

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4445, Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S619–S651

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3624–3640, S.J. Res. 37, and S. Res. 510–511. **Pages S646–47**

Measures Reported:

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. Rept. No. 117–70)

S. 2158, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 117–71)

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. (S. Rept. No. 117–72)

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Measures Passed:

Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act: Senate passed H.R. 4445, to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment. **Pages S621–28**

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 69, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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Arecibo Observatory: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 467, recognizing the contributions made by the 305-meter radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory, and the resolution was

then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S650**

Durbin (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 4924, to amend the resolution. **Page S650**

Durbin (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 4925, to amend the preamble. **Page S650**

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 510, recognizing January 25, 2022, as “National Poll Worker Recruitment Day”.

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Measures Considered:

Postal Service Reform Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service. **Page S621**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 10, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 14, 2022. **Page S621**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 14, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, February 10, 2022, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 14, 2022. **Page S651**

Appointments:

Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution Reform: The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 117–81, on behalf of the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Steven J. Cortese of Maryland. **Page S650**

Washington's Farewell Address: Senator Leahy was designated to read Washington's Farewell Address on February 28, 2022, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 10, 2022. **Page S650**

Washington's Farewell Address—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that pursuant to the resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 28, 2022, following the prayer and pledge; further that Senator Leahy be recognized to deliver the address. **Page S650**

Califf Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Page S621**

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 H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service. **Page S621**

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 S621**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 53), Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2026. **Pages S628–40**

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 52), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S632**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Reuben E. Brigety II, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

MaryKay Loss Carlson, of Arkansas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Elizabeth Shortino, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army. **Page S651**

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

Cynthia C. Hogan, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2024, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2022.

Kimberly Caudle Lewis, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2025, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2022.

Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on April 29, 2021.

Robert Luis Santos, of Texas, to be Director of the Census for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on April 15, 2021.

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S621, S645**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S644–45**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S649**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S649–50**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—53) **Pages S632, S640**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:31 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S651.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how institutional landlords are changing the housing market, including S. 2920, to provide downpayment assistance to first-generation homebuyers to address multigenerational inequities in access to homeownership and to narrow and ultimately close the racial

homeownership gap in the United States, after receiving testimony from R. Michael Waller, Georgia Appleseed, Atlanta; Tobias J. Peter, American Enterprise Institute, and Joel Griffith, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; Sally Accorti Martin, City of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio; and Aneta Molenda, New York, New York.

CLEAN HYDROGEN

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the opportunities and challenges in using clean hydrogen in the transportation, utility, industrial, commercial, and residential sectors, after receiving testimony from Sunita Satyapal, Director, Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Hydrogen Program Coordinator, Department of Energy; Glen Richard Murrell, Wyoming Energy Authority, Cheyenne; Jonathan Lewis, Clean Air Task Force, Boston, Massachusetts; Michael J. Graff, American Air Liquide Holdings Inc., Houston, Texas; and Brian Hlavinka, Williams New Energy Ventures, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine the health care workforce shortage, focusing on recruiting, revitalizing and diversifying, after receiving testimony from Margaret Flinter, National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Consortium, Middletown, Connecticut; C. Reynold Verret, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans; Norma Quinones, Clinica Family Health, Lafayette, Colorado; and Rachel Greszler, The Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Glenna Laureen Wright-Gallo, of Nevada, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, Christopher John Williamson, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and

Health, and Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Timothy Baker, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 3538, to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention;

S. 3103, to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate the statute of limitations for the filing of a civil claim for any person who, while a minor, was a victim of a violation of section 1589, 1590, 1591, 2241(c), 2242, 2243, 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2260, 2421, 2422, or 2423 of such title; and

The nominations of Andre B. Mathis, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Hector Gonzalez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Fred W. Slaughter, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Andrew Fois, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and Marisa T. Darden, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, Delia L. Smith, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, Eddie M. Frizell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and LaDon A. Reynolds, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois, all of the Department of Justice.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving care experiences for people with both Medicare and Medicaid, after receiving testimony from Eunice Medina, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Chief of Staff, Columbia; Jose F. Figueroa, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Dennis Heaphy, Disability Policy Consortium, Malden, Massachusetts; and Jane Doyle, Bartonsville, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, February 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3076, Postal Service Reform Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, February 11

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.



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