

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 3373, Protecting Our Gold Star Families Education Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3837–S3871

Measures Introduced: Fifty-one bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4699–4749, and S. Res. 734–739. **Pages S3860–62**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies. (S. Rept. No. 117–135)

Report to accompany S. 3742, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility. (S. Rept. No. 117–136)

Report to accompany S. 3743, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States. (S. Rept. No. 117–137)

S. 3662, to temporarily increase the cost share authority for aqueous film forming foam input-based testing equipment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–138)

S. 4430, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3860**

Measures Passed:

Reese's Law: Senate passed H.R. 5313, to protect children and other consumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer prod-

uct safety standard to require child-resistant closures on consumer products that use such batteries. **Page S3857**

Jenna Quinn Law: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 734, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to provide for grants in support of training and education to teachers and other school employees, students, and the community about how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse among primary and secondary school students, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S3857**

Whitehouse (for Cornyn/Hassan) Amendment No. 5193, to require reports on the program of child sexual abuse awareness field-initiated grants. **Page S3857**

National Anti-Counterfeiting and Consumer Education and Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 738, recognizing the importance of trademarks in the economy and the role of trademarks in protecting consumer safety, by designating the month of August as “National Anti-Counterfeiting and Consumer Education and Awareness Month”. **Page S3858**

Authorizing the Printing of a Document: Senate agreed to S. Res. 739, authorizing the printing with illustrations of a document entitled “Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 1867–2022”. **Page S3858**

House Messages:

Protecting Our Gold Star Families Education Act: By 86 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 280), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 3373, to improve the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant and the Children of Fallen Heroes Grant, by the order of the Senate of Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 60 Senators

having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

Rejected:

By 7 yeas to 90 nays (Vote No. 277), Paul motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with Paul Amendment No. 5184 (to the House amendment to the bill), to offset the increased spending authorized by this Act by temporarily prohibiting the expenditure of any Federal funds by the United States Agency for International Development other than spending for Israel. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S3849–50**

By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 278), Toomey motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with Toomey Amendment No. 5186 (to the House amendment to the bill), to improve the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S3850–51**

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 279), Blackburn motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with Blackburn Amendment No. 5185 (to the House amendment to the bill), to require the provision of care under the Veterans Community Care Program for toxic-exposed veterans. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S3851**

Withdrawn:

Schumer motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 5148 (to the House amendment to the bill), to add an effective date. **Page S3851**

Schumer motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 5150, to add an effective date. **Page S3851**

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

Schumer Amendment No. 5149 (to Schumer Amendment No. 5148), to modify the effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 5148 (to the House amendment to the bill), was withdrawn. **Page S3851**

Schumer Amendment No. 5151 (to the instructions (Schumer Amendment No. 5150) of the motion to refer), to modify the effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 5150, was withdrawn. **Page S3851**

Schumer Amendment No. 5152 (to Amendment No. 5151), to modify the effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 5151 (to the instructions

(Schumer Amendment No. 5150) of the motion to refer), fell. **Page S3851**

Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, Senate begin consideration of Treaty Document 117–3, protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden; that the treaties be considered as having advanced through the various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolution of advice and consent to ratification; that there be 3 hours for debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, on the treaties and resolution of advice and consent to ratification; that the only amendments in order to the resolution of advice and consent to ratification be the following: Sullivan Amendment No. 5192 and Paul Amendment No. 5191; that following debate, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed; and that upon disposition of the amendments, any committee conditions, declarations, or reservations be agreed to as applicable and Senate vote on the resolution of advice and consent to ratification, as amended, if amended, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S3852**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 276), Elizabeth Wilson Hanes, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S3837–40**

Annie Caputo, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2026.

Bradley R. Crowell, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2027. **Page S3871**

Messages from the House: **Page S3860**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S3868**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3868**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—280) **Pages S3840, S3849–52**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:01 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday,

August 3, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3869.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL NUCLEAR THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on global nuclear threats and U.S. nuclear deterrence strategy and policies from Alexandra N. Baker, Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, Admiral Charles A. Richard, USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and William Keller, Senior Officer, Nuclear Programs Division, Defense Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

HOUSING MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how renters and communities are impacted by today's housing market, including S. 2182, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a national evictions database, S. 2616, to create livable communities through coordinated public investment and streamlined requirements, and S. 1991, to authorize a new type of housing choice voucher to help achieve the goals of ending homelessness among families with children, increasing housing opportunities, and improving life outcomes of poor children, after receiving testimony from Matthew Desmond, Princeton University Eviction Lab, Princeton, New Jersey; Laura N. Brunner, The Port

of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, Cincinnati, Ohio; Darion Dunn, Atlantica Properties, Atlanta, Georgia; Diane Yentel, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.; and Rosanna Morey, Seaford, New York.

FUTURE OF SPECTRUM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband concluded a hearing to examine the future of spectrum, after receiving testimony from Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Chris Lewis, Public Knowledge, Alexandria, Virginia; Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA, Arlington, Virginia; and Coleman Bazelon, The Brattle Group, Glenelg, Maryland.

COVID ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN OVERSIGHT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kelley, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Terrence Edwards, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 8634–8653; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1310–1313 were introduced. **Pages H7544–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7546**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sarbanes to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7543**

Afghanistan War Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual to the Afghanistan War

Commission as co-chair: Ms. Shamila Chaudhary of Washington, D.C. **Page H7543**

Senate Referrals: S. 2151 was held at the desk. S. 3860 was held at the desk. S. 3905 was held at the desk. S. 4003 was held at the desk. S. 4007 was held at the desk. **Page H7543**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7543.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine organizational failures of the U.S.'s organ procurement and transplantation network, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nathaniel Fick, of Maine, to be Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, Rachna Sachdeva Korhonen, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Lucy Tamlyn, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Jessica Davis Ba, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, all of the Department of State, and Rolfe Michael Schiffer, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 4428, to support the security of Taiwan and its right of self-determination, the nominations of Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Jonathan Henick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Lesslie Viguerie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Joey R. Hood, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Candace A. Bond, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, William H. Duncan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Hugo F. Rodriguez, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Heide B. Fulton, of West Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Robert J. Faucher, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Shefali Razdan Duggal, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Angela Price Aggeler, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia, Carrin F. Patman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Gautam A. Rana, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, and Yohannes Abraham, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 4488, to establish an interagency committee on global catastrophic risk, S. 4337, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely, S. 4516, to require the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to develop governmentwide procurement policy and guidance to mitigate organizational conflict of interests relating to national security and foreign policy, S. 4465, to establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and an Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, S. 4572, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry, S. 4611, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program, S. 4623, to advance Government innovation through leading-edge procurement capability, S. 4552, to extend the program for authority to acquire innovative commercial items using general solicitation procedures, S. 4553, to extend other transaction authority for the Department of Homeland Security, S. 4477, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, S. 1877, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, S. 4592, to encourage the migration of Federal Government information technology systems to quantum-resistant cryptography, S. 4599, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors, S. 4326, to authorize the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to pay stipends to members of Transnational Criminal Investigative Units who have been properly vetted, S. 4460, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry, S. 4577, to improve plain writing and public experience, H.R. 3544, to require the Administrator of General Services to transfer certain surplus computers and technology equipment to nonprofit computer refurbishers for repair, distribution, and return, H.R. 5641, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to increase the threshold for eligibility for assistance under sections 403, 406, 407, and 502 of such Act, H.R. 3709, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit to Congress a report on preliminary damage assessments and make necessary improvements to processes in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, H.R. 6825, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the funding and administration of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program of the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 5615, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to

submit a plan to make Federal assistance available to certain urban areas that previously received Urban Area Security Initiative funding to preserve homeland security capabilities, H.R. 7077, to require the United States Fire Administration to conduct on-site investigations of major fires, H.R. 370, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make technical corrections to the requirement that the Secretary of Homeland Security submit quadrennial homeland security reviews, H.R. 521, to permit disabled law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear materials couriers, members of the Capitol Police, members of the Supreme Court Police, employees of the Central Intelligence Agency performing intelligence activities abroad or having specialized security requirements, and diplomatic security special agents of the Department of State to receive retirement benefits in the same manner as if they had not been disabled, H.R. 91, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the “Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building”, H.R. 92, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the “Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office”, H.R. 700, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the “Lawrence M. ‘Larry’ Walsh Sr. Post Office”, H.R. 3508, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 West Main Street, in Honeoye Falls, New York, as the “CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office”, H.R. 5271, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee, as the “Thelma Harper Post Office Building”, H.R. 5900, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office”, H.R. 6386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Illinois, as the “Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial

Post Office Building”, H.R. 6614, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4744 Grand River Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Rosa Louise McCauley Parks Post Office Building”, H.R. 5809, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1801 Town and Country Drive in Norco, California, as the “Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui Memorial Post Office Building”, an original bill entitled, “Safeguarding the Homeland from the Threats Posed by Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act”, an original bill entitled, “DHS Joint Task Force Reauthorization Act”, an original bill entitled, “Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act”, an original bill entitled, “Federal Data Center Enhancement Act”, an original bill entitled, “Enhancing DHS Drug Seizures Act”, an original bill entitled, “Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act”, and the nominations of Errol Rajesh Arthur, Kendra Davis Briggs, and Carl Ezekiel Ross, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine gain of function research, focusing on what the pandemic taught us and where to go from here, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine protecting our democracy’s frontline workers, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the Electoral Count Act, focusing on the need for reform, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Anjali Chaturvedi, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and Jaime Areizaga-Soto, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, August 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Friday, August 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of Treaty Document 117-3, protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden, and vote on or in relation to Sullivan Amendment No. 5192, and Paul Amendment No. 5191, and on the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the treaty, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.

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