

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, after receiving testimony from Ronald Burke, Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Oversight, and Beth Murphy, Executive Director for Compensation Service, both of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Patricia R. Hastings, Chief Consultant for Post Deployment Health Services, Veterans Health Administration, and Paul Brubaker, Deputy Chief Information Offi-

cer for Account Management, Office of Information and Technology, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Shane Liermann, Disabled American Veterans; Aleksandr Morosky, Wounded Warrior Project; Patrick Murray, Veterans of Foreign Wars; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America; and Candace Wheeler, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 2861–2903; 2 private bills, H.R. 2904–2905; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 354–358, were introduced. **Pages H2125–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2128–29**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 6:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m. **Page H2117**

President Biden's Address to the Joint Session of Congress: President Joseph R. Biden delivered a message to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 30. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Clark (MA), Jeffries, Aguilar, Blunt Rochester, McCarthy, Cheney, Cole, Brady, Owens, Miller Meeks, and Senators Schumer, Leahy, Durbin, Stabenow, Sanders, Klobuchar, McConnell, Thune, Barrasso, Ernst, Blunt, and Scott (FL). The President's message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 117–1). **Pages H2118–23**

Senate Referral: S. 848 was held at the desk. **Page H2117**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2117.

Quorum Calls Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 6 p.m. and adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COAST GUARD READINESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled "Coast Guard Readiness". Testimony was heard from Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Labor. Testimony was heard from Martin J. Walsh, Secretary, Department of Labor.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS PLAN: FISCAL YEAR 2020 AUDIT RESULTS AND THE PATH FORWARD

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Department of Defense's Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan: Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Results and the Path Forward". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Douglas A. Glenn, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Wesley C. Miller, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller); Alaleh Jenkins, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management

and Comptroller; and Stephen R. Herrera, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.

BUILDING BACK BETTER: INVESTING IN IMPROVING SCHOOLS, CREATING JOBS, AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND OUR ECONOMY

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building Back Better: Investing in Improving Schools, Creating Jobs, and Strengthening Families and our Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE LONG HAUL: FORGING A PATH THROUGH THE LINGERING EFFECTS OF COVID-19

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Long Haul: Forging a Path through the Lingering Effects of COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Health; John T. Brooks, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, CDC COVID-19 Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE ROLE OF MUNICIPAL BOND MARKETS IN ADVANCING—AND UNDERMINING—ECONOMIC, RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Role of Municipal Bond Markets in Advancing—and Undermining—Economic, Racial and Social Justice”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON DHS PREPAREDNESS GRANT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery held a hearing entitled “State and Local Perspectives on DHS Preparedness Grant Programs”. Testimony was heard from Jared Maples, Director, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness; Robert V. Altman, Battalion Chief, Ocala Fire Rescue, Marion County, Florida; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting on Disposition of Contested elections, and for other purposes. Disposition of Contested elections, and for other purposes was ordered reported, without amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a business meeting on Request for a DHS Departmental Report on the Beneficiary of H.R. 681. Request for a DHS Departmental Report on the Beneficiary of H.R. 681 was approved.

‘WHY DON’T THEY JUST GET IN LINE?’ BARRIERS TO LEGAL IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “‘Why Don’t They Just Get in Line?’ Barriers to Legal Immigration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1492, the “Methane Waste Prevention Act of 2021”; and H.R. 1884, the “Save Oak Flat Act”, and began a markup on H.R. 1503, the “Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021”. H.R. 1492 and H.R. 1884 were ordered reported, without amendment.

ENDING HUNGER IN AMERICA: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND BUILDING THE POLITICAL WILL TO SUCCEED

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ending Hunger in America: Challenges, Opportunities, and Building the Political Will to Succeed” [Original Jurisdiction Hearing]. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION: ADVANCING RESEARCH FOR THE FUTURE OF U.S. INNOVATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “National Science Foundation: Advancing Research for the Future of U.S. Innovation”. Testimony was heard from Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National Science Foundation; and Ellen Ochoa, Chair, National Science Board.

HARNESSING THE POWER OF IMMIGRANT-OWNED BUSINESSES TO BUILD BACK BETTER

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Harnessing the Power of Immigrant-owned Businesses to Build Back Better”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Investing in America: Reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration”. Testimony was heard from Dennis Alvord, Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CHARTING THE PATH FORWARD FOR TELEHEALTH

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Charting the Path Forward for Telehealth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine diversifying on-farm income, focusing on opportunities to strengthen rural America, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine worldwide threats; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the dignity of work, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tommy P. Beaudreau, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine Social Security during COVID, focusing on how the pandemic hampered access to benefits and strategies for improving service delivery, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer Ann Abruzzo, of New York, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, and Seema Nanda, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 632, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 169, to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, S. 228, to promote antitrust enforcement and protect competition through adjusting premerger filing fees, and increasing antitrust enforcement resources, and the nominations of Kristen M. Clarke, and Todd Sunhwa Kim, both of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine supporting older workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, 9:30 a.m., VTC.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Violent Extremism and Domestic Terrorism in America: The Role and Response of DOJ”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Protecting our Democracy: Reasserting Congress’ Power of the Purse”, 1 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2022 EPA Budget”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Closing the Racial and Gender Wealth Gap Through Compensation Equity”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “Racially and Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism: The Transnational Threat”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Treating the Problem: Addressing Anticompetitive Conduct and Consolidation in Health Care Markets”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Wildfire in a Warming World: Opportunities to Improve Community Collaboration, Climate Resilience, and Workforce Capacity”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “What Do Scientists Hope to Learn with NASA’s Mars Perseverance Rover?”, 11 a.m., Zoom.