Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7037–S7092

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2993–3012, and S. Res. 422–423. **Page S7072**

Measures Reported:

S. 3003, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances. **Pages S7064–65**

Measures Passed:

Women Veterans Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 267, designating June 12, 2021, as ''Women Veterans Appreciation Day'', and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7078–79**

Schumer (for Booker) Amendment No. 3862, to amend the preamble. **Page S7078**

National 4–H Week: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 418, expressing support for the designation of October 3 through October 9, 2021, as ''National 4–H Week'', and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7079**

Bipartisan Halloween Dog Parade: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for a bipartisan Halloween dog parade on October 27, 2021. **Page S7079**

State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act: Senate passed S. 3011, to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to allow States and local governments to use coronavirus relief funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act for infrastructure projects, improve the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, provide Tribal governments with more time to use Coronavirus Relief Fund payments. **Pages S7079–82**

Motion to Discharge Nelson Nomination: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs from further consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes. **Pages S7047–59**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 417), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Pages S7058–59**

Lin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Page S7062**

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 S. 2747, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics. **Page S7062**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7062**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7062**

Parker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Page S7062**

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 Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Page S7062**

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Perez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Page S7062

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 Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. Page S7062

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

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S7062

Lhamon Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m. Page S7082

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 416), Christine P. O'Hearn, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. Pages S7037–47

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 415), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S7046

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Parisa Salehi, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Brian Michael Tomney, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

John Edward Putnam, of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

Benny R. Wagner, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

Joseph Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Douglas T. Hickey, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

John N. Nkengasong, of Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large, Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

George J. Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Bruce I. Turner, of Colorado, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Maria Rosario Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

Shelly C. Lowe, of Arizona, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2026.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Space Force. Pages S7087–92

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, which was sent to the Senate on May 27, 2021, from the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Page S7092

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: Pages S7075–77

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Pages S7077–78

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—417) Pages S7046–47, S7058–59

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:02 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7082.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, John Patrick Coffey, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Douglas R. Bush, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an international policy update, focusing on the Department of the Treasury's sanctions policy review and other issues, after receiving testimony from Adewale O. Adeyemo, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

COAST GUARD OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant, and Master Chief Jason M. Vanderhaden, Master Chief Petty Officer, both of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Willie L. Phillips, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Brad John Crabtree, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy and Carbon Management), who was introduced by Senator Hoeven, and Charles F. Sams III, of Oregon, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Senator Wyden, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 180, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 528, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, S. 607, to discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced multiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, S. 1214, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State administration of allotment management plans, S. 1411, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land to Lander County, Nevada, to designate certain wilderness areas in Lander County, Nevada, S. 1459, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 1493, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 1538, to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, S. 1583, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, S. 1589, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 1631, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona to the Arizona Board of Regents, S. 2130, to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, S. 2433, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a cadastre of Federal real property, and S. 2524, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility or certain programs, after receiving testimony from Senators Whitehouse and Padilla; Steve Feldgus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Lands and Mineral Management; and Christopher B. French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators