

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Committee Meetings

THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND RECOVERY ACT: RETURNING MONEY TO DEFRAUDED CONSUMERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “The Consumer Protection and Recovery Act: Returning Money to Defrauded Consumers”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca K. Slaughter, Acting Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern and Representative Moore.

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights held a hearing entitled “The Effects of Climate Change in Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AT THE BORDER: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON THE WAY FORWARD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “Unaccompanied Children at the Border: Stakeholder Perspectives on the Way Forward”. Testimony was heard from Robert Garcia, Mayor, Long Beach, California; and public witnesses.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ON NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Accessibility for People with Disabilities on National Parks and Public Lands”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING AND THE GROWING ONLINE MARKETPLACE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Wildlife Trafficking and the Growing Online Marketplace”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

THE LEADING EDGE: INNOVATION IN U.S. AEROSPACE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “The Leading Edge: Innovation in U.S. Aerospace”. Testimony was heard from Eric Garcetti, Mayor, Los Angeles, California; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine health disparities in Indian Country, focusing on a review of the Indian Health Service’s COVID response and future needs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Library of Congress, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Government Accountability Office, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the VA telehealth program, focusing on leveraging recent investments to build future capacity, 3 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command’s efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine defense acquisition programs and acquisition reform, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine United States nuclear deterrence policy and strategy, 4:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the reemergence of rent-a-bank, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 15, to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors, S. 115, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in the United States, S. 120, to prevent and respond to the misuse of communications services that facilitates domestic violence and other crimes, S. 163, to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry, S. 198, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, S. 316, to establish a temperature checks pilot program for air transportation, S. 326, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the effects of broadband deployment and adoption on the economy of the United States, S. 381, to establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council, S. 558, to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 576, to amend title 14, United States Code, to require the Coast Guard to conduct icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes to minimize commercial disruption in the winter months, S. 593, to restrict the imposition by the Secretary of Homeland Security of fines, penalties, duties, or tariffs applicable only to coastwise voyages, or prohibit otherwise qualified non-United States citizens from serving as crew, on specified vessels transporting passengers between the State of Washington and the State of Alaska, to address a Canadian cruise ship ban and the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaskan communities, S. 735, to amend the Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992 to further support advanced technological manufacturing, S. 1106, to prohibit the sale of shark fins, S. 1259, to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, an original bill relating to marine mammals, and the nominations of Donet Dominic Graves, Jr., of Ohio, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request

for fiscal year 2022 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the response to COVID-19, focusing on using lessons learned to address mental health and substance use disorders, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Kiran Arjandas Ahuja, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Anton George Hajjar, of Maryland, Amber Faye McReynolds, of Colorado, and Ronald Stroman, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine the non-governmental organization perspective on the southwest border, 2:30 p.m., VTC.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the COVID-19 response in Native communities, focusing on Native education systems one year later, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ketanji Brown Jackson, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Julien Xavier Neals, and Zahid N. Quraishi, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Regina M. Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on extreme risk order/"red flag" laws, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 89, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to secure medical opinions for veterans with service-connected disabilities who die from COVID-19 to determine whether their service-connected disabilities were the principal or contributory causes of death, S. 189, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, S. 219, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of certain payments during the emergency period resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, S. 437, to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, S. 444, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing an additional vehicle adapted for operation by disabled individuals to certain

eligible persons, S. 454, to provide health care and benefits to veterans who were exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, S. 458, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the representative of record of a claimant for compensation or benefits administered by the Secretary an opportunity to review a proposed determination regarding that claim, S. 565, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as radiation-exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 657, to modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, S. 731, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 810, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for which there is a presumption of service connection for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam to include hypertension, S. 894, to identify and refer members of the Armed Forces with a health care occupation who are separating from the Armed Forces for potential employment with the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 927, to improve the provision of health care and other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances, S. 952, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of service connection for certain diseases associated with exposure to toxins, S. 976, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, S. 1031, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 1039, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation for disabilities occurring in Persian Gulf War veterans, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide pension claim enhancement assistance to individuals submitting claims for pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1093, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, S. 1095, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of courses of education offered by public institutions of higher learning that do not charge veterans the in-State tuition rate for purposes of Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, S. 1096, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include spouses and children of individuals who die from a service-connected disability within 120 days of serving in the Armed Forces, and S. 1188, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to notify Congress regularly of reported cases of burn pit exposure by veterans, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 1:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Coast Guard Readiness", 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Department of Defense's Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan: Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Results and the Path Forward", 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Building Back Better: Investing in Improving Schools, Creating Jobs, and Strengthening Families and our Economy", 12 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Long Haul: Forging a Path through the Lingering Effects of COVID-19", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the Role of Municipal Bond Markets in Advancing—and Undermining—Economic, Racial and Social Justice", 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, hearing entitled "State and Local Perspectives on DHS Preparedness Grant Programs", 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, business meeting on Disposition of Contested elections, and for other purposes, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing on Request for a DHS Departmental Report on the Beneficiary of H.R. 681, 2 p.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled "'Why Don't They Just Get in Line?' Barriers to Legal Immigration", 2:15 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 443, the "Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act"; H.R. 1029, the "Free Veterans from Fees Act"; H.R. 1492, the "Methane Waste Prevention Act of 2021"; H.R. 1503, the "Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021"; H.R. 1505, the "Bonding Reform and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2021"; H.R. 1506, the "Transparency in Energy Production Act of 2021"; H.R. 1517, the "Ending Taxpayer Welfare for Oil and Gas Companies Act of 2021"; H.R. 1884, the "Save Oak Flat Act"; and H.R. 2348, the "Advancing Conservation and Education Act", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ending Hunger in America: Challenges, Opportunities, and Building the Political Will to Succeed" [Original Jurisdiction Hearing], 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “National Science Foundation: Advancing Research for the Future of U.S. Innovation”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Harnessing the Power of Immigrant-owned Businesses to Build Back Better”, 12:15 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Investing in America: Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Charting the Path Forward for Telehealth”, 2 p.m., Webex.