NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 1319, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5. Signed on March 11, 2021. (Public Law 117–2)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command and United States Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and Future Years Defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of housing in America, 2 p.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine ways to strengthen research and development in innovative transportation technologies with a focus on solutions that decrease emissions, reduce our reliance on foreign supply chains, and increase manufacturing in the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the effect of the U.S. tax code on domestic manufacturing, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled ''The Role of FEMA and Emergency Management in COVID–19 Response'', 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled ''Disinformation in the Gray Zone: Opportunities, Limitations, and Challenges'', 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel Hearing: ''Military Criminal Investigative Organization Reform Recommendations from the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee'', 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled ''The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction's 2021 High-Risk List'', 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1868, to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes; H.R. 1620, the ''Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021''; H.J. Res. 17, removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment; H.R. 6, the ''American Dream and Promise Act of 2021''; and H.R. 1603, the ''Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021'', 11 a.m., Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 16 through March 19, 2021

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12 noon.

Also, Senate expects to vote on confirmation of the nomination of Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Katherine C. Tai, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: March 16, to hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command and United States Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022 and Future Years Defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

March 18, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the planning, programming, budget, and execution process of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 16, to hold hearings to examine the state of housing in America, 2 p.m., WEBEX.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the 21st century economy, focusing on protecting the financial system from risks associated with climate change, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on the Budget: March 17, to hold hearings to examine the income and wealth inequality crisis in America, 11 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 17, to hold hearings to examine recent Federal actions to expand broadband, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 16, to hold hearings to examine ways to strengthen research and development in innovative transportation technologies with a focus on solutions that decrease emissions, reduce our reliance on foreign supply chains, and increase manufacturing in the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 17, with the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold joint hearings to examine the challenges

facing drinking water and waste water infrastructure projects, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Finance: March 16, to hold hearings to examine the effect of the U.S. tax code on domestic manufacturing, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine COVID–19 in the Nation's nursing homes, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fighting forced labor, focusing on closing loopholes and improving customs enforcement to mandate clean supply chains and protect workers, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 17, to hold hearings to examine advancing effective U.S. policy for strategic competition with China in the twenty-first century, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 16, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–106.

March 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, and Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the COVID–19 response, focusing on an update from Federal officials, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 17, business meeting to consider S. 231, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop guidance for firefighters and other emergency response personnel on best practices to protect them from exposure to PFAS and to limit and prevent the release of PFAS into the environment, S. 272, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available, S. 583, to promote innovative acquisition techniques and procurement strategies, S. 517, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, S. 671, to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, S. 693, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses, S. 658, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, S. 636, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 688, to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, S. 522, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule, S. 111, to establish the Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Best Practices, S. 664, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review certain legislation in order to identify potential risks of duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, S. 566, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the "Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office", H.R. 208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Main Street, Suite 102 in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the "Colonel Carlyle 'Smitty' Harris Post Office", and H.R. 264, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Charlotte Street in Georgetown, South Carolina, as the "Joseph Hayne Rainey Memorial Post Office Building", 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the SolarWinds supply chain attack, focusing on the Federal perspective, 10:15 a.m., SD–342/WEBEX.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 17, to hold hearings to examine the Equality Act, focusing on LGBTQ rights, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 18, Full Committee, 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, and the nominations of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 17, to hold hearings to examine the Paycheck Protection Program, focusing on performance, impact, and next steps, 2:30 p.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 18, to resume joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 16, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Special Committee on Aging: March 18, to hold hearings to examine COVID–19 one year later, focusing on addressing health care needs for at-risk Americans, 9:30 a.m., VTC.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 17, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled "Climate Change, National Security, and the Arctic", 9 a.m., Webex.

March 17, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "DHS Management Challenges", 10 a.m., Webex.

March 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Domestic Manufacturing for a Clean Energy Future", 1 p.m., Webex.

March 18, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, 10 a.m., Webex.

March 18, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled ''Efforts to Address Marine Plastic Pollution Through Recycling'', 11 a.m., Webex.

March 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled ''COVID Outbreaks and Management Challenges: Evaluating the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Pandemic Response and the Way Forward'', 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, March 18, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled ''Unmanned Systems of the Department of the Navy'', 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

March 19, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled ''Investing in an Organic Industrial Base to Support Service Modernization Plans'', 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

March 19, Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems, hearing entitled ''Department of Defense Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations: Challenges and Opportunities in the Invisible Battlespace'', 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 17, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled ''Rising to the Challenge: The Future of Higher Education Post COVID–19'', 1 p.m., Zoom.

March 18, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing entitled ''Fighting for Fairness: Examining Legislation to Confront Workplace Discrimination'', 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Leading the Way Forward: Biden Administration Actions to Increase COVID–19 Vaccinations'', 10 a.m., Webex.

March 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Averting a Crisis: Protecting Access to Health Care in the U.S. Territories'', 1 p.m., Webex.

March 18, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled ''The CLEAN Future Act: Industrial Climate Policies to Create Jobs and Support Working Communities'', 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, March 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Game Stopped? Who Wins and Loses When Short Sellers, Social Media, and Retail Investors Collide, Part II'', 10 a.m., Webex.

March 18, Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, hearing entitled ''By the Numbers, How Diversity Data Can Measure Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion'', 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 17, Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber, hearing entitled ''Women Leading the Way: The Democratic Movement in Belarus'', 9:30 a.m., Webex.

March 17, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights, hearing entitled ''Update on COVID–19 in Africa'', 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

March 18, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled ''Assessing the Human Rights Situation in Saudi Arabia'', 10 a.m., Webex.

March 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''A Year Out: Addressing International Impacts of the COVID–19 Pandemic'', 1 p.m., Webex.

March 19, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled ''America's Way Forward in the Indo-Pacific'', 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Way Forward on Homeland Security'', 9:30 a.m., Webex.

March 18, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1833, the ''DHS Industrial Control Systems Capabilities Enhancement Act of 2021''; H.R. 1850, the ''Supporting Research and Development for First Responders Act''; H.R. 1870, the ''Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2021''; H.R. 1871, the ''Transportation Security Transparency Improvement Act''; H.R. 1877, the ''Security Screening During COVID–19 Act''; H.R. 1893, the ''Transportation Security Preparedness Act of 2021''; and legislation on the Transportation Security Public Health Threat Preparedness Act of 2021, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 18, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled ''Discrimination and Violence Against Asian Americans'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

March 18, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled ''Reviving Competition, Part 3: Strengthening the Laws to Address Monopoly Power'', 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled ''Restoring Abandoned Mine Lands, Local Economies, and the Environment'', 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, March 17, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled ''From Rescue to Recovery: Building a Thriving and Inclusive Post-Pandemic Economy'', 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 17, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled ''Brain Drain: Rebuilding the Federal Scientific Workforce'', 10 a.m., Webex.

March 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Lessons Learned from the Texas Blackouts: Research Needs for a Secure and Resilient Grid'', 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, March 18, Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development, hearing entitled ''The Role of Community Navigators in Reaching Underserved Businesses'', 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Business Case for Climate Solutions'', 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

March 18, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled ''Building Smarter: The Benefits of Investing in

Resilience and Mitigation'', 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''Beyond Deborah Sampson: Improving Healthcare for America's Women Veterans in the 117th Congress'', 2:30 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Ways and MEANS, March 18, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled ''Hearing with the IRS Commissioner on the 2021 Filing Season'', 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 17, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 1 p.m., HVC–304 Hearing Room. This meeting is closed.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: March 18, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to resume joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.