

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Xavier Becerra, of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Senate confirmed the nomination of William Joseph Burns, of Maryland, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1623–S1659

Measures Introduced: Sixty bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 817–876, S.J. Res. 12, and S. Res. 122–126. **Pages S1643–45**

Measures Considered:

PPP Extension Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1799, to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program. **Page S1641**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S1641**

Walsh Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor. **Pages S1631–39**

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

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 126), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1635**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 22, 2021; and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m. **Page S1640**

Young Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S1640**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor. **Page S1640**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1640**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1640**

Murthy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service. **Page S1640**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S1640**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1640**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1640**

Levine Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Pages S1640–41**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

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Turk Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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Adeyemo Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 125), Xavier Becerra, of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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William Joseph Burns, of Maryland, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Brian P. McKeon, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—126) Pages S1631, S1635

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:35 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1657.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGET AND EXECUTION PROCESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the planning, programming, budget, and execution process of the Department of Defense from Brendan W. McGarry, Defense Budget Analyst, Pat Towell, Defense Policy and Budget Specialist, and Lawrence Kapp, Military Personnel Policy Specialist, all of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

21ST CENTURY ECONOMY: FINANCIAL SYSTEM AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 21st century economy, focusing on protecting the financial system from risks associated with climate change, including S. 563, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit certain financial service providers who deny fair access to financial services from using taxpayer funded discount window lending programs, after receiving testimony from Gregory Gelzinis, Center for American Progress, and Benjamin Zycher, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Nathaniel Keohane, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; Marilyn Waite, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Menlo Park, California; and John