NEAR-PEER ADVANCEMENTS IN SPACE AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled "Near-Peer Advancements in Space and Nuclear Weapons". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PATHWAY TO PROTECTION: EXPANDING AVAILABILITY OF COVID–19 VACCINES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Pathway to Protection: Expanding Availability of COVID-19 Vaccines". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVITALIZING THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "Revitalizing the Federal Workforce". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF 2021; EQUALITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 803, the "Colorado Wilderness Act of 2021"; and H.R. 5, the "Equality Act". The Committee granted, by record vote of 7-4, a rule providing consideration of H.R. 803, the "Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act", and H.R. 5, the "Equality Act". The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 803, the "Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act", under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-2, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 3 of the rule provides

that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5, the "Equality Act", under a closed rule. The rule provides 90 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cicilline, Jordan, DeGette, Westerman, Plaskett, Boebert, Burgess, and Stauber.

BUILDING BACK BETTER: THE URGENT NEED FOR INVESTMENT IN AMERICA'S WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled "Building Back Better: The Urgent Need for Investment in America's Wastewater Infrastructure". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S-207, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Debra Anne Haaland, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine investing in transportation while addressing climate change, improving equity, and fostering economic growth and innovation, 10:15 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Xavier Becerra, of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and committee rules of procedure for the 117th Congress, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine native communities' priorities in focus for the 117th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider the nomination of Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine vaccines for vets, focusing on ending the COVID-19 pandemic, 4 p.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Joseph Burns, of Maryland, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "Future Defense Spending", 9:30 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Judiciary, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Ready or Not: U.S. Public Health Infrastructure", 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing entitled "Health and Wellness of Employees and State of Damage and Preservation as a Result of the January 6 Insurrection", 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Fanning the Flames: Disinformation and Extremism in the Media", 12:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy", 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "How Invidious Discrimination Works and Hurts: An Examination of Lending Discrimination and Its Long-term Economic Impacts on Borrowers of Color", 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "America Forward: Restoring Diplomacy and Development in a Fracturing World", 1:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Confronting the Coronavirus: Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic One Year Later", 9:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Need for New Lower Court Judgeships, 30 Years in the Making", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Rise of Domestic Terrorism in America", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Put the Postal Service on Sustainable Financial Footing", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations, hearing entitled "Perspectives from Main Street: Raising the Wage", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled "Examining Equity in Transportation Safety Enforcement", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.