

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 937, COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S2137–S2183*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixty-four bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1298–1361, S.J. Res. 18, S. Res. 171–179, and S. Con. Res. 8. **Pages S2165–68**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act:** By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 165), Senate passed S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2140–50**

##### **Adopted:**

Schumer (for Hirono/Collins) Amendment No. 1445, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2147–50**

##### **Rejected:**

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 162), Cruz Amendment No. 1456 (to Amendment No. 1445), to prohibit Federal funding for any institution of higher education that discriminates against Asian Americans in recruitment, applicant review, or admissions. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2140–46**

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 163), McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 1425 (to Amendment No. 1445), to require a report on State restrictions on religious exercise during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S2146–47**

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 164), Blackburn Amendment No. 1458 (to Amendment No. 1445), of a perfecting nature. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S2147**

**Disposal of Controlled Substances Medications:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 957, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs have physical locations for the disposal of controlled substances medications, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2152–53**

Kennedy Amendment No. 1459, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2153**

**Financial Literacy Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 177, designating April 2021 as "Financial Literacy Month". **Page S2182**

**Honoring Beverly Cleary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 178, honoring the life and legacy of award-winning children's author Beverly Cleary. **Page S2182**

**Select Committee on Ethics Appointments:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 179, to make temporary appointments to the Select Committee on Ethics. **Page S2182**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts. **Pages S2151–52, S2153–61**

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 the nomination of Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. **Page S2151**

Prior to the consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2151**

**Criswell Nomination—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Deanne Bennett Criswell, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S2150**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2150**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2150**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination be withdrawn; that the nomination be confirmed; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, April 22, 2021 be considered to have been presented in the following order: Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. **Page S2161**

**Miller Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. **Page S2151**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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, April 22, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021. **Page S2151**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2151**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2151**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2021; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, April 22, 2021 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2021. **Page S2182**

**McCabe Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S2150–51**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Jason Scott Miller, of Mary-

land, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. **Page S2051**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2050**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2050**

**Kahl Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. **Page S2151**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, 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 the nomination of Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S2151**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2151**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2151**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Deanne Bennett Criswell, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S2183**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination be withdrawn. **Page S2102**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jill Hruby, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

Mara Elizabeth Karlin, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Evelyn M. Fujimoto, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2022.

Lori Peek, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2022.

Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Pamela A. Melroy, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Beth Pritchard Geer, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Robert P. Klein, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Kimberly Caudle Lewis, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2025.

L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2021.

L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Benjamin Harris, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

J. Nellie Liang, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Eugene S. Young, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Gwen Graham, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Taryn Mackenzie Williams, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Jen Easterly, of New York, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

John K. Tien, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

Anne Milgram, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Messages from the House:** **Pages S2163–64**

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## Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S2163**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2181–82**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2182**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—165) **Pages S2146–2148**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2182.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1251, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a program to reduce barriers to entry for farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners in certain voluntary markets.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jewel Hairston Bronaugh, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States Central Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr. USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, and General Stephen J. Townsend, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine 21st century communities, focusing on capitalizing on opportunities in the clean energy economy, after receiving testimony from Ernest Moniz, former Secretary of Energy, Energy Futures Initiative; Khalil Shahyd, Natural Resources Defense Council, New