Friday, May 28, 2021

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

(Legislative Day of Thursday, May 27, 2021)

Routine Proceedings, pages S3915–S3938

Measures Introduced: Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1955–1957, and S. Res. 255–258. **Page S3933**

Measures Passed:

THRIVE Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2523, to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to improve the COVID–19 Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance program, to make certain technical corrections to the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S3929–30**

McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System 50th Anniversary: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 195, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S3930**

Schumer (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2108, to amend the preamble. **Page S3930**

Jaime Zapata and Victor Avila Federal Officers and Employees Protection Act: Senate passed S. 921, to amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3930–31**

ALS Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 255, designating May 2021 as ''ALS Awareness Month''. **Page S3931**

Origins of COVID–19 investigation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 256, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need to conduct a comprehensive investigation to determine the origins of COVID–19. **Page S3931**

Congratulating the Marshall University Thundering Herd men's soccer team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 257, commending and congratulating the Marshall University Thundering Herd men's soccer team for winning the 2020 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men's soccer national championship. **Page S3931**

Life and work of Senator John W. Warner: Senate agreed to S. Res. 258, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the life and work of Senator John W. Warner. **Page S3931**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 409, to provide for the availability of amounts for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3931–32**

Schumer (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 2110, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3932**

Schumer (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 2111, to amend the title. **Page S3932**

West Los Angeles VA Campus Improvement Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 711, to amend the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 to authorize the use of certain funds received pursuant to leases entered into under such Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S3932**

Schumer (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2109, to include an assessment of lease revenue expenditures and direct benefits to veterans in the annual report required by the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016. **Page S3932**

Measures Considered:

Endless Frontier Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish

a critical supply chain resiliency program, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3915–S3926**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3915**

Cornyn/Cotton Amendment No. 1858 (to Amendment No. 1502), to modify the semiconductor incentives program of the Department of Commerce. **Page S3915**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at a time to be determined on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on or in relation to Cornyn/Cotton Amendment No. 1858 (listed above); that if a Budget Act point of order is raised and a motion to waive is made following disposition of Cornyn/Cotton Amendment No. 1858, Senate vote on the motion to waive; that if waived, Senate vote on Schumer Amendment No. 1502 (listed above), as amended; that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the bill be withdrawn; and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with 60-affirmative votes required for passage. **Page S3926**

National Commission To Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3233, to establish the National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex. **Page S3926**

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

By 54 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 218), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3927**

Paycheck Fairness Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Page S3928**

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, May 28, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program. **Page S3928**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3928**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Julien Xavier Neals and Regina M. Rodriguez ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 7, 2021; and that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill ripen upon disposition of S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program. **Page S3928**

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: Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 11 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, June 3, 2021, it next convene on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 3 p.m.

Neals Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julien Xavier Neals, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S3928**

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 Friday, May 28, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021. **Page S3928**

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 S3928**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 7, 2021. **Page S3928**

Rodriguez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Regina M. Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. **Page S3928**

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 Julien Xavier Neals, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S3928**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Anton George Hajjar, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2023. **Pages S3927–28**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn. **Page S3927**

Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. **Page S3928**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn. **Page S3928**

Michael J. McCord, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Ronald S. Moultrie, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Page S3929, S3938**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S3933**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S3933–35**

Additional Statements: **Page S3932**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3935–36**

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total–4) **Page S3915**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—218) **Page S3927**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator John W. Warner, of Virginia, in accordance with S. Res. 258, at 12:52 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3936.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 91 public bills, H.R. 3556–3646; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 36–37; and H. Res. 445–451, were introduced. **Pages H2672–77**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2680–82**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 468, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects (H. Rept. 117–40);

H.R. 587, to modify permitting requirements with respect to the discharge of any pollutant from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in certain circumstances, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–41);

H.R. 1144, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–42);

H.R. 1262, to establish a task force on improvements for certain notices to airmen, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–43);

H.R. 1765, to prohibit the Secretary of the Army from implementing a proposed rule relating to restricted access to the Washington Channel in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–44);

H.R. 2008, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–45);

H.R. 2016, to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding