

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3076, Postal Service Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1023–S1068

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3772–3788, S. Res. 538–540, and S. Con. Res. 32.

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Measures Passed:

Postal Service Reform Act: By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate passed H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, after taking action on the following amendment and motion proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 4955, to modify the deadline for the initial report on the operations and financial condition of the United States Postal Service.

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

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 70), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 3101 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 3101 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell.

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Officer Evans Memorial Plaque: Senate agreed to S. Res. 539, directing the Architect of the Capitol to obtain and place a memorial plaque for the United States Capitol Police Officer William F. Evans at the north security kiosk of the Capitol.

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South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act: Senate passed S. 66, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop

a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida.

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CADETS Act: Senate passed S. 2299, to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

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Appointments:

Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States: Robert M. Scher of the District of Columbia.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the National Emergencies Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to the Russian Federation's unjustified, unprovoked, unyielding, and unconscionable war against Ukraine, and expanding the scope of the national emergency with respect to the Russian Federation originally declared in Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–26)

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Gonzalez Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be withdrawn.

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Pagan Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador.

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

By 78 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 72), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1048**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, or his designee, following consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S1039**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be considered expired, with all previous provisions remaining in effect. **Page S1050**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul M. Rosen, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security.

David Applegate, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Evelyn Wang, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Robert A. Wood, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Kate Elizabeth Heinzelman, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

18 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—72) **Pages S1047–48**

Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the

Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1067.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert Phillip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, and Christopher Joseph Lowman, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, Peter J. Beshar, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, 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 Frank Calvelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Charles A. Richard, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General James H. Dickinson, Commander, United States Space Command, both of the Department of Defense.

DOD CYBER OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity received a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations from Mieke Eoyang, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, Rear Admiral Ronald A. Foy, USN, Deputy Director for Global Operations, J39, Joint Staff, and Major General Kevin B. Kennedy, USAF, Director of Operations, United States Cyber Command, all of the Department of Defense.

MANDATORY ARBITRATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mandatory arbitration in financial service products, including S. 3577, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the tax exemption of the International Olympic Committee and similar organizations, after receiving testimony from Paul Bland, Public Justice, Baltimore, Maryland; Remington A. Gregg, Public Citizen, and Steven P. Lehotsky, U.S.

Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.; Todd Zywicki, George Mason University Antonin Scalia School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; and Myriam Gilles, Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Joseph F. DeCarolis, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, all of the Department of Energy, and Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), George J. Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to Greece, James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, Beth Van Schaack, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, Randi Charno Levine, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, N. Nickolas Perry, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, and Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), all of the De-

partment of State, Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russia's invasion of Ukraine, focusing on assessing the United States and international response, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

HATE CRIMES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating the rise in hate crimes, after receiving testimony from Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, Congregation Beth Israel, Colleyville, Texas; Walter M. Kimbrough, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the United Negro College Fund; Orlando Martinez, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California; and Elan S. Carr, The Heritage Foundation, and Maya M. Berry, Arab American Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 6967–7003; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75; H. Con. Res. 78; and H. Res. 968–971, were introduced. **Pages H1372–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1375–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 5547, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to require eligible recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable,

quality care-based services, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–259, Part 1); and

H.R. 6445, to amend the Small Business Act to require an annual report on entrepreneurial development programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–260, Part 1). **Page H1372**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hayes to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1333**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1344**

People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following member to the People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board: Mrs. Dina Powell McCormick of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **Page H1346**

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

Condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities (“HBCUs”) and reaffirming support for HBCUs and their students: H. Con. Res. 70, amended, condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities (“HBCUs”) and reaffirming support for HBCUs and their students, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 61; and **Pages H1346–52, H1356–57**

Condemning the heinous terrorist attack on Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, on January 15, 2022: H. Res. 881, amended, condemning the heinous terrorist attack on Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, on January 15, 2022. **Pages H1352–55**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1355**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, March 7th:

Shadow Wolves Enhancement Act: H.R. 5681, to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the “Shadow Wolves”) in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O’odham Nation as special agents, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 60. **Pages H1355–56**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:59 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 a.m. **Page H1371**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the issuance of an Executive Order regarding the prohibition of the importation into the United States of products of Russian Federation origin—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–100). **Page H1358**

Senate Referrals: S. 2089 was held at the desk. S. 66 was held at the desk. S. 2299 was held at the desk. **Pages H1344, H1358**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1344 and H1358.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1355–56 and H1356–57.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

A 2022 REVIEW OF THE FARM BILL: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing entitled “A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Rural Development”. Testimony was heard from Xochitl Torres Small, Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in North and South America”. Testimony was heard from Melissa G. Dalton, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; General Laura Richardson, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; and General Glen D. VanHerck, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command.

CHARGING FORWARD: SECURING AMERICAN MANUFACTURING AND OUR EV FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Charging Forward: Securing American Manufacturing and Our EV Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE INFLATION EQUATION: CORPORATE PROFITEERING, SUPPLY CHAIN BOTTLENECKS, AND COVID–19

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Inflation Equation: Corporate Profiteering, Supply Chain Bottlenecks, and COVID–19”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SHIFTING THE POWER: USAID’S EFFORTS TO SUPPORT LOCALLY-LED DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact held a hearing entitled “Shifting the Power: USAID’s Efforts to Support Locally-Led Development”. Testimony was

heard from Michele Sumilas, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning, U.S. Agency for International Development.

REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE COVID-19 ERA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Reimagining Public Safety in the COVID-19 Era”. Testimony was heard from Nicholas W. Brown, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Washington; Satana Deberry, District Attorney, Durham County, North Carolina; Edgardo Garcia, Chief of Police, Dallas Police Department, Texas; Sylvester Turner, Mayor, Houston, Texas; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE HISTORY OF FEDERAL LANDS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL CO-MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the History of Federal Lands and the Development of Tribal Co-Management”. Testimony was heard from Charles Sams III, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

KLAMATH RIVER BASIN CONDITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Klamath River Basin Conditions and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Steve Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Federal Climate Adaptation and Resilience for the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from Richard Spinrad, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Ingrid Kolb, Director, Office of Management, and Chief Sustainability Officer, Department of Energy; Joel Carney, Assistant Administrator, Office of Strategic Infrastructure, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

OVERVIEW OF THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Overview of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”. Testimony was heard from John Williams, Director of Innovation and Technology, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration.

STAKEHOLDER VIEWS ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Views on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Scott Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; William Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Avril Haines, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense; and Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice. A portion of this hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

VSO LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Paul E. Dillard, Lawrence Montreuil, Ralph Bozella, Katie Purswell, James LaCoursiere, and Joe Sharpe, all of The American Legion; Charles Brown, Paralyzed Veterans of America; Jared Lyon, Student Veterans of America; Commander Rene A. Campos, USN (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America; Claire Manning-Dick, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; Brigadier General Roy Robinson, (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States; Bonnie Carroll, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors; Jennifer L. Dane, Modern Military Association of America; and Jan Thompson, American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 9, 2022**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing entitled “United States European Command”, 10 a.m., HVC-301. This hearing is closed.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military

Activities in the Indo-Pacific Region”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Changing Times: Revisiting Spring Forward, Fall Back”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Skill, Upskill, and Reskill: Analyzing New Investments in Workforce Development”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Confronting Climate Impacts: Federal Strategies for Equitable Adaptation and Resilience”, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon and Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, March 9

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

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