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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 10 a.m.

Senate

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

The Senate met at 12:45 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 3, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CASEY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,
MAY 6, 2021, AT 4 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:45 and 33 seconds p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 4 p.m.

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Monday, May 3, 2021

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 12:45 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:45:33 p.m. until 4 p.m., on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Committee Meetings

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mrvan, Schrier, Jackson Lee, Griffith, Stanton, González-Colón, Foster, Moolenaar, Wilson of South Carolina, and Van Drew.

THE AAV MISHAP INVESTIGATION: HOW TO BUILD A CULTURE OF SAFETY TO AVOID PREVENTABLE TRAINING ACCIDENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The AAV Mishap Investigation: How to Build a Culture of Safety to Avoid Preventable Training Accidents”. Testimony was heard from General Gary L. Thomas, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Vice Admiral Roy Kitchener, Commander, Naval Surface Forces; Major General Gregg P. Olson, Staff Director of the Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

FROM EXCLUDED TO ESSENTIAL: TRACING THE RACIST EXCLUSION OF FARMWORKERS, DOMESTIC WORKERS, AND TIPPED WORKERS FROM THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “From Excluded to Essential: Tracing the Racist Exclusion of Farmworkers, Domestic Workers, and Tipped Workers from the Fair Labor Standards Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Improving Government Accountability and Transparency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on U.S. National Guard and Reserves, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “Reviewing Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction for Fiscal Year 2022”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Negotiating a Better Deal: Legislation to Lower the Cost of Prescription Drugs”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “Built to Last: Examining Housing Resilience in the Face of Climate Change”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Unfolding Crisis in Burma”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Twenty Years of Workforce Challenges: The Need for H.R. 903, the Rights for the TSA Workforce Act of 2021”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 160, the “Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021”, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “The Urgent Need to Reform the Organ Transplantation System to Secure More Organs for Waiting, Ailing, and Dying Patients”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Climate and Energy Science Research at the Department of Energy”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 234, the “Korean American VALOR Act”; H.R. 1948, the “VA Employee Fairness Act”; H.R. 958, the “Protecting Moms Who Served Act”; H.R. 239, the “Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act”; H.R. 2545, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 2093, the “Providing Benefits Information in Spanish and Tagalog for Veterans and Families Act”; H.R. 2441, the “Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021”; H.R. 2195, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the scope of procedural rights of members of the uniformed services with respect to their employment and reemployment rights, and for other purposes; H.R. 293, the “VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act”; H.R. 2704, the “Improving VA Accountability to Prevent Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Act”; H.R. 2788, the “VA Equal Employment Counseling Modernization Act”; H.R. 2429, the “VA Police Improvement and Accountability Act”; H.R. 2726, the “VA FOIA Reform Act of 2021”; H.R. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to render an individual, who transfers certain educational assistance, to which the individual is entitled because of an agreement by such individual to serve in the Armed Forces, to a dependent of that individual, and who fails to complete

such agreement, solely liable for the overpayment of such educational assistance; H.R. 2419, the “Affordable Housing for Homeless Veterans Act”; H.R. 2494, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; H.R. 711, the “West LA VA Campus Improvement Act of 2021”; H.R. 1510, the “Veterans Camera Reporting Act”; H.R. 2167, the “GI Bill NEED Act”; H.R. 2878, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a Native VetSuccess at Tribal Colleges and Universities Pilot Program; H.R. 2082, the “VA Supply Chain Resiliency Act”; H.R. 2911, the “VA Transparency and Trust Act of 2021”; and H.R. 2935, the “VA Beneficiary Debt Collection Act”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 4 through May 7, 2021

Senate Chamber

During the balance of the week, Senate will meet in pro forma session.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 5, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “TSA: Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Implications for Budget and Operations”, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Education, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 5, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Army, 12 p.m., Webex.

May 5, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Related Agencies—The Year Ahead”, 2:30 p.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “U.S. Secret Service Operational Priorities”, 10 a.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Energy, 1 p.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “USDA Rural Development Mission Area”, 2 p.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., Webex.

May 7, Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Space Force, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, May 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

May 5, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces; and Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Creating a Framework for Rules Based Order in Space”, 3 p.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Ship and Submarine Maintenance: Sustainment Considerations for a Changing Fleet”, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, May 5, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Lower Drug Costs Now: Expanding Access to Affordable Health Care”, 12 p.m., Zoom.

May 6, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 on Students with Disabilities”, 2:30 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 5, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act: Driving Decarbonization of the Transportation Sector”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Broadband Equity: Addressing Disparities in Access and Affordability”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, May 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Game Stopped? Who Wins and Loses When Short Sellers, Social Media, and Retail Investors Collide, Part III”, 12 p.m., Webex.

May 7, Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled “Equitable Algorithms: How Human-Centered AI Can Address Systemic Racism and Racial Justice in Housing and Financial Services”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Unfolding Crisis in Burma”, 1 p.m., Webex.

May 5, Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber, hearing entitled “Reaffirming the Good Friday Agreement”, 11 a.m., Webex.

May 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Atrocities Against Uyghurs and Other Minorities in Xinjiang”, 12:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 5, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Responding to Ransomware: Exploring Policy Solutions to a Cybersecurity Crisis”, 2:30 p.m., Webex.

May 6, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on Addressing Migration Push Factors”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on House Administration, May 6, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled “Voting in America: The Potential for Voter List Purges to Interfere with Free and Fair Access to the Ballot”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 5, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 443, the “Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act”; H.R. 1029, the “Free Veterans from Fees Act”; H.R. 1505, the “Bonding Re-

form and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2021”; H.R. 1506, the “Transparency in Energy Production Act of 2021”; H.R. 1517, the “Ending Taxpayer Welfare for Oil and Gas Companies Act of 2021”; and H.R. 2348, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act”, and continue markup on H.R. 1503, the “Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2021”, 11 a.m., Webex.

May 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, May 5, Subcommittee on Civil Right and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Pipelines Over People (Part II): Midship Pipeline’s Disregard for Landowners in Its Pathway”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

May 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Birthing While Black: Examining America’s Black Maternal Health Crisis”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, May 6, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “National Science Foundation: Advancing Research for the Future of U.S. Innovation Part II”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, May 6, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Growing Jobs through Infrastructure Investment”, 1 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 6, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “When Unlimited Potential Meets Limited Resources: The Benefits and Challenges of High-Speed Rail and Emerging Rail Technologies”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, May 5, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1273, the “Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Study Act”; H.R. 1355, the “K2 Veterans Care Act of 2021”; H.R. 1585, the “Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act of 2021”; H.R. 1972, the “Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act of 2021”; H.R. 2127, the “TEAM Act”; H.R. 2268, the “Keeping Our Promises Act”; H.R. 2368, the “COVENANT Act”; H.R. 2372, the “Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act”; H.R. 2436, the “Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2021”; H.R. 2530, the “Enewetak Atoll Cleanup Radiation Study Act”; H.R. 2569, the “Veterans Agent Orange Exposure Equity Act”; H.R. 2580, the “Palomares Veterans Act of 2021”; H.R. 2607, the “FASTER Presumptions Act”; H.R. 2742, the “PFAS Registry Act of 2021”; and H.R. 2825, the “Fort McClellan Health Registry Act”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

May 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Transforming the VA Workforce: Assessing Progress on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 5, Full Committee, markup on Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget; and legislation on the Securing a Strong Retirement Act of 2021, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, May 6, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Congressional Staff Ca-

capacity: Improving Staff Professional Development, Increasing Retention and Competing for Top Talent”, 11 a.m., Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Thursday, May 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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