

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 4 p.m., on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 52 public bills, H.R. 2953–3004; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 33; and H. Res. 360–370, were introduced. **Pages H2139–41**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2142–44**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1065, to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–27, Part 1). **Page H2139**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Wexton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2137**

Senate Referral: S. 321 was held at the desk. **Page H2137**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2137.

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 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a

budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. National Guard and Reserves. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General David G. Bellon, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; Lieutenant General Jody J. Daniels, Chief of the Army Reserve; General Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau; Vice Admiral John B. Mustin, Chief of the Navy Reserve; and Lieutenant General Richard W. Scobee, Chief of the Air Force Reserve.

REVIEWING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PROGRAMS FOR COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled "Reviewing Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction for Fiscal Year 2022". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Jennifer Walsh, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Performing the Duties of Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Brandi C. Vann, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; Vice Admiral Timothy G. Szymanski, Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and Rhys M. Williams, Acting Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

NEGOTIATING A BETTER DEAL: LEGISLATION TO LOWER THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Negotiating a Better Deal: Legislation to Lower the Cost of Prescription Drugs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILT TO LAST: EXAMINING HOUSING RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Built to Last: Examining Housing Resilience in the Face of Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from Rodney Ellis, Commissioner, Harris County, Texas; and public witnesses.

THE UNFOLDING CRISIS IN BURMA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Unfolding Crisis in Burma”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TWENTY YEARS OF WORKFORCE CHALLENGES: THE NEED FOR H.R. 903, THE RIGHTS FOR THE TSA WORKFORCE ACT OF 2021

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Twenty Years of Workforce Challenges: The Need for H.R. 903, the Rights for the TSA Workforce Act of 2021”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 160, the “Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Koss, Director, Coral Reef Conservation Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

THE URGENT NEED TO REFORM THE ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION SYSTEM TO SECURE MORE ORGANS FOR WAITING, AILING, AND DYING PATIENTS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “The Urgent Need to Reform the Organ Transplantation System to Secure More Organs for Waiting, Ailing, and Dying Patients”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLIMATE AND ENERGY SCIENCE RESEARCH AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Climate and Energy Science Research at the Department of Energy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on the Budget Views and Estimates Letter; H.R. 234, the “Korean American VALOR Act”; H.R. 1948, the “VA Employee Fairness Act”; H.R. 958, the “Protecting Moms Who Served Act”; H.R. 239, the “Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act”; H.R. 2545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 2093, the “Providing Benefits Information in Spanish and Tagalog for Veterans and Families Act”; H.R. 2441, the “Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021”; H.R. 2195, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the scope of procedural rights of members of the uniformed services with respect to their employment and reemployment rights, and for other purposes; H.R. 293, the “VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act”; H.R. 2704, the “Improving VA Accountability to Prevent Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Act”; H.R. 2788, the “VA Equal Employment Counseling Modernization Act”; H.R. 2429, the “VA Police Improvement and Accountability Act”; H.R. 2726, the “VA FOIA Reform Act of 2021”; H.R. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to render an individual, who transfers certain educational assistance, to which the individual is entitled because of an agreement by such individual to serve in the Armed Forces, to a dependent of that individual, and who fails to complete such agreement, solely liable for the overpayment of such educational assistance; H.R. 2419, the “Affordable Housing for Homeless Veterans Act”; H.R. 2494, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; H.R. 711, the “West LA VA Campus Improvement Act of 2021”; H.R. 1510, the “Veterans Camera Reporting Act”; H.R. 2167, the “GI Bill NEED Act”; H.R. 2878, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a Native VetSuccess at Tribal Colleges and Universities Pilot Program; H.R. 2082, the “VA Supply Chain Resiliency Act”; H.R. 2911, the “VA Transparency and

Trust Act of 2021”; H.R. 2935, the “VA Beneficiary Debt Collection Act”; H.R. 1448, the “Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers for Veterans Therapy Act”; and H.R. 1257, the “Homeless Veterans Credit Act”. H.R. 711, H.R. 1510, H.R. 1448, H.R. 2167, and H.R. 2878 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 234, H.R. 2195, H.R. 1948, H.R. 2911, H.R. 958, H.R. 239, H.R. 2441, H.R. 2545, H.R. 2093, H.R. 2935, H.R. 293, H.R. 2704, H.R. 1257, H.R. 2788, H.R. 2429, H.R. 2726, H.R. 290, H.R. 2419, H.R. 2494, H.R. 2082, and the Budget Views and Estimates Letter were ordered reported, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “TSA: Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Implications for Budget and Operations”, 10 a.m., Webex.

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

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Army, 12 p.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Related Agencies—The Year Ahead”, 2:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces; and Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Creating a Framework for Rules Based Order in Space”, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Lower Drug Costs Now: Expanding Access to Affordable Health Care”, 12 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act: Driving Decarbonization of the Transportation Sector”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber, hearing entitled “Reaffirming the Good Friday Agreement”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Responding to Ransomware: Exploring Policy Solutions to a Cybersecurity Crisis”, 2:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

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. 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”; and H.R. 2348, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act”, and continue markup on H.R. 1503, the “Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Right and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Pipelines Over People (Part II): Midship Pipeline’s Disregard for Landowners in Its Pathway”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1273, the “Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Study Act”; H.R. 1355, the “K2 Veterans Care Act of 2021”; H.R. 1585, the “Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act of 2021”; H.R. 1972, the “Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act of 2021”; H.R. 2127, the “TEAM Act”; H.R. 2268, the “Keeping Our Promises Act”; H.R. 2368, the “COVENANT Act”; H.R. 2372, the “Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act”; H.R. 2436, the “Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2021”; H.R. 2530, the “Enewetak Atoll Cleanup Radiation Study Act”; H.R. 2569, the “Veterans Agent Orange Exposure Equity Act”; H.R. 2580, the “Palomares Veterans Act of 2021”; H.R. 2607, the “FASTER Presumptions Act”; H.R. 2742, the “PFAS Registry Act of 2021”; and H.R. 2825, the “Fort McClellan Health Registry Act”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget; and H.R. 2954, the “Securing a Strong Retirement Act of 2021”, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.