

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 6617, Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S757–S804

Measures Introduced: Thirty-four bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3673–3706, S. Res. 518–527, and S. Con. Res. 29.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2123, to establish the Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Security Best Practices for Faith-Based Organizations and Houses of Worship, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–81)

H.R. 3462, to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration.

S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2042, to reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women’s Business Enterprise, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2521, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an SBIC Working Group, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2710, to promote competition and reduce gatekeeper power in the app economy, increase choice, improve quality, and reduce costs for consumers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

Further Additional Extending Government Funding Act: By 65 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 64),

Senate passed H.R. 6617, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, February 17, 2022, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after agreeing to the motion to proceed and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S779**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 61), Lee/Marshall Amendment No. 4929, to prohibit funding for COVID–19 vaccine mandates. **Pages S777–78**

By 44 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 62), Cruz Amendment No. 4927, to prohibit the use of Federal funding for schools and early childhood development facilities that enforce COVID–19 vaccine mandates on children in order to protect the rights of parents to make medical decisions that affect their child. **Page S778**

By 47 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 63), Braun Amendment No. 4930, to strike the Statutory PAYGO exemption and require balanced budgets in concurrent resolutions on the budget. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S778–79**

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

By 65 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 60), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S765**

Supporting an independent and democratic Ukraine: Senate agreed to S. Res. 519, supporting an independent and democratic Ukraine against any further Russian military invasion. **Pages S791–92**

Public Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 520, designating the week of February 21 through February 25, 2022, as “Public Schools Week”.

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Black History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 521, celebrating Black History Month. **Pages S792–93**

Congratulating the Los Angeles Rams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 522, congratulating the Los Angeles Rams on their victory in Super Bowl LVI.

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Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 523, designating February 28, 2022 as “Rare Disease Day”.

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National FFA Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 524, expressing support for the designation of February 19 through February 26, 2022, as “National FFA Week”, recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of leaders who will change the world, and celebrating 70 years of the National FFA Organization’s membership magazine, originally called The National Future Farmer, now called New Horizons.

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Yellowstone National Park 150th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 525, recognizing March 1, 2022, as the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Yellowstone National Park, which spans the States of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

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Condemning Attack at Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue: Senate agreed to S. Res. 526, condemning the antisemitic terrorist attack that occurred at Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue on January 15, 2022, in Colleyville, Texas, expressing gratitude that no innocent lives were lost, and applauding the dedication and bravery of law enforcement and emergency response officials in responding to the attack.

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Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1667, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals, and the bill was then passed.

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John Lewis NIMHD Research Endowment Revitalization Act: Senate passed H.R. 189, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence.

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Protecting Our Gold Star Families Education Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 3373, to improve the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant and the Children of Fallen Heroes Grant, and the bill was then passed.

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Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3059, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide for a periodic transaction reporting requirement for Federal judicial officers and the on-line publication of financial disclosure reports of Federal judicial officers, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 4931, in the nature of a substitute.

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Harriet Tubman Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 697, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the Bicentennial of Harriet Tubman’s birth, and the bill was then passed.

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Secure Rural Schools: Senate passed S. 3706, to provide for the application of certain provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for fiscal year 2021.

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Measures Considered:

Women’s Health Protection Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3755, to protect a person’s ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider’s ability to provide abortion services.

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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 17, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill following the delivery of Washington’s Farewell Address, on Monday, February 28, 2022; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, February 17, 2022 ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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Postal Service Reform Act—Cloture: 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.

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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 H.R. 3755, to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, February 18, 2022, at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 3 p.m.; Friday, February 25, 2022, at 2 p.m., and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, February 25, 2022, it next convene on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 3 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Margaret A. Burnham, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

Gabrielle M. Dudley, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

Henry Klibanoff, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

Kamilah Forbes, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2026.

Betty Y. Jang, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2023.

Parisa Salehi, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Brian Michael Tomney, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Brenda E. Stevenson, of California, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

Michele Taylor, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council.

Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

35 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

18 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps.

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—64)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S803.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Franklin R. Parker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Agnes Schaefer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, and Frank Calvelli, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AMERICAN ECONOMY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the American economy, focusing on a year of unprecedented economic growth and future plans, after receiving testimony from Cecilia Rouse, Chair, and Jared Bernstein, and Heather Boushey, both a Member, all of the Council of Economic Advisers.

WARRIOR MET AND WALL STREET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Warrior Met and Wall Street, focusing on what corporate raiders are doing to workers and consumers, after receiving testimony from Senators Warren and Tuberville; Cecil E. Roberts, Triangle, Virginia, and Braxton Wright, Brookwood, Alabama, both of the United Mine Workers of America; James Kwak, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Duncan Wood, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nomi Prins, Los Angeles, California.

IRS CUSTOMER SERVICE CHALLENGES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine IRS customer service challenges, after receiving testimony from Erin M. Collins, National

Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Jessica Lucas-Judy, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Jan F. Lewis, American Institute of CPAs, Washington, D.C.

BIOSECURITY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the gaps in America's biosecurity preparedness, including opportunities to address national strategy and programmatic challenges, after receiving testimony from Chris P. Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Asha M. George, Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense, Washington, D.C.; and Gerald W. Parker, Jr, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, College Station.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022.

Committee Meetings**EXPLORING PATHWAYS TO AFFORDABLE, UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE**

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled "Exploring Pathways to Affordable, Universal Health Coverage." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICANS IN NEED: RESPONDING TO THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Americans in Need: Responding to the National Mental Health Crisis". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND IN A CHANGING GLOBAL LANDSCAPE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled "The Role of the International Monetary Fund in a Changing

Global Landscape". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES, BIG IMPACT: ENSURING SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES SHARE IN THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled "Small Businesses, Big Impact: Ensuring Small and Minority-Owned Businesses Share in the Economic Recovery". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE BURMA CRISIS, ONE YEAR AFTER THE COUP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled "The Burma Crisis, One Year After the Coup". Testimony was heard from Craig Hart, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for East Asia and the Pacific, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Kin Moy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

CALL TO ACTION: PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE AND ITS IMPACT ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Call to Action: Private Sector Investment in the Northern Triangle and its Impact on Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE JANUARY 6TH CAPITOL ATTACK: ONGOING REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE INSPECTOR GENERAL FLASH REPORTS

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the January 6th Capitol Attack: Ongoing Review of the United States Capitol Police Inspector General Flash Reports”. Testimony was heard from Michael A Bolton, Inspector General, U.S. Capitol Police; and a public witness.

THE RISE IN VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORITY INSTITUTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “The Rise in Violence Against Minority Institutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE ADAPTATION SCIENCE AT THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Securing the Future of Climate Adaptation Science

at the United States Geological Survey”. Testimony was heard from Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor, Guam; Therese M. Terlaje, Speaker, Guam Legislature; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Office of Insular Affairs Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 6504, the “Native Pacific Islanders of America Equity Act”. Testimony was heard from Doug Beard, Chief, National Climate Adaptation Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

H2SUCCESS: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO ADVANCE A CLEAN HYDROGEN FUTURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “H2Success: Research and Development to Advance a Clean Hydrogen Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 18, 2022**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, February 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, February 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

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



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