

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed S. 1260, United States Innovation and Competition Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3967–S3998

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1963–1980, and S. Res. 259–263. **Pages S3986–87**

Measures Reported:

S. 169, to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances.

S. 312, to expand eligibility for and provide judicial review for the Elderly Home Detention Pilot Program, provide for compassionate release based on COVID–19 vulnerability, shorten the waiting period for judicial review during the COVID–19 pandemic, and make other technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1491, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve obstetric care in rural areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1675, to improve maternal health, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

United States Innovation and Competition Act: By 68 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 226), Senate passed 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, by the order of the Senate of Friday, May 28, 2021, 60 Senators having voted

in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 68 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 225), Schumer Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 223), Cornyn/Cotton Amendment No. 1858 (to Amendment No. 1502), to modify the semiconductor incentives program of the Department of Commerce. **Page S3976**

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

By 72 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 224), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and all applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Schumer Amendment No. 1502 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Senate Pay-As-You-Go rule, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell.

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Pursuant to the order of Friday, May 28, 2021, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn.

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Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 184, designating the week of May 2, 2021, through May 8, 2021, as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Authorizing testimony, documents, and representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 262, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *United States v. Dodd*.

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Authorizing testimony, documents, and representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 263, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *United States v. Taylor*. **Page S3997**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act: By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 227), 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 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. **Pages S3980–81**

Quraishi Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Zahid N. Quraishi, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S3996**

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 on Thursday, June 10, 2021. **Page S3996**

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 S3996**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. **Page S3997**

Jackson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S3996–97**

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 Zahid N. Quraishi, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Page S3997**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3997**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3996**

Venkataraman Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States

and Foreign Commercial Service, received in the Senate on Thursday, May 27, 2021, be jointly referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S3997**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 220), Julien Xavier Neals, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S3967–72**

By 72 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 222), Regina M. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. **Pages S3972–75**

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

By 72 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 221), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3972**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Caral E. Spangler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Neil Harvey MacBride, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

Larry D. Turner, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army.

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Executive Communications:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—227) **Pages S3971–72, S3975–77, S3979, S3981**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3997.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Antony Blinken, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS: AIR FORCE AND SPACE FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Air Force and Space Force, after receiving testimony from John P. Roth, Acting Secretary, and General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force, and General John W. Raymond, Chief of Space Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

STRATEGIC COMPETITION WITH CHINA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States' strategic competition with China, after receiving testimony from Bonnie S. Glaser, German Marshall Fund of the United States; Sheena Chestnut Greitens, University of Texas at Austin Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs; Evan S. Medeiros, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service; and Matt F. Pottinger, Stanford University Hoover Institution.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps investment programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2022, after receiving testimony from Frederick J. Stefany, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Vice Admiral James W. Kilby, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities, and Lieutenant General Eric M. Smith, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, all of the Department of Defense.

RURAL TRANSIT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and

Community Development concluded a hearing to examine rural transit, focusing on opportunities and challenges for connecting communities, including S. 267, to increase the Federal share of operating costs for certain projects that receive grants under the Formula Grants to Rural Areas Program of the Federal Transit Administration, after receiving testimony from Brandon Nurmi, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia, Minnesota; Kendra McGeady, Pelivan Transit, Big Cabin, Oklahoma; and Barbara K. Cline, Prairie Hills Transit, Spearfish, South Dakota.

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022, after receiving testimony from Shalanda D. Young, Acting Director and Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tracy Stone-Manning, of Montana, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Senator Tester, and Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Samuel T. Walsh, of New York, to be General Counsel, and Andrew Eilperin Light, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Affairs), all of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IRS BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022 for the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State.

COLONIAL PIPELINE CYBER ATTACK

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine threats to critical infrastructure, focusing on examining the Colonial Pipeline cyber attack, after receiving testimony from Joseph Blount, Colonial Pipeline Company, Alpharetta, Georgia.