

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2203–S2255*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1372–1399, and S. Res. 180. **Pages S2224–25**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 180, supporting the designation of the week of April 26 through April 30, 2021, as “National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week”. **Pages S2245–46**

**Consider Teachers Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 848, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the service obligation verification process for TEACH Grant recipients, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2246–47**

**Measures Considered:**

**Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2220–21**

Pending:

Duckworth (for Carper/Capito) Amendment No. 1460, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2221**

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

By 92 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 172), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2220**

**Appointments:**

**Congressional Award Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following

individuals to the Congressional Award Board: Senator Lummis and Mr. Shawn Whitman of Virginia. **Page S2245**

**Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:** The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senator Blunt (re-appointment). **Page S2245**

**Election Assistance Commission, Board of Advisors:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107–252, Title II, Section 214, appointed the following individual to the Election Assistance Commission, Board of Advisors: Sarah Ball Johnson of Colorado. **Page S2245**

**Joint Session Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the Joint Session to be held at 9 p.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. **Pages S2245–46**

**Power Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, ripen at 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. **Page S2247**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 81 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 167), Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S2205–07**

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 169), Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S2210**

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 168), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2208**

By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 171), Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. **Pages S2210–20**

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

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 170), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2210**

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

Robert Farrell Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

Gilbert Ray Cisneros, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Brenda Sue Fulton, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Ely Stefansky Ratner, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Deborah G. Rosenblum, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Shawn Graham Skelly, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Kimberly L. Jones, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2023.

Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Margaret Vo Schaus, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Robert Cornelius Hampshire, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Carlos Alberto Monje, Jr., of Louisiana, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Carol Annette Petsonk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Richard W. Spinrad, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Cynthia Weiner Stachelberg, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Tracy Stone-Manning, of Montana, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Radhika Fox, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Melanie Anne Egorin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

Catherine A. McLaughlin, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Department of Health and Human Services.

Deirdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

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Cynthia C. Hogan, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2024.

Rajesh D. Nayak, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Shirley Sachi Sagawa, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Chris Inglis, of Maryland, to be National Cyber Director.

Robert Peter Silvers, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security.

Bryan Todd Newland, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Stacey A. Dixon, of the District of Columbia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Helaine Ann Greenfeld, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Donald Michael Remy, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Space Force.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: Page S2223

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—172) Pages S2207–08, S2210, S2220

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2247.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine the Missile Defense Agency, focusing on a program update, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Jon A. Hill, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported routine lists in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### DOD MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense's management challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Field, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Peter Levine, Institute for Defense Analyses, former Deputy Chief Management Officer for the Department Of Defense, Alexandria, Virginia; and Adam Grant, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, Philadelphia.

### CURBING COVID CONS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine curbing COVID cons, focusing on warning consumers about pandemic

frauds, scams, and swindles, after receiving testimony from Daniel Kaufman, Acting Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Cynthia L. Alexander, Washington Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division, Seattle; William E. Kovacic, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; Kevin H. Rhodes, 3M Company, Saint Paul, Minnesota; and Bonnie Patten, Truth in Advertising, Inc., Madison, Connecticut.

### FUTURE OF AUTOMOBILES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight, and Ports concluded a hearing to examine the future of automotive mobility, safety, and technology, after receiving testimony from John Bozzella, Alliance for Automotive Innovation, and Ann Wilson, Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Rana Abbas Taylor, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Northville, Michigan; and Reuben Sarkar, American Center for Mobility, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

### ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON FEDERAL LANDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy development on federal lands, focusing on the current status of the Department of the Interior's onshore oil and gas leasing program, after receiving testimony from Nada Wolff Culver, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, Cheyenne; Governor Brian Vallo, Acoma Pueblo, New Mexico; Vicki Hollub, Occidental, Washington, D.C.; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

### NATIONAL CLIMATE BANK ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine S. 283, to establish a National Climate Bank, after receiving testimony from Senator Van Hollen; Rusty Bell, Campbell County Commissioner, Gillette, Wyoming; Reed Hundt, Coalition for Green Capital, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Duanne Andrade, Solar and Energy Loan Fund, Fort Pierce, Florida; and Jason Isaac, Life: Powered, Austin, Texas.

### CLIMATE CHALLENGES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate challenges, focusing on the tax code's role in creating American jobs, achieving energy independence, and providing consumers with affordable, clean energy, after receiving testimony