

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.
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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 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.
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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.
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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.
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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.

ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3145, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, S. 3543, to support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies, S. 3719, to establish the Southwestern Power Administration Fund, S. 3740, to provide for a comprehensive and integrative program to accelerate microelectronics research and development at the Department of Energy, S. 3769, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to improve the weatherization assistance program, S. 3856, to prohibit the importation of uranium from the Russian Federation, S. 4038, to increase the production and use of renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel, S. 4061, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify the definition of water heater under energy conservation standards, S. 4066, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to accelerate the availability of commercially produced high-assay, low-enriched uranium in the United States and to make high-assay, low-enriched uranium produced from Department of Energy inventories available for use in advanced nuclear reactors, S. 4280, to require the Secretary of Energy to remove carbon dioxide directly from ambient air or seawater, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Huff, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and Kelly Speakes-Backman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, both of the Department of Energy; Mike Wech, Southwestern Power Administration, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Matt Leuck, Neste US, Houston, Texas; and Jeff Navin, TerraPower, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Douglas J. McKalip, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William H. Duncan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic

of El Salvador, Hugo F. Rodriguez, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Candace A. Bond, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, who was introduced by Senator Booker, Heide B. Fulton, of West Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and Robert J. Faucher, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shefali Razdan Duggal, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, Carrin F. Patman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, Gautam A. Rana, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Angela Price Aggeler, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia, and Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4430, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and E. Martin Estrada, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California, and Gregory J. Haanstad, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, both of the Department of Justice.

FEDERAL TECHNOLOGY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal technology for people with disabilities, older Americans, and veterans, after receiving testimony from Eve L. Hill, Brown Goldstein and Levy, Washington, D.C.; Anil Lewis, National Federation of the Blind, Atlanta, Georgia; Jule Ann Lieberman, TechOWL, Devon, Pennsylvania; and Ronald G. Holmquest, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.