

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8407–S8541

Measures Introduced: Thirty-seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3231–3267, S.J. Res. 31, and S. Res. 456–458.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of 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. **Pages S8407–30, S8430–36**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, November 19, 2021; and that all time during adjournment, morning business, recess, and Leader time count post-cloture. **Pages S8540–41**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the issuance of an Executive Order that terminates the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015, with respect to Burundi, and revokes that Executive Order; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–18) **Pages S8445–46**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Julianne Smith, of Michigan, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador. **Page S8430**

Charles F. Sams III, of Oregon, to be Director of the National Park Service. **Page S8436**

Lee Satterfield, of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Jeffrey M. Hovenier, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo. **Page S8540**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Andre B. Mathis, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8540–41.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Saule T. Omarova, of New York, to be Comptroller of the Currency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 172 and H.R. 1664, bills to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs;

S. 180, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development;

S. 270, to amend the Act entitled “Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas” to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, with an amendment;

S. 491, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in the York River watershed in the State of Maine as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 535, to authorize the location of a memorial on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, with an amendment;

H.R. 297, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the establishment of, and the potential land that could be included in, a unit of the National Forest System in the State of Hawaii;

S. 569, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land to the State of South Dakota, with an amendment;

S. 609, to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws;

S. 753, to reauthorize the Highlands Conservation Act, to authorize States to use funds from that Act for administrative purposes, with an amendment;

S. 904, to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1317, to modify the boundary of the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument in the State of Arizona;

S. 1320, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1354, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chilkoot National Historic Trail and to provide for a study of the Alaska Long Trail, with amendments;

S. 1583, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act;

S. 1589, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws;

S. 1620, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the city of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in the State of Louisiana;

S. 1964, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2158, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, with an amendment;

S. 2433, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a cadastre of Federal real property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2490, to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas;

S. 2524, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility or certain programs;

H.R. 1192, to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as “PROMESA”), with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2497, to establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a Unit of the National Park System, with amendments;

An original bill to reauthorize funding for certain National Heritage Areas; and

The nomination of Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

VACCINE DIPLOMACY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global

Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine vaccine diplomacy in Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on the importance of United States engagement, after receiving testimony from Kevin O'Reilly, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Peter Natiello, Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development; Arachu Castro, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Daniel A. Restrepo, Center for American Progress, and Daniel F. Runde, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Erik Adrian Hooks, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Laurel A. Blatchford, of the District of Columbia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, and Ebony M. Scott, and Donald Walker Tunnage, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, who were introduced by Representative Holmes Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2629, to establish cybercrime reporting mechanisms; and

The nominations Cindy K. Chung, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Gary M. Restaino, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, both of the Department of Justice.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine inclusive disaster management, focusing on improving preparedness, response, and recovery, after receiving testimony from Danielle Koerner, Delaware County Department of Emergency Services, Rutledge, Pennsylvania; Sue Anne Bell, University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation and School of Nursing, Ann Arbor; Wanda Raby Spurlock, Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Randy Creamer, South Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Columbia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 6014–6055; and 17 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66; H. Con. Res. 62; and H. Res. 804–818, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6610–11

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 803, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5376) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14 (H. Rept. 117–175).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clark (MA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Build Back Better Act: The House considered H.R. 5376, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 19th.

Pages H6375–H6595, H6613–15, H6615–58

Pursuant to House Resolution 803, the further amendment printed in House Report 117–175 is considered as adopted.

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Pursuant to House Resolution 774, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–18, modified by Rules Committee Print 117–19, shall be considered as adopted.

Pages H6375–H6576

H. Res. 803, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5376) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 383, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 382.

Pages H6598–H6605, H6613–15

H. Res. 774, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5376) was agreed to Saturday, November 6th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, November 16th.

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 380; and **Page H6596**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 369 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 381.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. **Page H6598**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Burundi that was declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015 is to be terminated—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–76). **Page H6598**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6375.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6596, H6597–98, H6613–14, and H6614–15.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:11 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021.

Committee Meetings

PERSONNEL IS POLICY: UN ELECTIONS AND US LEADERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact held a hearing entitled “Personnel is Policy: UN Elections and US Leadership in International Organizations”. Testimony was heard from Erica Barks-Ruggles, Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5376, the “Build Back Better Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a rule pro-

viding for further consideration of H.R. 5376, the “Build Back Better Act”. The rule provides that the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee Report shall be considered as adopted.

MODERNIZING VA’S MEDICAL SUPPLY CHAIN: PROGRESS MADE?

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a joint hearing entitled “Modernizing VA’s Medical Supply Chain: Progress Made?”. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Parrish, Principal Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; Shelby Oakley, Director of Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office; and Leigh Ann Searight, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

TRIBAL VOICES, TRIBAL WISDOM: STRATEGIES FOR THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Tribal Voices, Tribal Wisdom: Strategies for the Climate Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CONFRONTING THE KREMLIN AND COMMUNIST CORRUPTION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine confronting the Kremlin and Communist corruption, after receiving testimony from Representatives Malinowski and Salazar; Leonid Volkov, Chief of Staff to Alexei Navalny, Vilnius, Lithuania; and Elaine K. Dezenski, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, and Scott Greytak, Transparency International U.S. Office, both of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1258)

S. 921, to amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States. Signed on November 18, 2021. (Public Law 117–59)

S. 1502, to make Federal law enforcement officer peer support communications confidential. Signed on November 18, 2021. (Public Law 117–60)

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 sustained in the line of duty.
Signed on November 18, 2021. (Public Law
117–61)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 19, 2021**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, November 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

8 a.m., Friday, November 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4350, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 5376—Build Back Better Act.

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