Thursday, March 25, 2021

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1799, PPP Extension Act.

Senate passed H.R. 1868, Medicare Sequester Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1791–S1850

Measures Introduced: One hundred one bills and fifteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 965–1065, S.J. Res. 14–16, and S. Res. 136–147.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 114, commending the United States African Development Foundation on the occasion of its 40th anniversary for creating pathways to prosperity for underserved communities on the African continent through community-led development.

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Measures Passed:

PPP Extension Act: By 92 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 140), Senate passed H.R. 1799, to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S1792–S1800**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 137), Kennedy Amendment No. 1401, to prohibit paycheck protection program loans and second draw loans for applicants convicted of a felony in relation to a riot or civil disorder during the 2-year period preceding the date of the application. **Pages S1795–96**

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 138), Rubio Amendment No. 1405, to establish appropriate limitations on the Administrator of the Small Business Administration establishing new priorities for processing lender applications. **Page S1796**

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

By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 139), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and all applicable sections of that Act and other budget related Acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 404(a) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go provision in S. Con. Res. 13, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Page S1797**

Medicare Sequester Act: By 90 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 142), Senate passed H.R. 1868, to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Adopted:

Shaheen/Collins Amendment No. 1410, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1801–04**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 141), Scott (FL) Amendment No. 1411 (to 1410), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1802–03**

National Native Plant Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 109, designating April 2021 as ''National Native Plant Month'', and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1845**

Remembering the 5th Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks at Brussels Airport and the Maalbeek Metro Station: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 130, remembering the 5th anniversary of the terrorist attacks at Brussels Airport and the Maalbeek metro station in Belgium and honoring the victims of the terrorist attacks, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1845**

National Poison Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 144, recognizing the week of March 21

through March 27, 2021, as "National Poison Prevention Week" and encouraging communities across the United States to raise awareness of the dangers of poisoning and promote poison prevention.
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National Asbestos Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 145, designating the first week of April 2021 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week".
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Independence of Greece 200th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 34, recognizing the 200th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.
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Measures Considered:

COVID–19 Hate Crimes Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID–19 hate crimes. Pages S1804–05

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 Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality. Page S1804

Prior to the consideration of the motion to proceed, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Page S1804

Appointments:

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 70–770, the appointment of the following individual to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Senator Boozman.
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Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Deborah Skaggs of Kentucky.
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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 117th Congress: Senators Wicker, Boozman, Rubio, and Tillis. Page S1846

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 117th Congress: Senators Feinstein (Administrative Co-Chair), Reed (Co-Chair), Menendez (Co-Chair), Durbin (Co-Chair), Cardin, Casey, Duckworth, Hassan, Sinema, and Warnock. Pages S1846–47

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, March 29, 2021, at 11 a.m.; Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 10 a.m.; Monday, April 5, 2021 at 2 p.m.; Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 8, 2021, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, April 12, 2021. Page S1849

Trottenberg Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation. Page S1804

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 25, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 12, 2021. Page S1804

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S1804

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 12, 2021; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, March 25, 2021 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021. Page S1849

Sherman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.
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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 Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation. Page S1804

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Gensler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Page S1804**

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 Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State. **Page S1804**

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Mallory Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality. **Page S1804**

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 Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Page S1804**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S1839–40**

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

36 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

4 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S1847–49**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Adrianne Todman, of the Virgin Islands, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Dawn Myers O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services. **Page S1849**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2021. **Page S1850**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S1812**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1810–12**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1838–39**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1839**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—142) **Pages S1796–97, S1800–04**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1849.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Child Nutrition Reauthorization, focusing on healthy meals and healthy futures, after receiving testimony from Diane Golzynski, Michigan Department of Education Office of Health and Nutrition Services, Lansing; Heidi M. Hoffman, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Colorado State WIC, Denver; Jessica Gould, Littleton Public Schools, Littleton, Colorado; Lee Savio Beers, American Academy of Pediatrics, Washington, D.C.; Reynaldo Green, Quality Care for Children, Atlanta, Georgia; and Carlos Rodriguez, Community FoodBank of New Jersey, Hillside.