 2021”; H.R. 5961, to make revisions in

title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code; and H.R. 5962, to make revisions in title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 404, the “Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act of 2021”; H.R. 667, the “Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Access Improvement Act”; H.R. 1931, the “Japanese American Confinement Education Act”; H.R. 2026, the “Global Amphibian Protection Act of 2021”; H.R. 2793, the “Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2021”; H.R. 3128, the “American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act of 2021”; H.R. 3197, the “Save the Liberty Theatre Act of 2021”; H.R. 3326, the “Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2021”; H.R. 3531, the “Women Who Worked on the Home Front World War II Memorial Act”; H.R. 3600, the “Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act”; H.R. 4494, the “Frederick Jobs and Historic Preservation Training Center Land Acquisition Act”; H.R. 4648, the “Cane River Creole National Historical Park Boundary Modification Act”; H.R. 4706, the “Blackwell School National Historic Site Act”; H.R. 5001, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act”; H.R. 5345, the “Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act of 2021”; and S. 2923, the “Fishery Resource Disasters Improvement Act”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Invisible Wounds: Preventing Suicide in Our Nation’s Military and Veteran Communities”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Combating Coronavirus Cons and the Monetization of Misinformation”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Fostering a New Era of Fusion Energy Research and Technology Development”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Industry and Labor Perspectives: A Further Look at North American Supply Chain Challenges”, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; and Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing entitled “Supporting Survivors: Assessing VA’s Military Sexual Trauma Programs”, 10 a.m., HVC-210 and Zoom.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Strengthening the U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment Relationship”, 11 a.m., Webex.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine cryptocurrency, focusing on digital assets and the role of government, 2:30 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 17

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

At approximately 10 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, and on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4350, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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