Thursday, July 28, 2022

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 7776, Water Resources Development Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3749–S3791

Measures Introduced: Thirty-eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4650–4687, and S. Res. 727–731. **Pages S3782–83**

Measures Passed:

Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act: Senate passed S. 3743, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3752–55**

Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act: Senate passed S. 3742, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility. **Pages S3755–56**

Water Resources Development Act: By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 273), Senate passed H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3756–61**

Adopted:

Carper Amendment No. 5140, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3756**

Joseph Maxwell Cleland Atlanta Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3369, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia, as the ''Joseph Maxwell Cleland Atlanta Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center'', and the bill was then passed. **Pages S3789–90**

COVID–19 EIDL Fraud Statute of Limitations Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7334, to extend the statute of limitations for fraud by borrowers under certain COVID–19 economic injury disaster loan programs of the Small Business Administration, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3790**

PPP and Bank Fraud Enforcement Harmonization Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7352, to amend the Small Business Act to extend the statute of limitation for fraud by borrowers under the Paycheck Protection Program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3790**

Bill Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 4490, to promote digital citizenship and media literacy, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S3790**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators Baldwin, Smith, and Warner be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions through Monday, August 1, 2022. **Page S3790**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, with respect to Lebanon; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–37) **Page S3778**

Milstein Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the July 19, 2022, order with respect to the nomination of Constance J. Milstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, remain in effect. **Page S3761**

Hanes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth Wilson Hanes, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S3766–73**

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, July 28, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, August 1, 2022. **Page S3766**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3766**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3766**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, August 1, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motion to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, July 28, 2022, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, August 1, 2022. **Page S3790**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 61 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), David Pressman, of New York, to be Ambassador to Hungary. **Page S3766**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joe H. Ritch, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2025.

Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Hugo Yue-Ho Yon, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

18 Army nominations in the rank of general. **Page S3791**

Messages from the House: **Pages S3778–79**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S3777–78**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3789**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—274) **Pages S3761, S3766**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:28 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3791.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Milancy Danielle Harris, of Virginia, and Radha Iyengar Plumb, of New York, both to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Brendan Owens, of Virginia, and Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CRYPTO AND SECURITIES SCAMS AND RISKS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting investors and savers, focusing on understanding scams and risks in crypto and securities markets, including S. 4356, to provide for responsible financial innovation and to bring digital assets within the regulatory perimeter, S. 3529, to amend the Investor Protection and Securities Reform Act of 2010 to provide grants to States for enhanced protection of senior investors and senior policyholders, S. 4608, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income de minimis gains from certain sales or exchanges of virtual currency, S. 3990, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit certain securities trading and related communications by those who possess material, nonpublic information, and S. 2147, to enhance civil penalties under the Federal securities laws, after receiving testimony from Melanie Senter Lubin, North American Securities Administrators Association, and Gerri Walsh, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, both of Washington, D.C.