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

By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 180), Andrea Joan Palm, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. Page S2428

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 182), Cynthia Minette Marten, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Education. Page S2430

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

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX.181), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Pages S2428–29

**Messages from the House:** Page S2446

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Pages S2459–60

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—183) Pages S2428–30 and S2441

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2462.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael J. McCord, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller), who was introduced by former Senator Chuck Hagel, and Ronald S. Moultrie, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Security, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Adrienne Todman, of the Virgin Islands, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Nuria I. Fernandez, of California,

to be Federal Transit Administrator, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FREIGHT MOBILITY

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight, and Ports concluded a hearing to examine freight mobility, focusing on strengthening America's supply chains and competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Chuck Baker, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, and Lamont Byrd, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, both of Washington, D.C.; Christopher J. Connor, American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, Virginia; and Chris Spear, American Trucking Associations, Arlington, Virginia.

### EQUITY IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine equity in transportation infrastructure, focusing on connecting communities, removing barriers, and repairing networks across America, after receiving testimony from Toks Omishakin, California Department of Transportation Director, Sacramento; William T. Panos, North Dakota Department of Transportation Director, Bismarck; Veronica O. Davis, Houston Public Works, Houston, Texas; and Steven E. Polzin, Lutz, Florida.

### CLOSING THE TAX GAP

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight concluded a hearing to examine closing the tax gap, focusing on lost revenue from non-compliance and the role of offshore tax evasion, after receiving testimony from Barry Johnson, Acting Chief, Research and Analytics Officer, and Doug O'Donnell, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement, both of the Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury; and Nina E. Olson, Center for Taxpayer Rights, and Charles O. Rossotti, former Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, both of Washington, D.C.

### FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving Federal cybersecurity post-SolarWinds, focusing on prevention, response, and recovery, after receiving testimony from Brandon Wales, Acting Director, Cybersecurity and Information Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Ryan A. Higgins, Chief Information Security Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the

Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Commerce; and Janet Vogel, Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### COVID-19

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update from Federal officials on efforts to combat COVID-19, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, David A. Kessler, Chief Scientific Officer, COVID-19 Response, Peter Marks, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, and Rochelle P. Walensky,

Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

#### STOPPING GUN VIOLENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine stopping gun violence, focusing on ghost guns, after receiving testimony from Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, Harrisburg; Michael Harrison, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, Maryland; Nicholas Suplina, Everytown for Gun Safety, New York, New York; Ashley Hlebnsky, The Gun Code, LLC, Cody, Wyoming; and Rick Vasquez, Rick Vasquez Firearms, LLC, Winchester, Virginia.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 57 public bills, H.R. 3075–3128; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 381–383, were introduced. **Pages H2192–95**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2196–98**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 379, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Illinois (H. Rept. 117–28); and

H. Res. 380, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2547) to expand and enhance consumer, student, servicemember, and small business protections with respect to debt collection practices, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1065) to eliminate discrimination and promote womens 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; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–29). **Page H2192**

**Decorum Statement:** The Speaker addressed the House regarding an update to the policies of January 4, 2021, and December 15, 2020, regarding the requirement to wear masks in the Hall of the House during the coronavirus pandemic. Consistent with the updated guidance from the Office of the Attending Physician, the Chair informed Members that while masks continue to be required in the Hall of the House, Members are permitted to remove their masks temporarily while under recognition. Mem-

bers and staff must wear masks in the Hall of the House at all times except that a Member may remove their mask when recognized by the Chair and Members presiding as Chair may remove their masks when speaking. The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce mask requirements consistent with this announcement. **Page H2157**

**Oath of Office—Second Congressional District of Louisiana:** Representative-elect Troy A. Carter presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of a letter received from the Honorable John Bel Edwards, the Governor of Louisiana, and the Honorable R. Kyle Ardoin, the Secretary of State of Louisiana, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held April 24, 2021, the Honorable Troy A. Carter was elected Representative to Congress for the Second Congressional District, State of Louisiana. **Pages H2157–58, H2191**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Louisiana, the whole number of the House is 431. **Page H2158**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Peters wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H2159**

**Suspensions:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act:* H.R. 1629, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to limitations on exclusive