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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution for the meeting of the Second Session of the 117th Congress, the House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we orient ourselves to You and lay before You our prayers as we enter this second year of the 117th Congress.

Consecrate this new year that it would be a year of spiritual joy and peace, a year of obedience and faithfulness. Guide all our thoughts and words

that they would reflect Your perfect will, Your absolute Word, Your loving intent.

Direct all our energies according to Your purpose for the common good of our fellow Americans.

Give us the skill to serve You. In Your grace, You have surrounded each of the country's Representatives with talented advisers, diligent staff members, exceedingly devoted behind-the-scenes clerks and recorders, laborers, and administrators. Cause all to realize the significance of the gifts You have uniquely given each person. Remind us again that our efforts will prove all the more effective when carefully and compassionately woven with the talents of every other soul with whom we serve.

By Your mercy, reveal the plans You have for this body, plans for hope and not harm, that our future will rest safely in Your beneficent grace.

With our whole hearts, we ask Your blessing for this new congressional year. Lord, hear our prayer.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 829, no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day.

Messages requiring action will be laid before the House on a subsequent day.

Bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but will not be referred to a committee or noted in the RECORD until a subsequent day. Executive communications, memorials, and petitions likewise will be referred and numbered on a subsequent day.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until noon on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 6, 2022, at noon.

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Senate

The Senate met at 12:03 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TAMMY BALDWIN, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, as the snow falls on Capitol Hill, we thank You for being our shelter in the time of storm.

Lord, we live in challenging times that require more than human solutions for our problems. In the midst of these days, help our lawmakers to find in You a sure place to stand and a strong support they can absolutely trust. Lord, give them such faith in You that they will seek and follow Your guidance, living lives that honor Your Name. Rule in their hearts as they deliberate so that Your higher wisdom will prevail.

And Lord, we thank You for the legacies of former Senators Johnny Isakson and Harry Reid.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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, January 3, 2022.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TAMMY BALDWIN, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. BALDWIN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SECOND SESSION OF THE 117TH CONGRESS

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I had hoped to be opening this new session as President pro tempore, but I couldn't imagine anybody who is better suited to be the Acting President pro tempore than the distinguished Senator from Wisconsin, and I thank her for being here.

Apparently, to a number of the groups around this area, it comes as a surprise that it was snowing and the snow could be slippery and probably

they should have gotten some plows out. Maybe now they will. If not, we can hope for several days of warm sunshine, which is the best snow remover down here.

The distinguished Presiding Officer is well aware of what snow is like in her State, as I am in the State of Vermont, and we usually go out and clear the roads. But I appreciate those few who are out there doing it. I have seen sidewalk plows and other things and some road plows, and I applaud those who are doing that because it is not an easy job. And I realize, coming from the State of Vermont where we are used to snow, we get used to getting rid of it.

I know the Senate is thinking of going out in 1 or 2 minutes. I will speak later this week about the anniversary of January 6, and I will state this very, very seriously: I am beginning my 48th year here, and I have never seen such a total abuse of our democracy, not in the 48 years I have been here. I have cast 17,000 votes, and I cast them with the idea of preserving our democracy.

The people who stormed the Capitol had no sense of what a democracy is, had no sense of the importance of the Senate and the House of Representatives. They had no sense of the importance of having both political parties protecting our Constitution and our country. It was a disgraceful time I hope never to be repeated.

I will also speak later about my dear and close friend Harry Reid of Nevada, who left us in the past few days. Harry and I ran the same year. I was in the Senate, and we campaigned together when he ran. I was thrilled to be re-elected and thrilled that he was elected, and I felt so honored to be able to vote for him as our leader, both majority leader and minority leader. He was a good man. He came from a small, rural town, as did I. He believed in the U.S. Senate. I think of his memory and the memories of others who served in both parties who saw the loss of Bob Dole, another one who believed in the

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Constitution and how this country should be run. I believe in the giants whom I had a chance to serve with in both parties.

Let us hope that we will see the leadership in both parties roundly condemn what we saw a year ago and pray it never happens again.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 327.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Anne A. Witkowsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

CLOTURE MOTION

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 327, Anne A. Witkowsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

Robert Menendez, Patrick J. Leahy, Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell, Sheldon Whitehouse, Brian Schatz, Debbie Stabenow, Catherine Cortez Masto, Christopher A. Coons, Ron Wyden, Margaret Wood Hassan, Edward J. Markey, Benjamin L. Cardin, Richard J. Durbin, Tina Smith, Elizabeth Warren, Angus S. King, Jr.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I ask that the mandatory quorum call for the cloture motion filed today be waived.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Ms. BALDWIN. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 4; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Witkowsky nomination; further, that at noon the Senate vote on confirmation of the Sanchez nomination, with all provisions remaining in effect; finally, that upon disposition of the Sanchez nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. BALDWIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:17 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE PRESIDENT

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

The following nominations transmitted by the President of the United States to the Senate during the first session of the 117th Congress, and upon which no action was had at the time of the sine die adjournment of the Senate, failed of confirmation under the provisions of Rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

ANDREW FOIS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SARA C. BRONIN, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2025.

BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

BARBARA GEORGE JOHNSON, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 4, 2026.

MILDRED OTERO, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 11, 2026.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

JENNIFER BETH SASS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

CHRISTY GOLDSMITH ROMERO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2024.

KRISTIN N. JOHNSON, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2025.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

MARY T. BOYLE, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM OCTOBER 27, 2018.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

CYNTHIA C. HOGAN, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 8, 2024.

SHIRLEY SACHI SAGAWA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2024.

ALVIN HARLYN WARREN, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ARUN VENKATARAMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE.

GRANT T. HARRIS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

LAURIE E. LOCASCIO, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY.

JAINEY KUMAR BAVISHI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE.

VIQUAR AHMAD, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

VIQUAR AHMAD, OF TEXAS, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

JED DAVID KOLKO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

BRENDA SUE FULTON, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AMY LOYD, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SHALANDA H. BAKER, OF TEXAS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY ECONOMIC IMPACT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

ASMERET ASEFAW BERHE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

JOSEPH F. DECAROLIS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION.

MARIA DUAIME ROBINSON, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ROBERT MCKINNON CALIFF, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF FOOD AND DRUGS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ED GONZALEZ, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SOLOMON JEFFREY GREENE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

MARK COLON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

DAVID UBJIO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

JULIA RUTH GORDON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

JAMES ARTHUR JEMISON II, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

ELIZABETH DE LEON BHARGAVA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

HELAINNE ANN GREENFELD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

ELIZABETH SCHOFF WATSON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR.

DAVID WEIL, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 5

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health

and Human Services, Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, and Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, all of the Department of Labor, Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, and Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board.

TBA

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development
To hold hearings to examine how Community Development Financial Institutions support underserved communities.

WEBEX

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider 17 GSA resolutions.

SD-406

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police following the January 6th attack on the Capitol.

SR-301

JANUARY 6

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Katherine Vidal, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Ryan K. Buchanan, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, Andrew M. Luger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and Mark A. Totten, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

JANUARY 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges for maintaining existing hydropower capacity, expanding hydropower at non-powered dams, and increasing pumped storage hydropower.

SD-366

JANUARY 12

3 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on USACE implementation of water infrastructure projects, programs, and priorities.

SD-406

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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Second Session of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Congress convened
as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Witkowsky Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anne A. Witkowsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

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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 Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

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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.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 4, 2022; and that at 12:00 noon, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, with all provisions remaining in effect.

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Nominations Returned to the President: The following nominations were returned to the President failing of confirmation under Senate Rule XXXI at the time of the sine die adjournment of the First Session of the 117th Congress:

Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Beth Pritchard Geer, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Robert P. Klein, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

Kimberly Caudle Lewis, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2025.

L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2021.

L. Michelle Moore, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Brenda Sue Fulton, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Robert Cornelius Hampshire, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Carol Annette Petsonk, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Cynthia Weiner Stachelberg, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Cynthia C. Hogan, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2024.

Shirley Sachi Sagawa, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Mark Colon, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Elizabeth Schoff Watson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Sean Burton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2024.

Jennifer Beth Sass, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Sarah Margon, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

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

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

Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

Tovah R. Calderon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Carlton Waterhouse, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

David Uejio, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2028.

Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2025.

Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

Barbara George Johnson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring February 4, 2026.

Mildred Otero, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2026.

Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Gerald W. Fauth, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2024.

Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Tamara Cofman Wittes, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025.

Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Amy Elizabeth Searight, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Charlotte N. Sweeney, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2025.

Kurt Thomas Rumsfeld, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Owen Edward Herrstadt, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025.

Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2027.

Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Viquar Ahmad, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Viquar Ahmad, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2024.

Reta Jo Lewis, of Georgia, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2025.

James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2019.

Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador.

Adrienne Jennings Noti, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Jed David Kolko, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

Joseph F. DeCarolis, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Maria Duaine Robinson, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Office of Electricity).

Henry Christopher Frey, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Susan Harthill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2027.

Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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

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

Glen S. Fukushima, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

Glen S. Fukushima, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2024.

Steven Scott Cliff, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Ann Claire Phillips, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Laurel A. Blatchford, of the District of Columbia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2021.

Samuel H. Slater, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2023.

Monde Muyangwa, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Amanda Bennett, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media.

Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues.

Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Helaine Ann Greenfeld, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Beverly Gage, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024.

Fiona Whelan Prine, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

Alvin Harlyn Warren, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023.

Andrew Foiss, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States for a term of five years.

Kristin N. Johnson, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2025.

Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Bridget Meehan Brennan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Victoria Marie Calvert, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

John H. Chun, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Charles Esque Fleming, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Sarah Elisabeth Geraghty, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

David Augustin Ruiz, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Georgette Castner, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Jacqueline Scott Corley, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Julie Rebecca Rubin, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Cristina D. Silva, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Leonard Philip Stark, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Trina L. Thompson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Anne Rachel Traum, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Andre B. Mathis, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Steven H. Fagin, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:03 p.m. and adjourned at 12:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no Public Bills or Resolutions introduced in today's Record.

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Dingell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Convening of the Second Session of the 117th Congress: Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the House met at 12 noon on January 3, 2022 for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress. Pursuant to section 4(a) of H. Res. 829, the Chair announced that no organizational or legislative business will be conducted on this day. The Chair further announced that messages requiring action will be laid before the House on a subsequent day and that bills and resolutions introduced today will receive a number but will not be referred to committee or noted in the Record until a subsequent day. Executive communications, memorials, and petitions likewise will be referred and numbered on a subsequent day. **Page H1**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 4 through January 7, 2022

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Anne A. Witkowsky, of Mary-

land, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

At 12 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 5, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine how Community Development Financial Institutions support underserved communities, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: January 5, business meeting to consider 17 GSA resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 5, business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, and Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, all of the Department of Labor, Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, and Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 6, business meeting to consider the nominations of Katherine Vidal, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Ryan K. Buchanan, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, Andrew M. Luger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and Mark A. Totten, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: January 5, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police following the January 6th attack on the Capitol, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Thursday, January 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Anne A. Witkowsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

At 12 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

(Senate will recess following disposition of the nomination of Gabriel P. Sanchez until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at noon.



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