*Wednesday, March 24, 2021*

# *Daily Digest*

# Senate

## *Chamber Action*

***Routine Proceedings, pages S1723–S1789***

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 939–964, and S. Res. 132–135. **Pages S1766–67**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled ''History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 116th Congress''. (S. Rept. No. 117–4)

S. 144, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California. (S. Rept. No. 117–5)

S. 371, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community. (S. Rept. No. 117–6)

S. Res. 22, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador and recognizing the restoration and advancement of economic relations, security, and development opportunities in both nations.

S. Res. 34, recognizing the 200th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

S. Res. 35, condemning the military coup that took place on February 1, 2021, in Burma and the Burmese military's detention of civilian leaders, calling for an immediate and unconditional release of all those detained and for those elected to serve in parliament to resume their duties without impediment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 36, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and recognizing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 37, expressing solidarity with the San Isidro Movement in Cuba, condemning escalated attacks against artistic freedoms in Cuba, and calling for the repeal of laws that violate freedom of expression and the immediate release of arbitrarily detained artists, journalists, and activists, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 44, denouncing the Maduro regime's fraudulent legislative elections, the absence of acceptable conditions to ensure free, fair, and transparent electoral processes in Venezuela, and the further erosion of Venezuelan democracy.

S. Res. 81, honoring Las Damas de Blanco, a women-led nonviolent movement in support of freedom and human rights in Cuba, and calling for the release of all political prisoners in Cuba.

S. Res. 97, calling on the Government of Ethiopia, the Tigray People's Liberation Front, and other belligerents to cease all hostilities, protect human rights, allow unfettered humanitarian access, and cooperate with independent investigations of credible atrocity allegations pertaining to the conflict in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 99, observing the 10th anniversary of the uprising in Syria.

S. Res. 117, expressing support for the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, or the Belfast Agreement, and subsequent agreements and arrangements for implementation to support peace on the island of Ireland, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 120, recognizing the Ninth Summit of the Americas and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to a more prosperous, secure, and democratic Western Hemisphere, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 122, reaffirming the importance of United States alliances and partnerships, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 335, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

S. 400, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200

New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the "William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building".

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**Measures Passed:**

*COVID–19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Act:* Senate passed H.R. 1651, to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Page S1779

Murphy (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1407, of a perfecting nature. Page S1779

**Measures Considered:**

**PPP Extension Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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.

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

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 136), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. Page S1746

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2021, all post-cloture time on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be considered expired, and the motion to proceed be agreed to; that the only amendments in order be the following: Kennedy Amendment No. 1401, and Rubio Amendment No. 1405; provided further that it be in order for Senator Paul, or his designee, to raise a Budget Act point of order; that at 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2021, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed and on the motion to waive, if made; and that if the motion to waive is agreed to, the bill be considered read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with 60-affirmative votes required for passage; all with no intervening action or debate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2021. Page S1779

**Adeyemo Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached provided that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, was withdrawn, and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate.

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

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 134), Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 132), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S1727

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 135), David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. Pages S1724–46

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

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 133), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Pages S1727–28

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Lina M. Khan, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 2017.

Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** Page S1765

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Pages S1778–79

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—136) Pages S1727–28, S1746

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1779.)

# *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

## DOD CYBER OPERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity received a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations from Mieke Eoyang, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, Jeffrey R. Jones, Vice Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cyber, Joint Staff, J–6, Major General Kevin B. Kennedy, Jr., USAF, Director of Operations, United States Cyber Command, and Rear Admiral Jeffrey J. Czerewko, USN, Deputy Director, Global Operations, J39, Joint Staff, J–3, all of the Department of Defense.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine sexual assault in the military, including how continued Congressional oversight and an additional focus on prevention could aid the Department of Defense's efforts in this area, after receiving testimony from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Eugene R. Fidell, Yale Law School and New York University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Colonel Don Christensen, USAF (Ret.), Protect our Defenders, Alexandria, Virginia; Colonel Lawrence J. Morris, USA (Ret.), The Catholic University Of America, Washington, D.C.; Natalie Khawam, Whistleblower Law Firm, Tampa, Florida; Amy Braley Franck, Never Alone; Quinton M. McNair, USA (Ret.); and Amy Marsh.

## CARES ACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the quarterly CARES Act report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury; and Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

## REBUILDING AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine rebuilding America's transportation infrastructure, after receiving testimony from John D. Porcari, former Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Cheverly, Maryland; Mayor Toby Barker, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Douglas R. Hooker, Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Georgia; and Mark McAndrews, Port of Pascagoula, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

## WESTERN WATER MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the viability of incorporating natural infrastructure in western water management and policy to support economic development, protect watershed health, and build more resilient communities, after receiving testimony from Charles V. Stern, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Bobby Cochran, Willamette Partnership, Portland, Oregon, Troy Larson, Lewis and Clark Regional Water System, Tea, South Dakota; and Holly Richter, The Nature Conservancy, Hereford, Arizona.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 400, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the "William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building"; and

The nominations of Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

## BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 615, to establish an interagency program to assist countries in North Africa and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 335, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998;

S. Res. 22, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador and recognizing the restoration and advancement of economic relations, security, and development opportunities in both nations;