

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate continued into evening session that began on Thursday, February 4, 2021. See next volume of Congressional Record.

Routine Proceedings, see next issue

Measures Introduced: Fifty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 218–268, S. Res. 33–35. (See next issue.)

Measures Considered:

Congressional Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 5, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 14), Sinema (for Wicker) Amendment No. 261, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to establishing a fund to provide grants to food service and drinking establishments affected by the COVID–19 pandemic. (See next issue.)

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 16), Rubio Amendment No. 69, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting legislation that would increase taxes on small businesses during any period in which a national emergency has been declared with respect to a pandemic. (See next issue.)

Thune/Portman Modified Amendment No. 52, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the authority of States or other taxing jurisdictions to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States or taxing jurisdictions. (See next issue.)

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 18), Young/Cotton Amendment No. 54, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to preventing legislation that would allow illegal immigrants to receive Economic Impact Payments or any other similar direct, tax-based temporary financial assistance. (See next issue.)

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 19), Manchin Amendment No. 775, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to targeting economic impact payments to Americans who are suffering from the effects of COVID–19, including provisions to ensure upper-income taxpayers are not eligible. (See next issue.)

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 21), Cardin Amendment No. 716, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to COVID–19 vaccine administration and a public awareness campaign. (See next issue.)

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 22), Barrasso Amendment No. 653, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting elementary and secondary schools in States with lost revenue due to the Federal moratorium on oil and natural gas leasing on public lands and offshore waters. (See next issue.)

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 26), Collins Amendment No. 546, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to strengthening the Provider Relief Fund, including a 20 percent set aside for rural hospitals. (See next issue.)

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 27), Shaheen Modified Amendment No. 834, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving services and interventions relating to sexual assault, family violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and child abuse. (See next issue.)

By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 28), Braun Amendment No. 833, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting the Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating rules or guidance that bans hydraulic fracturing in the United States. (See next issue.)

Cortez Masto/Cramer Amendment No. 853, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to expanded support to struggling Americans in relation to their employment in hospitality, including those in conventions, trade shows, entertainment, tourism, and travel. (See next issue.)

By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 30), Inhofe Amendment No. 786, to establish a deficit-neutral

reserve fund relating to maintaining the United States Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel. **(See next issue.)**

Ernst Amendment No. 767, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting an increase in the Federal minimum wage during a global pandemic to \$15 per hour. **(See next issue.)**

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 32), Daines Amendment No. 678, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the improvement of relations between the United States and Canada with regard to the Keystone XL Pipeline entering the United States in Phillips County, Montana. **(See next issue.)**

Rejected:

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 15), Scott (SC) Amendment No. 53, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring the accurate reporting of COVID-19 related deaths of residents or staff at nursing homes. **(See next issue.)**

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 17), Blunt Amendment No. 48, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting the provision of COVID-19 related kindergarten through grade 12 emergency relief to schools that do not reopen for in-person learning after the teachers of such schools are vaccinated against COVID-19. **(See next issue.)**

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 20), Toomey Amendment No. 553, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that State and local law enforcement are permitted to cooperate with Federal officials to enforce Federal law. **(See next issue.)**

By 29 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 31), Paul Amendment No. 1, in the nature of a substitute.

(See next issue.)

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

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 23), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and all applicable budget resolutions for purposes of Sasse Amendment No. 192, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to improving health care to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the underlying resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **(See next issue.)**

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 24), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and all applicable budget resolutions for purposes of Graham Amendment No. 687, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relat-

ing to strengthening and protecting international agreements, joint declarations, or proclamations entered into by the United States and Mexico. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the underlying resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **(See next issue.)**

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 25), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and all applicable budget resolutions for purposes of Ernst Amendment No. 132, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prioritizing taking into custody aliens charged with a crime resulting in death or serious bodily injury. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the underlying resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

(See next issue.)

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and all applicable budget resolutions for purposes of Grassley Amendment No. 91, to create a point of order against legislation that would allow for six-figure tax cuts for the top 1/10th of 1 percent of taxpayers. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the underlying resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

(See next issue.)

Printing of Impeachment Documents—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized, in relation to the pending impeachment trial of former President Trump, to print as Senate documents those documents filed by the parties, to be immediately made available to all parties, and that at the conclusion of the trial those documents be printed together as a Senate document.

(See next issue.)

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. **(See next issue.)**

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

Robert Benedict Bowes, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2025, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Brian P. Brooks, of California, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Judy Shelton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Charles W. Cook, Jr., of Mississippi, 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 3, 2021.

Ricky Roden, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

William A. Douglass, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

John M. Barger, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2022, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2024, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Frank Dunlevy, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2022, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Rahkel Bouchet, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Sharon E. Goodie, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2023, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Danny Lam Nguyen, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen

years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Mark A. Robbins, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Carl Ezekiel Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Vijay Shanker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Elizabeth J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

John C. Truong, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Terrence M. Andrews, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Joseph L. Barloon, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Melanie J. Bevan, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Maria Teresa Bonifacio Cenzon, of Guam, to be Judge for the District Court of Guam for the term of ten years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Stephen Andrew Kubiowski, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Edmund G. LaCour, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Grace Karaffa Obermann, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2021.

Jason Abend, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2021.

William Patrick Joseph Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2029, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2021.

Barbera Hale Thornhill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2021. (See next issue.)

Executive Communications: (See next issue.)

Executive Reports of Committees: (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
(See next issue.)

Additional Statements: (See next issue.)

Amendments Submitted: (See next issue.)

Authorities for Committees to Meet:
(See next issue.)

Record Votes: Nineteen record votes were taken today. (Total—32) (See next issue.)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and continued in evening session. (See next issue.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FORT HOOD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the Army response to the findings and recommendations of the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee's assessment of the Fort Hood

command climate and culture from Lieutenant General Gary M. Brito, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, and Diane Randon Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, both of the United States Army, both a People First Task Force Co-Chair.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Marcia Louise Fudge, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Cecilia Elena Rouse, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of the Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warren, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 69 public bills, H.R. 786–854; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 24; and H. Res. 95–100, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H388–89

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. Page H335

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Roy motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 24. Pages H346–47

Removing a certain Member from certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 72, removing a certain Member from certain standing committees of the House of Representatives, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 25. Pages H347–58

H. Res. 91, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 72) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 23, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 22. Pages H338–46

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 95, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. Page H358

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H345, H346, H346–47, and H357–58.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress, and confirmed its subcommittee jurisdictions.

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN CONSUMERS: FIGHTING FRAUD AND SCAMS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding American Consumers: Fighting Fraud and Scams During the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MORE THAN A SHOT IN THE ARM: THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL COVID–19 STIMULUS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “More than a Shot in the Arm: The Need for Additional COVID–19 Stimulus”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUPPORTING SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Supporting Small and Minority-Owned Businesses Through the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE DOMESTIC TERRORISM THREAT IN THE WAKE OF THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Domestic Terrorism Threat in the Wake of the Attack on the U.S. Capitol”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Rodriguez, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, Washington D.C.; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress, without amendment,

and passed its full committee and subcommittee rosters.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S CHILD SEPARATION POLICY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Accountability and Lessons Learned from the Trump Administration’s Child Separation Policy”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress, and approved its subcommittee chairs and ranking members.

STATE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY IN THE ERA OF COVID–19

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “State of the Small Business Economy in the Era of COVID–19”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; PROTECTING TRANSPORTATION WORKERS AND PASSENGERS FROM COVID: GAPS IN SAFETY, LESSONS LEARNED, AND NEXT STEPS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held an organizational meeting and hearing entitled “Protecting Transportation Workers and Passengers from COVID: Gaps in Safety, Lessons Learned, and Next Steps”. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

Friday, February 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate continued into evening session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, February 5

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 447—National Apprenticeship Act of 2021.

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