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U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,
Washington, DC, March 28, 2023.

Honorable SONCERIA “ANN” BERRY,
Secretary, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SECRETARY: In accordance with rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate and the pertinent unanimous consent order pertaining to this rule, I am transmitting herewith a report on the activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate for the 117th Congress.

Sincerely,

RON WYDEN, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE DURING THE 117TH CONGRESS

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Mr. WYDEN, from the Committee on Finance,
submitted the following

REPORT

This report reviews the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Finance during the 117th Congress. These activities parallel the broad scope of responsibilities vested in the committee by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, rule XXV(k) of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and additional authorizing resolutions.

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Rule XXV(i) of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires reference to this committee of all proposed legislation, and other matters, dealing with (i) Committee on Finance, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Bonded debt of the United States, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
2. Customs, collection districts, and ports of entry and delivery.
3. Deposit of public moneys.
4. General revenue sharing.
5. Health programs under the Social Security Act and health programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund.
6. National social security.
7. Reciprocal trade agreements.
8. Revenue measures generally, except as provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
9. Revenue measures relating to the insular possessions.
10. Tariffs and import quotas, and matters related thereto.
11. Transportation of dutiable goods.

COMMITTEE RULES

I. RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 1. *Regular Meeting Days.*—The regular meeting day of the committee shall be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except that if there be no business before the committee the regular meeting shall be omitted.

Rule 2. *Committee Meetings.*—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 3 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to special meetings called by a majority of the committee) and subsection (b) of this rule, committee meetings, for the conduct of business, for the purpose of holding hearings, or for any other purpose, shall be called by the chairman. Members will be notified of committee meetings at least 48 hours in advance, unless the chairman determines that an emergency situation requires a meeting on shorter notice. The notification will include a written agenda together with materials prepared by the staff relating to that agenda. After the agenda for a committee meeting is published and distributed, no nongermane items may be brought up during that meeting unless at least two-thirds of the members present agree to consider those items.

(b) In the absence of the chairman, meetings of the committee may be called by the ranking majority member of the committee who is present, provided authority to call meetings has been delegated to such member by the chairman.

Rule 3. *Presiding Officer.*—(a) The chairman shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the committee except that in his absence the ranking majority member who is present at the meeting shall preside.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a) any member of the committee may preside over the conduct of a hearing.

Rule 4. *Quorums.*—(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) one-third of the membership of the committee, including not less than one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

(b) Notwithstanding the rule prescribed by subsection (a) one member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

Rule 5. *Reporting of Measures or Recommendations.*—No measure or recommendation shall be reported from the committee unless a majority of the committee is actually present and a majority of those present concur.

Rule 6. *Proxy Voting; Polling.*—(a) Except as provided by paragraph 7(a)(3) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitation on use of proxy voting to report a measure or matter), members who are unable to be present may have their vote recorded by proxy.

(b) At the discretion of the committee, members who are unable to be present and whose vote has not been cast by proxy may be polled for the purpose of recording their vote on any roll call taken by the committee.

Rule 7. *Order of Motions.*—When several motions are before the committee dealing with related or overlapping matters, the chairman may specify the order in which the motions shall be voted upon.

Rule 8. *Bringing a Matter to a Vote.*—If the chairman determines that a motion or amendment has been adequately debated, he may call for a vote on such motion or amendment, and the vote shall then be taken, unless the committee votes to continue debate on such motion or amendment, as the case may be. The vote on a motion to continue debate on any motion or amendment shall be taken without debate.

Rule 9. *Public Announcement of Committee Votes.*—Pursuant to paragraph 7(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public announcement of votes), the results of roll call votes taken by the committee on any measure (or amendment thereto) or matter shall be announced publicly not later than the day on which such measure or matter is ordered reported from the committee.

Rule 10. *Subpoenas.*—Subpoenas for attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, and records shall be issued by the chairman, or by any other member of the committee designated by him.

Rule 11. *Nominations.*—In considering a nomination, the committee may conduct an investigation or review of the nominee's experience, qualifications, and suit-

ability, to serve in the position to which he or she has been nominated. To aid in such investigation or review, each nominee may be required to submit a sworn detailed statement including biographical, financial, policy, and other information which the committee may request. The committee may specify which items in such statement are to be received on a confidential basis. Witnesses called to testify on the nomination may be required to testify under oath.

Rule 12. *Open Committee Hearings.*—To the extent required by paragraph 5 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to limitations on open hearings), each hearing conducted by the committee shall be open to the public.

Rule 13. *Announcement of Hearings.*—The committee shall undertake consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4(a) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to public notice of committee hearings) to issue public announcements of hearings it intends to hold at least one week prior to the commencement of such hearings.

Rule 14. *Witnesses at Hearings.*—(a) Each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing must submit his written testimony to the staff director not later than noon of the business day immediately before the last business day preceding the day on which he is scheduled to appear. Such written testimony shall be accompanied by a brief summary of the principal points covered in the written testimony. Having submitted his written testimony, the witness shall be allowed not more than 10 minutes for oral presentation of his statement.

(b) Witnesses may not read their entire written testimony, but must confine their oral presentation to a summarization of their arguments.

(c) Witnesses shall observe proper standards of dignity, decorum, and propriety while presenting their views to the committee. Any witness who violates this rule shall be dismissed, and his testimony (both oral and written) shall not appear in the record of the hearing.

(d) In scheduling witnesses for hearings, the staff shall attempt to schedule witnesses so as to attain a balance of views early in the hearings. Every member of the committee may designate witnesses who will appear before the committee to testify. To the extent that a witness designated by a member cannot be scheduled to testify during the time set aside for the hearing, a special time will be set aside for the witness to testify if the member designating that witness is available at that time to chair the hearing.

Rule 15. *Audiences.*—Persons admitted into the audience for open hearings of the committee shall conduct themselves with the dignity, decorum, courtesy, and propriety traditionally observed by the Senate. Demonstrations of approval or disapproval of any statement or act by any member or witness are not allowed. Persons creating confusion or distractions or otherwise disrupting the orderly proceeding of the hearing shall be expelled from the hearing.

Rule 16. *Broadcasting of Hearings.*—(a) Broadcasting of open hearings by television or radio coverage shall be allowed upon approval by the chairman of a request filed with the staff director not later than noon of the day before the day on which such coverage is desired.

(b) If such approval is granted, broadcasting coverage of the hearing shall be conducted unobtrusively and in accordance with the standards of dignity, propriety, courtesy, and decorum traditionally observed by the Senate.

(c) Equipment necessary for coverage by television and radio media shall not be installed in, or removed from, the hearing room while the committee is in session.

(d) Additional lighting may be installed in the hearing room by the media in order to raise the ambient lighting level to the lowest level necessary to provide adequate television coverage of the hearing at the then current state of the art of television coverage.

(e) The additional lighting authorized by subsection (d) of this rule shall not be directed into the eyes of any members of the committee or of any witness, and at the request of any such member or witness, offending lighting shall be extinguished.

Rule 17. *Subcommittees.*—(a) The chairman, subject to the approval of the committee, shall appoint legislative subcommittees. All legislation shall be kept on the full committee calendar unless a majority of the members present and voting agree to refer specific legislation to an appropriate subcommittee.

(b) The chairman may limit the period during which House-passed legislation referred to a subcommittee under paragraph (a) will remain in that subcommittee. At the end of that period, the legislation will be restored to the full committee calendar. The period referred to in the preceding sentences should be 6 weeks, but may be extended in the event that adjournment or a long recess is imminent.

(c) All decisions of the chairman are subject to approval or modification by a majority vote of the committee.

(d) The full committee may at any time by majority vote of those members present discharge a subcommittee from further consideration of a specific piece of legislation.

(e) The chairman and ranking minority member shall serve as nonvoting *ex officio* members of the subcommittees on which they do not serve as voting members.

(f) Any member of the committee may attend hearings held by any subcommittee and question witnesses testifying before that subcommittee.

(g) Subcommittee meeting times shall be coordinated by the staff director to ensure that—

(1) no subcommittee meeting will be held when the committee is in executive session, except by unanimous consent;

(2) no more than one subcommittee will meet when the full committee is holding hearings; and

(3) not more than two subcommittees will meet at the same time.

Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3), a subcommittee may meet when the full committee is holding hearings and two subcommittees may meet at the same time only upon the approval of the chairman and the ranking minority member of the committee and subcommittees involved.

(h) All nominations shall be considered by the full committee.

(i) The chairman will attempt to schedule reasonably frequent meetings of the full committee to permit consideration of legislation reported favorably to the committee by the subcommittees.

Rule 18. *Transcripts of Committee Meetings.*—An accurate record shall be kept of all markups of the committee, whether they be open or closed to the public. A transcript, marked as “uncorrected,” shall be available for inspection by members of the Senate, or members of the committee together with their staffs, at any time. Not later than 21 business days after the meeting occurs, the committee shall make publicly available through the Internet—

(a) a video recording;

(b) an audio recording; or

(c) after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements, a corrected transcript.

Notwithstanding the above, in the case of the record of an executive session of the committee that is closed to the public pursuant to Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the record shall not be published or made public in any way except by majority vote of the committee after all members of the committee have had a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks for grammatical errors or to accurately reflect statements made.

Rule 19. *Amendment of Rules.*—The foregoing rules may be added to, modified, amended, or suspended at any time.

TAX

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 117th Congress, the Senate Finance Committee was responsible for the enactment of significant legislation including continued response to the coronavirus pandemic and its far-reaching effects on the economy, significant efforts to upgrade the Nation's infrastructure, to increase American technological competitiveness, to reform our Nation's tax code, and to make unprecedented investments in combating climate change and achieving sustainable, domestically produced energy.

During the first session, the Finance Committee focused on continued temporary tax and economic relief to individuals, families, and businesses in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The committee played a leading role in developing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2), in particular the additional Economic Impact Payments, the expanded Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, and continued tax credits for sick leave, family leave, and employee retention and rehiring.

The committee also continued its focus on investing in the American economy by supporting infrastructure investment, action on climate change, and incentives for domestic manufacturing. The committee marked up the Clean Energy for America Act (S. 2118) on May 26, 2021, resulting in a tied 14-14 vote. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-58) funded and reauthorized payments out of the Highway Trust Fund through 2026 and included new or expanded tax-preferred bond financing for broadband, carbon capture, and surface transportation. The Act also reinstated the Superfund excise taxes on certain chemicals and included new reporting requirements on digital assets.

The committee's work in the second session continued to focus on tax incentives to take action on climate change, to promote domestic manufacturing, and to enhance retirement savings. The CHIPS Act of 2022 (enacted in Pub. L. 117-80) included a new advanced manufacturing investment tax credit, derived from the committee's bipartisan work on encouraging domestic semiconductor manufacturing. The committee also engaged in bipartisan work on enhancing retirement savings, unanimously approving the Enhancing American Retirement Now (EARN) Act on June 22, 2022, which included over 70 different bipartisan proposals. The EARN Act was largely incorporated into the bicameral, bipartisan SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 and enacted as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-315).

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-169) reflected the culmination of the Finance Committee's efforts this Congress on policies to combat climate change, improve tax fairness, and re-

duce the deficit. The Act incorporated aspects of the committee’s work on legislation such as the Clean Energy for America Act (S. 2118) in extending and reforming tax incentives for clean electricity, transportation, and energy efficiency to be technology-neutral and premised on carbon emissions and energy conservation. The Act also created a new corporate alternative minimum tax and excise tax on stock repurchases.

Throughout both sessions, the committee continued discussions with the Treasury Department on the implementation of various coronavirus tax relief measures and received updates on the ongoing negotiations at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) related to the global minimum taxes on multinational corporations, anti-tax base erosion proposals, global profit allocation, and the taxation of digital services.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2021

March 16, 2021—“Made in America: Effect of the U.S. Tax Code on Domestic Manufacturing.” Testimony was heard from George S. Davis, executive vice president and chief financial officer, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, CA; Jonathan Jennings, vice president, global commodity purchasing and supplier technical assistance, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI; Jay Timmons, president and CEO, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, DC; Michelle Hanlon, Ph.D., Howard W. Johnson professor, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA; and Donnie Blatt, District 1 director, United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial, and Service Workers International Union (USW), Columbus, OH.

March 25, 2021—“How U.S. International Tax Policy Impacts American Workers, Jobs, and Investment.” Testimony was heard from Kimberly Clausing, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; Pamela F. Olson, former Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; Chye-Ching Huang, executive director, Tax Law Center, New York University School of Law, New York, NY; and James R. Hines, Jr., Ph.D., Richard A. Musgrave collegiate professor of economics and L. Hart Wright collegiate professor of law, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

April 13, 2021—“The 2021 Filing Season and 21st-Century IRS.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC.

April 20, 2021—“Combating Inequality: The Tax Code and Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Disparities.” Testimony was heard from Dorothy A. Brown, Asa Griggs Candler professor of law, School of Law, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Mihir A. Desai, Ph.D., Mizuho Financial Group professor of business, Harvard Business School, and professor of law, Harvard Law School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Himalaya Rao-Potlapally, managing director, Black Founders Matter Fund, Salem, OR; and Shay Haw-

- kins, co-founder and president, Opportunity Funds Association, Washington, DC.
- April 27, 2021—“Climate Challenges: The Tax Code’s Role in Creating American Jobs, Achieving Energy Independence, and Providing Consumers with Affordable, Clean Energy.” Testimony was heard from Jason Walsh, executive director, BlueGreen Alliance, Washington, DC; Maria M. Pope, president and CEO, Portland General Electric, Portland, OR; Alex Brill, research fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; and Kevin Sunday, director of government affairs, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Harrisburg, PA.
- May 18, 2021—“Funding and Financing Options to Bolster American Infrastructure.” Testimony was heard from Joseph Kile, Ph.D., Director of Microeconomic Analysis, Congressional Budget Office, Washington, DC; Victoria F. Sheehan, president, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, DC; Heather Buch, subcommittee chair, Transportation Steering Committee, National Association of Counties, Washington, DC; and Shirley Bloomfield, chief executive officer, NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, Arlington, VA.
- June 8, 2021—“The IRS’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC.
- June 16, 2021—“The President’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Janet L. Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.
- July 28, 2021—“Building on Bipartisan Retirement Legislation: How Can Congress Help?” Testimony was heard from Aliya Robinson, senior vice president, retirement and compensation policy, The ERISA Industry Committee, Washington, DC; Brian H. Graff, chief executive officer, American Retirement Association, Arlington, VA; David Certner, legislative counsel and policy director, AARP, Washington, DC; and Hon. Tobias Read, Oregon State Treasurer, Salem, OR.

2022

- February 17, 2022—“Spotlighting IRS Customer Service Challenges.” Testimony was heard from Erin M. Collins, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC; Jessica Lucas-Judy, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; and Jan Lewis, chair, Tax Executive Committee, American Institute of CPAs, Washington, DC.
- March 17, 2022—“Examining Charitable Giving and Trends in the Nonprofit Sector.” Testimony was heard from Daniel Cardinali, president and CEO, Independent Sector, Washington, DC; Susannah Morgan, CEO, Oregon Food Bank, Portland, OR; Una Osili, Ph.D., Efroymson chair in philanthropy and economics, and associate dean for research and international programs, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN; and C. Eugene Steuerle, Ph.D., co-founder, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy, Urban Institute, and ACT for Alexandria, a community foundation, Washington, DC.

- April 7, 2022—“The IRS, the President’s Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, and the 2022 Filing Season.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC.
- June 7, 2022—“The President’s Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Janet L. Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.
- June 14, 2022—“Examining the Impact of *South Dakota v. Wayfair* on Small Businesses and Remote Sales.” Testimony was heard from James R. McTigue, Jr., Director, Tax Policy and Administration, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; John E. Hennessey, president and CEO, Littleton Coin Company, Inc., Littleton, NH; Michelle Huie, founder and CEO, VIM and VIGR Compression Legwear, Missoula, MT; Craig Johnson, executive director, Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board, Inc., Westby, WI; and Diane L. Yetter, president and founder, Sales Tax Institute, Chicago, IL.
- July 20, 2022—“The Role of Tax Incentives in Affordable Housing.” Testimony was heard from Andrea Bell, Director, Oregon Housing and Community Services, Salem, OR; Jerry Konter, founder and president, Konter Quality Homes, and chairman of the board, National Association of Home Builders, Washington, DC; Lee E. Ohanian, Ph.D., senior fellow, Hoover Institute, Stanford University, and distinguished professor of economics, University of California—Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA; Benson (Buzz) Roberts, president and CEO, National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders, Washington, DC; and Hon. Dana T. Wade, chief production officer, FHA finance, Walker and Dunlop, Bethesda, MD.

FULL COMMITTEE OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

2021

- May 26, 2021—Open Executive Session to consider the Clean Energy for America Act.

2022

- June 22, 2022—Open Executive Session to consider the Enhancing American Retirement Now (EARN) Act.

FULL COMMITTEE MEMBER MEETINGS

2021

- September 23, 2021—Briefing from Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General of the World Trade Organization, and Angela Ellard, Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization.

2022

- February 15, 2022—Briefing with IRS Commissioner Rettig and Deputy Treasury Secretary Adeyemo on the upcoming tax filing season.
- July 26, 2022—Briefing with the IRS Commissioner Rettig on IRS Audit Selection Procedures.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND IRS OVERSIGHT

2021

May 11, 2021—“Closing the Tax Gap: Lost Revenue From Non-compliance and the Role of Offshore Tax Evasion.” Testimony was heard from Hon. J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; Douglas O’Donnell, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC; Hon. Charles O. Rossotti, former Commissioner (1997–2002), Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC; Nina E. Olson, executive director, Center for Taxpayer Rights, Washington, DC; and Barry Johnson, Acting Chief, Research and Analytics, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

2022

May 4, 2022—“Laws and Enforcement Governing the Political Activities of Tax-Exempt Entities.” Testimony was heard from Philip Hackney, associate professor of law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA; Bradley A. Smith, chairman, Institute for Free Speech, Washington, DC; Hon. Ann Ravel, former Chair, Federal Election Commission, Los Gatos, CA; and Scott Walter, president, Capital Research Center, Washington, DC.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

2021

April 27, 2021—“Creating Opportunity Through a Fairer Tax System.” Testimony was heard from Abigail E. Disney, Ph.D., CEO and co-founder, Fork Films, New York, NY; Cheryl Straughter, owner, Soleil Restaurant, Boston, MA; David Gamage, professor of law, Maurer School of Law, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN; Scott A. Hodge, president, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC; Jeffrey L. Hoopes, Ph.D., associate professor, Kenan Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; and Kyle Pomerleau, resident fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

TRADE

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 117th Congress, the Senate Finance Committee worked to expand trade and investment-related opportunities for American workers, farmers, and businesses. This work included thorough oversight and communication of committee priorities with respect to the administration’s new “worker-centered” trade policy—including the various trade initiatives led by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Department of Commerce.

The administration has proposed negotiating a number of new initiatives, such as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity, the U.S./UK Dialogues on the Future of Atlantic Trade, the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade, and the U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership. In addition to these initiatives, the administration is engaging with U.S. trading partners on various issues through Trade and Investment Framework Agreements (TIFAs) and Trade and Investment Councils (TICs), and through international forums such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

With respect to all of this work, the committee is insisting on close congressional consultation and greater transparency and stakeholder engagement.

Throughout the 117th Congress, the committee also conducted oversight over the administration’s implementation and enforcement of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), emphasizing the importance of full enforcement of the Agreement.

With respect to legislation, the committee drafted a bipartisan bill to increase U.S. competitiveness and innovation, including by improving and renewing two expired trade programs: the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) and the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). The Senate passed this legislation as an amendment to the Senate-passed United States Competition and Innovation Act (USICA) by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 91–4. The committee worked with the House Ways and Means Committee on a path forward for this legislation, but did not reach agreement. In addition, the committee worked to hold Russia accountable for its unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, including by passing into law a legislative package to repeal permanent normal trade relations with Russia and ban imports of Russian energy products.

The committee also held several hearings and member meetings to examine the successes and challenges of U.S. trade policies and to assess opportunities to improve and increase trade. These meetings included a meeting with the Senate Advisory Group on Negotiations (SAGON) to discuss IPEF with U.S. Trade Representative

Katherine Tai, and a Finance Committee member meeting with Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo to discuss IPEF.

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March 18, 2021—“Fighting Forced Labor: Closing Loopholes and Improving Customs Enforcement to Mandate Clean Supply Chains and Protect Workers.” Testimony was heard from Joseph Wrona, Local 135L member, United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial, and Service Workers International Union (USW), Buffalo, NY; Martina E. Vandenberg, J.D., president, Human Trafficking Legal Center, Washington, DC; Julia K. Hughes, president, U.S. Fashion Industry Association, Washington, DC; and Leonardo Bonanni, Ph.D., founder and CEO, Sourcemap, Inc., New York, NY.

April 22, 2021—“U.S.-China Relations: Improving U.S. Competitiveness Through Trade.” Testimony was heard from Michael R. Wessel, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, Washington, DC; Aynne Kokas, Ph.D., senior faculty fellow, Miller Center for Public Affairs; and associate professor of media studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; Clete R. Willems, partner, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld LLP, Washington, DC; and David Baer, chief operating officer and general counsel, Element Electronics, Winnsboro, SC.

May 12, 2021—“The President’s 2021 Trade Policy Agenda.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Katherine C. Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC.

July 27, 2021—“Implementation and Enforcement of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement: One Year After Entry Into Force.” Testimony was heard from Benjamin Davis, director of international affairs, United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, PA; Allan Huttema, chair, board of directors, Darigold and Northwest Dairy Association, Parma, ID; Michelle McMurry-Heath, M.D., Ph.D., president and CEO, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, Washington, DC; and Beth Lowell, deputy vice president, U.S. Campaigns, Oceana, Washington, DC.

2022

March 15, 2022—“The Promise and Challenge of Strategic Trade Engagement in the Indo-Pacific Region.” Testimony was heard from Sharon Bomer Lauritsen, principal, AgTrade Strategies LLC, Washington, DC; Emma Llansó, director, Free Expression Project, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, DC; Kelly Ann Shaw, former Deputy Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs (2018–2019), and partner, Hogan Lovells, Washington, DC; and Michael Wessel, staff chair, Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy, and president, The Wessel Group Inc., Washington, DC.

March 31, 2022—“The President’s 2022 Trade Policy Agenda.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Katherine C. Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC.

FULL COMMITTEE MEMBER MEETINGS

- October 26, 2021—Full Committee Member Meeting with United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai for a trade agenda update.
- November 17, 2021—Full Committee Member Meeting with United States Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen for the latest in OECD developments.
- March 22, 2022—Briefing with Commerce Secretary Raimondo on the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.

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AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS*2021*

- June 22, 2021—“The Strategic Benefits of a Multilateral Approach to Trade Policy in the Asia-Pacific Region.” Testimony was heard from Wendy Cutler, vice president, Asia Society Policy Institute, Washington, DC; Donald Allan, Jr., president and chief financial officer, Stanley Black & Decker, New Britain, CT; Peter A. Petri, Ph.D., Carl J. Shapiro professor of international finance, Brandeis University, nonresident senior fellow, Brookings Institution, and visiting fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Boston, MA; and Hon. James B. Cunningham, nonresident senior fellow, The Atlantic Council, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Israel, and the United Nations, former Consul General of the United States in Hong Kong, and board chair, Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong, Elizabethtown, NY.

2022

- June 15, 2022—“Supply Chain Resiliency: Alleviating Backlogs and Strengthening Long-Term Security.” Testimony was heard from Scott N. Paul, president, Alliance for American Manufacturing, Washington, DC; Douglas L. Potvin, chief financial officer, Trinity Logistics, Inc., Seaford, DE; Orit Frenkel, Ph.D., founder and CEO, American Leadership Initiative, Washington, DC; and Gilman Louie, chief executive officer, America’s Frontier Fund, Arlington, VA.
- November 30, 2022—“Opportunities and Challenges for Trade Policy in the Digital Economy.” Testimony was heard from Christine Bliss, president, Coalition of Services Industries (CSI), Washington, DC; David Feith, adjunct senior fellow, Indo-Pacific Security Program, Center for a New American Security, Washington, DC; Joshua P. Meltzer, S.J.D., senior fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution, Washington DC; and Patrick Woodall, policy and research director, AFL–CIO Technology Institute, Washington, DC.

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2021

- July 14, 2021—“Defending and Investing in U.S. Competitiveness.” Testimony was heard from Hon. William E. Spriggs, Ph.D., professor of economics, Howard University, and chief economist, AFL–CIO, Washington, DC; Roy Houseman, legislative director,

United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, PA; Mary Gallagher, Ph.D., Amy and Alan Lowenstein Professor of Democracy, Democratization, and Human Rights, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; David M. Luna, executive director, International Coalition Against Illicit Economies (ICAIE), Washington, DC; Yaya J. Fanusie, adjunct senior fellow, Center for a New American Security, Washington, DC; and Jane Nakano, senior fellow, Energy Security and Climate Change Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC.

December 7, 2021—“Promoting Competition, Growth, and Privacy Protection in the Technology Sector.” Testimony was heard from Courtenay Brown, Amazon associate and leader, United for Respect, Newark, NJ; Hon. Karl A. Racine, Attorney General, District of Columbia, Washington, DC; Barry C. Lynn, executive director, Open Markets Institute, Washington, DC; Justin Sherman, fellow and research lead, Data Brokerage Project, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, Durham, NC; Samm Sacks, senior fellow, Yale Law School Paul Tsai China Center, New Haven, CT, and cybersecurity policy fellow, New America, Washington, DC; and Stacey Gray, senior counsel, Future of Privacy Forum, Washington, DC.

HEALTH

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 117th Congress, the committee focused on improving Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for individuals, providers, and taxpayers.

In March of 2021, the chairman authored several provisions that were included in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. The health provisions expanded premium tax credits for 2 years in the health insurance marketplaces, established a State option to provide 12 months of Medicaid and CHIP coverage during the post-partum period, required coverage of COVID–19 vaccines and treatment under Medicaid and CHIP, provided enhanced funding for Medicaid home and community-based services, established a State option in Medicaid to provide temporary enhanced funding for mobile crisis services, and provided grant funding for new and existing Elder Justice Act (EJA) programs that are aimed at protecting seniors and people with disabilities who reside in nursing homes.

In August of 2021, the committee embarked on a bipartisan effort following hearings earlier in the year to improve access to mental health-care services in Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP. The committee released a Request for Information (RFI) to stakeholders and the public to gather information on proposals in five distinct policy areas that would be considered for a bipartisan legislative package. The five policy areas included: (1) behavioral health-care workforce, (2) primary care and behavioral health-care integration, (3) tele-mental health care, (4) youth mental health, and (5) behavioral and physical health-care parity. The committee designated 10 bipartisan Finance Committee members to lead the development of legislation in each of these policy areas.

In March of 2022, the committee released a bipartisan report titled “Mental Health Care in the United States: The Case for Federal Action” that describes the state of mental health care in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and potential policy interventions based on information gathered from experts and stakeholders who testified at committee hearings and provided responses to the committee’s RFI. Beginning in May of 2022 and concluding in December of 2022, the committee released bipartisan discussion drafts containing policy proposals to address mental health care for each of the five identified subject areas. Through this bipartisan process, the committee authored several provisions related to improving access to mental health-care services in Medicaid and CHIP which were included in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 that was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in June of 2022. The policies include an extension and nationwide expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

(CCBHC) demonstration program, increased access to Medicaid tele-mental health services, support for Medicaid/CHIP funding for mental health services in schools, and improved oversight and enforcement of Medicaid's early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment benefit, which provides comprehensive health coverage to children.

Several more of the committee's mental health provisions were signed into law as a part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA 2023). With respect to Medicare, these provisions included providing Medicare coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services, improving Medicare payment for mobile crisis services, providing additional medical residency slots for psychiatry specialties and other specialties in Medicare's graduate medical education (GME) program, and providing flexibility under Medicare's program integrity laws to allow for hospitals to provide mental health wellness programs to physicians and other clinicians. With respect to Medicaid and CHIP, the provisions will strengthen requirements on health plans and State Medicaid programs to publish updated directories of the providers in their networks, including mental health providers, improve access to mental health and substance use disorder services for justice-involved youth, and provide States with additional guidance to build out their crisis care continuums.

The committee also worked on a bipartisan basis to extend flexibilities and expiring authorities in the Medicare and Medicaid programs by authoring provisions in continuing resolutions to fund the government. This includes the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. Examples of health provisions in this bill include the extension of telehealth flexibilities beyond the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency and the extension of Medicaid funding for U.S. territories.

In December of 2022, as a part of CAA 2023, the committee authored a number of bipartisan health provisions beyond mental health care under Medicare and Medicaid that were signed into law. Examples include extension of expiring Medicare payment policies for hospitals, as well as the provision of Medicare coverage of compression garments for treatment of lymphedema, coverage under Medicare Part D for COVID-19 treatment medications that were authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under emergency use authorization, and a transition of Medicare's Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) demonstration to a permanent benefit.

The CAA 2023 also included significant improvements in Medicaid and CHIP coverage authored by the committee, such as a permanent requirement for States to provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children in Medicaid/CHIP; a permanent extension of the State option to provide 12 months of Medicaid/CHIP coverage for postpartum women; a 2-year extension of funding for CHIP through fiscal year 2025; a 4-year extension of the Money Follows the Person program and spousal impoverishment protections, which help seniors and individuals with disabilities access home and community-based care, through fiscal year 2027; and a long-term extension of Medicaid funding for the U.S. territories, including 5 years of funding for Puerto Rico and permanent funding for

the other territories. In addition, the CAA 2023 provided funding and guard rails to support State Medicaid programs' transition from COVID-19 public health emergency requirements beginning in April 2023.

The chairman led an effort to reduce the cost of prescription drugs in the Medicare program and authored several provisions included in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in August of 2022. These provisions authorize the Medicare program to negotiate program payment for certain prescription drugs under the Part B and Part D programs, cap the beneficiary monthly out-of-pocket cost of insulin prescribed under Part B and Part D, cap the beneficiary total annual out-of-pocket cost for prescription drugs covered under Medicare Part D, and provide recommended vaccines for seniors under Medicare and all Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries at no out-of-pocket cost.

In November of 2022, the chairman released a report titled "Deceptive Marketing Practices Flourish in Medicare Advantage," which investigated the marketing practices of Medicare Advantage plans. This investigation was in response to concerns raised by State insurance commissioners, insurers, and Medicare beneficiaries. This report summarized information on marketing practices from fourteen different States and provided recommendations to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on regulatory actions to protect beneficiaries from misleading marketing.

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May 19, 2021—"COVID-19 Health Care Flexibilities: Perspectives, Experiences, and Lessons Learned." Testimony was heard from Jessica Farb, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; Kisha Davis, M.D., MPH, FAAFP, member, Commission on Federal and State Policy, American Academy of Family Physicians, Leawood, KS; Linda V. DeCherrie, M.D., clinical director, Mount Sinai at Home, and professor of geriatrics and palliative medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Mount Sinai Health System, New York, NY; Narayana Murali, M.D., board member, America's Physician Groups, and executive director, Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, WI; and Robert A. Berenson, M.D., institute fellow, Urban Institute, Washington, DC.

June 10, 2021—"The President's Fiscal Year 2022 HHS Budget." Testimony was heard from Hon. Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

June 15, 2021—"Mental Health Care in America: Addressing Root Causes and Identifying Policy Solutions." Testimony was heard from Benjamin F. Miller, PsyD, chief strategy officer, Well Being Trust, Oakland, CA; Chantay Jett, MA, MFT, executive director, Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness, Enterprise, OR; Michelle P. Durham, M.D., MPH, FAPA, DFAACAP, assistant professor of psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine, and vice chair of education and psychiatry residency training director, Department of Psychiatry, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA; and

Thomas Betlach, MPA, partner, Speire Healthcare Strategies, Phoenix, AZ.

October 20, 2021—“Health Insurance Coverage in America: Current and Future Role of Federal Programs.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Rick Scott, a U.S. Senator from Florida; Hon. Raphael Warnock, a U.S. Senator from Georgia; Frederick Isasi, J.D., MPH, executive director, Families USA, Washington, DC; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., president, American Action Forum, Washington, DC; Sara R. Collins, Ph.D., vice president for health care coverage and access, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, NY; and Linda J. Blumberg, Ph.D., institute fellow, Urban Institute, Washington, DC.

2022

February 8, 2022—“Protecting Youth Mental Health: Part I—An Advisory and Call to Action.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A., Surgeon General, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

February 15, 2022—“Protecting Youth Mental Health: Part II—Identifying and Addressing Barriers to Care.” Testimony was heard from Trace Terrell, Lead Intervention and Outreach Specialist, YouthLine, La Pine, OR; Tami D. Benton, M.D., psychiatrist-in-chief, executive director, and chair, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Jodie L. Lubarsky, M.A., LCMHC, vice president of clinical operations, Youth and Family Services, Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc., Portsmouth, NH; and Sharon Hoover, Ph.D., professor, child and adolescent psychiatry, and co-director, National Center for School Mental Health, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

March 16, 2022—“Prescription Drug Price Inflation: An Urgent Need to Lower Drug Prices in Medicare.” Testimony was heard from Rena Conti, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Markets, Public Policy, and Law, Questrom School of Business, Boston University, Boston, MA; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., president, American Action Forum, Washington, DC; Stephen J. Ezell, vice president, global innovation policy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Washington, DC; and Steffany Stern, MPP, vice president of advocacy, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Minneapolis, MN.

March 30, 2022—“Behavioral Health Care When Americans Need It: Ensuring Parity and Care Integration.” Testimony was heard from John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; Andy Keller, Ph.D., president and CEO, and Linda Perryman Evans Presidential Chair, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, Dallas, TX; Anna Ratzliff, M.D., Ph.D., co-director, Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions (AIMS) Center, and professor, University of Washington, Seattle, WA; and Reginald D. Williams II, vice president, international health policy and practice innovations, Commonwealth Fund, Washington, DC.

April 5, 2022—“The President’s Fiscal Year 2023 Health and Human Services Budget.” Testimony was heard from Hon. Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

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2021

May 12, 2021—“The COVID–19 Pandemic and Beyond: Improving Mental Health and Addiction Services in Our Communities.” Testimony was heard from Victor Armstrong, MSW, Director, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh, NC; Stephanie Woodard, Psy.D., Senior Advisor, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Carson City, NV; Lenette Kosovich, R.N., MHA, chief executive officer, Rimrock Foundation, Billings, MT; and Malkia Newman, team supervisor, CNS Healthcare Anti-Stigma Program, Waterford, MI.

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February 2, 2022—“The Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Future of Medicare Financing.” Testimony was heard from Michael E. Chernew, Ph.D., Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, Washington, DC; Susan Rogers, M.D., FACP, president, Physicians for a National Health Program, Chicago, IL; Amy Kapczynski, professor and faculty co-director, Global Health Justice Partnership and Law and Political Economy Project, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT; Katherine Baicker, Ph.D., dean and Emmett Dedmon professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; and James C. Capretta, senior fellow and Milton Friedman chair, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

HUMAN SERVICES

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 117th Congress, the Senate Finance Committee worked to improve programs and opportunities for American workers and their families.

In March of 2021, the chairman played a leading role in developing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117–2), which included substantial funding for unemployment insurance (UI) programs to address the needs of millions of workers who lost jobs or who were otherwise unable to work as a result of COVID–19. The American Rescue Plan Act also contained new permanently increased investment in the Child Care Entitlement to States by \$633 million. This funding increase also included set-asides for American Indian tribes and tribal organizations and U.S. territories.

On December 29, 2022, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (Pub. L. 117–328). The committee authored a significant portion of that law, including several bipartisan human services provisions. Most notably, section 6101 of the law reauthorized the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program through September 30, 2027. As part of this 5-year reauthorization, MIECHV funding will gradually double through a combination of Federal base grants and Federal matching grants, while improving transparency and stability for grantees by establishing a funding formula in statute. This section also reserved funds for purposes other than the State/territory grants, including a 6-percent set-aside to provide and administer grants to Indian tribes, and created an option to provide virtual home visits. Pub. L. 117–328 also continued funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and child and family services programs authorized under title IV–B of the Social Security Act through the end of Fiscal Year 2023.

SOCIAL SECURITY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In the 117th Congress, the Senate Committee on Finance activities with respect to the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI), the Disability Insurance (DI), and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs were limited to oversight of the Social Security Administration's (SSA) operations. The committee held a hearing about the SSA's service delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic and to discuss ways to improve service delivery going forward. The Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy Subcommittee held a hearing to examine policy options to improve the SSI program.

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April 29, 2021—"Social Security During COVID: How the Pandemic Hampered Access to Benefits and Strategies for Improving Service Delivery." Testimony was heard from Grace Kim, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD; Kascadare Causeya, program manager, Central City Concern, Portland, OR; Peggy Murphy, immediate past president, National Council of Social Security Management Associations, Great Falls, MT; and Tara Dawson McGuinness, fellow and senior advisor, New Practice Lab, New America, Washington, DC.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, AND FAMILY POLICY

2021

September 21, 2021—"Policy Options for Improving SSI." Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; Stephen Evangelista, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD; Mia Ives-Ruble, director, Disability Justice Initiative, Center for American Progress, Washington, DC; and Kathleen Romig, senior policy analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC.

OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Oversight

Investigations

In August 2021, Chairman Wyden joined with Senator Brown and Senator Warren to launch a still ongoing investigation into private equity-backed for-profit hospice facilities. Citing findings from a 2019 Government Accountability Office study, the Senators seek to determine whether for-profit ownership of hospice facilities may have led to lower quality care. The Senators wrote to for-profit hospice company Kindred at Home seeking more information about quality metrics at hospice facilities it owned before and after a private equity investment in the company.

In July 2022, Chairman Wyden and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Chair Murray launched an ongoing investigation into allegations of child abuse and neglect at the Nation's largest residential treatment facilities. The Senators sent letters to the heads of four of the largest companies and organizations operating residential treatment facilities across the country, Vivant Behavioral Healthcare, Universal Health Services, Acadia Healthcare, and Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, to request information on each of their facilities and programs.

In August 2022, Chairman Wyden launched an investigation into certain marketing practices for Medicare Advantage (MA) and Medicare Part D plans. In response to reports of alleged increased fraud and aggressive sales tactics to seniors and people with disabilities, the chairman sent letters to 15 State insurance regulators asking for information on complaints they received from 2019 through 2022 on MA and Part D plan marketing. In November 2022, the chairman issued a preliminary report that spotlighted deceptive tactics identified by 14 State agencies. Following the release of the report, Chairman Wyden and ten Senate Democratic colleagues wrote to HHS pushing for stronger consumer protections for beneficiaries.

Letters

In March 2021, Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo, joined by Chairman Casey and Ranking Member Scott of the Aging Committee, sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra asking the administration to collect and publicly report facility-level data on COVID-19 vaccinations at nursing homes. In September 2021, following multiple requests from Chairman Wyden and Chairman Casey, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services began to publish nursing home vaccination data on Care Compare.

In May 2022, Chairman Wyden, joined by Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Chair Patty Murry, Special Committee on Aging Chair Casey, and Senator Hassan, wrote letters to CVS Caremark, OptumRx, and Express Scripts, which represent some of the Nation's largest pharmacy benefits managers, to ask for information related to the entities' compliance with Affordable Care Act contraception mandates.

In May 2022, Chairman Wyden and House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ-06) wrote to companies contracting with States in order to help determine who was eligible for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program coverage at the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The committee chairmen expressed their concern that many of the most vulnerable populations could fall through the cracks during eligibility redeterminations if States and private contractors are not properly prepared.

In May 2022, Senator Wyden joined fellow democratic Senators Warren, Sanders, and Murray to probe certain alleged business practices at private equity firm KKR, following reports of inadequate care at its intermediate care facilities. A letter was sent in response to some reporting which found, following KKR's acquisition of BrightSpring Health in 2019, KKR allegedly provided substandard care and unsafe living conditions in its intermediate care facilities—group homes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Executives at KKR and BrightSpring are alleged to cash out while patient safety and care quality allegedly declines. The Senators are seeking answers from KKR about whether its business practices put the safety of patients at risk.

On May 20, 2021, Ranking Members Crapo and Brady, along with several Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee Republicans, sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra and Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Rettig, to request the administration's plan to verify eligibility for the enhanced advance premium tax credits enacted under the American Rescue Plan Act. In 2017, the Government Accountability Office found these subsidies to be susceptible to significant improper payments.

On October 6, 2021, Ranking Members Crapo and Brady sent a letter to Comptroller General Gene Dodaro to request information on further program integrity measures that may be necessary to reduce advance premium tax credit improper payments.

On September 14, 2022, Ranking Member Crapo, along with 24 of his Senate Republican colleagues, sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Brooks-LaSure to request their implementation plan for title I, subtitle B, part 1 (relating to the Federal Government's negotiation of drug prices under Medicare) of the Inflation Reduction Act. The letter requests information on engagement with patients, providers and manufacturers; the use of certain benchmarks and metrics; and the methodology for determining drug prices, among other elements of implementation.

Tax Oversight

Investigations

In January 2022, Chairman Wyden launched an investigation into the Opportunity Zone program. The chairman sought to determine whether the program had effectively delivered job creation and economic growth in low-income communities, or whether the program merely served as a tax break for developers. In his letter, sent to luxury developers in Opportunity Zones, Chairman Wyden noted that there were “no safeguards or transparency measures in place to ensure taxpayers are not simply subsidizing high-end real estate investments by billionaires without demonstrating the benefit they are providing to low income-communities they claim to help.” Chairman Wyden is considering additional transparency requirements for investors to demonstrate the benefit they are providing to low-income communities in order to qualify for Opportunity Zone tax breaks. This inquiry is ongoing.

Throughout 2021 and 2022, Chairman Wyden conducted an investigation into certain tax practices of major multinational pharmaceutical companies. The purpose of the investigation was to determine the means by which large multinational companies are able to shift profits overseas as a way to avoid U.S. taxes, with pharmaceutical companies chosen as the case study. Chairman Wyden wrote inquiry letters to companies such as Merck, AbbVie, Abbott Labs, Bristol Myers Squib, and Amgen requesting certain operational and tax information.

In July 2022, Chairman Wyden’s staff issued an interim report entitled “Big Pharma Tax Avoidance: Senate Finance Committee Investigation Reveals Extent to Which Pharma Giant AbbVie Exploits Offshore Subsidiaries to Avoid Paying Taxes on U.S. Drug Sales.” The staff report found that in 2020, AbbVie generated 75 percent of its sales in the U.S. based on financial statement information, but reported almost all of its taxable income in foreign subsidiaries. AbbVie’s Humira profits, even those generated from sales in the U.S., typically face the 10.5-percent minimum tax on foreign earnings, not the 21-percent U.S. corporate tax rate. As a result of this treatment and the R&D tax credit, the report concluded that the company was able to post single-digit tax rates. The chairman’s investigation into the tax practices of the broader pharmaceutical industry is ongoing.

During 2021 and 2022, Chairman Wyden also conducted investigations into certain alleged loopholes exploited by high-net-worth individuals to evade U.S. taxes, including the role that may have been played by offshore banks. In August 2022, Chairman Wyden’s staff released a report entitled “The Shell Bank Loophole: Billionaire tax evasion scheme exposes how weak enforcement of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act [FATCA] enables wealthy tax cheats to hide income offshore.” Senator Wyden’s committee staff identified the loophole as part of an investigation into the case of a billionaire software developer who was indicted in the largest tax evasion case against an individual in U.S. history. The report described a process that starts by setting up shell companies abroad and registering them with the IRS as offshore financial institutions. The IRS then issues the entities unique Global Intermediary

Identification Numbers, or GIINs, which work to relieve the banks of a FATCA requirement to investigate whether such shell entities are held by Americans. The report asserts that there are hundreds of thousands of these shell banks, with IRS issued GIINs, in tax havens like the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, and the British Virgin Islands and that their registrations are almost always approved with virtually no scrutiny by IRS personnel. The chairman's investigation into the effectiveness of FATCA is ongoing.

Chairman Wyden is also conducting an ongoing investigation into whether Swiss financial institution Credit Suisse violated its plea agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice and continued to enable wealthy Americans to conceal hundreds of millions of dollars offshore, untaxed. In April 2021, Chairman Wyden wrote to Credit Suisse and the U.S. Department of Justice, asking each of their leaders to explain how the lender's banking unit pleaded guilty to enabling tax evasion in May 2014, but failed to disclose more than \$200 million in accounts held by an American businessman.

In August 2022, Chairman Wyden opened an ongoing investigation into the use of private placement life insurance as an alleged tax loophole for wealthy Americans to avoid paying billions in capital gains and estate taxes. The chairman requested information from Blackstone Inc.'s Lombard International. Chairman Wyden later expanded his investigation to include Prudential, Zurich, and the American Council of Life Insurers.

Letters

Throughout 2021 and 2022, Ranking Member Crapo and Senate Republicans on the Finance Committee conducted oversight of the IRS and the Treasury Department, including respective agency implementation of enacted legislation, the leak of protected taxpayer information to ProPublica, the IRS's backlog and customer service shortcomings, and its use of and planning with respect to tens of billions of dollars in additional taxpayer funding provided by COVID-19 legislation and the Inflation Reduction Act. Letters included oversight into:

- The impact of proposed changes to the Child Tax Credit (CTC) on the administration of the IRS.
- Treasury's oversight of, and transparency with respect to, the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Outlining concerns about a provision inserted into the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund prior to it being signed by President Biden.
- Urging PBGC to put into place a public comment process on the implementation of PBGC's Special Financial Assistance program, enacted as part of the American Rescue Plan.
- Estimates of the annual tax gap.
- The amount of fraud in the COVID unemployment insurance programs and also requested timely, targeted investigations to stop COVID unemployment fraud, as well as evidence of how funds appropriated to DOL to investigate fraud were being used.
- The involvement of the non-profit group Code for America in the development of the IRS's CTC update portal.

- Reports that the IRS mandated the use of facial recognition technology to access online IRS services.
- Customer service challenges present during the 2022 tax filing season.
- The TIGTA report which identified the IRS's destruction of 30 million paper-filed information returns in March 2021.

Ranking Member Crapo and Senate Republicans on the Finance Committee conducted extensive oversight of the government's handling of an apparent breach of confidential taxpayer information. Letters included:

- Requests that the IRS respond to reports that media outlet ProPublica obtained confidential taxpayer information of U.S. citizens.
- Requests that the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) respond on these reports and provide regular updates on the status of its investigations into the matter.
- Requests that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) review IRS data security practices, procedures, policies, and methods.
- A follow-up request that the IRS provide additional information regarding its compliance with its obligations under the Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA).
- A follow-up request that TIGTA provide additional information and oversight on the use of confidential taxpayer information by the IRS Office of Research, Applied Analytics, and Statistics (RAAS).
- A follow-up request to the IRS on its steps to enhance the security of taxpayer information.
- Requests that Treasury provide updates with respect to the months-long investigation into the ProPublica matter, including confirmation that the IRS and Treasury had still not confirmed there was a breach of confidential taxpayer information despite numerous reports that such had occurred.

Ranking Member Crapo and Senate Republicans on the Finance Committee conducted oversight of IRS implementation of its nearly \$80 billion in additional multiyear funding provided by the Inflation Reduction Act. Letters included:

- Requests that the IRS provide responses with respect to its plans for the additional funding.
- Requests for information regarding TIGTA's oversight plans with respect to the Inflation Reduction Act funding provided to the IRS.
- Requests that the GAO undertake additional oversight of Inflation Reduction Act funding for the IRS.

Throughout 2021 and 2022, Ranking Member Crapo and Senate Republicans on the Finance Committee conducted broader oversight of legislative changes made by COVID-19 legislation. Letters included requests to the GAO:

- Requesting that GAO fully investigate the scope and severity of fraudulent activity in COVID unemployment insurance programs.
- Requesting that GAO promptly engage in a review and assessment of the of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal

Recovery Fund at Treasury because the American Rescue Plan Act lacked any oversight mechanism.

Throughout 2021 and 2022, Ranking Member Crapo and Senate Republicans on the Finance Committee requested information from Treasury regarding the ongoing OECD international tax negotiations and agreement, including the effect of the agreement on U.S. businesses, jobs, and revenue. These requests repeatedly highlighted the need for robust consultation and transparency from Treasury, and included:

- A request for information on Treasury’s proposed Pillar One approach, data and analysis regarding the amount of profit that would be reallocated from the United States to foreign countries, and the ultimate effect on U.S. businesses, jobs, and revenue.
- Follow-up requests for detailed information from Treasury regarding the effect of the agreement on U.S. businesses and revenue. While this data and analysis have not been provided to date, Finance Committee Republicans continue to pressure the administration to provide the information necessary to determine the effect of the agreement on U.S. jobs and workers.
- Repeated highlights of concerns with the Pillar Two model rules agreed to by Treasury, including the harmful effect on U.S. competitiveness resulting from the less favorable treatment granted to U.S. tax credits, like the research and development credit.
- Criticism of Treasury for the lack of consultation with Congress before agreeing to international tax law changes under Pillar Two that are inconsistent with U.S. law and bilateral tax treaties.

Trade Oversight

Investigations

In March 2021, Chairman Wyden opened an investigation into Brazil’s Amazon rainforest deforestation problem. He sent a request for information to JBS Foods, one of the world’s largest beef producers, about reports of deforestation of the Brazilian rainforest allegedly found in the JBS supply chain. The chairman’s staff also engaged with JBS’s former auditor, DNV, regarding JBS’s compliance with its sustainability pledges. The chairman also contacted several major U.S. grocers and restaurant chains to obtain information about how beef sourced from illegally deforested land might affect U.S. consumers. This investigation is ongoing.

In October 2022, Chairman Wyden joined House Oversight Committee Chair Malone to expand an investigation into Jared Kushner and Steven Mnuchin’s business dealings in the Middle East, in connection to whether each used their official government positions to access multi-billion-dollar investments from Middle East sovereign wealth funds. This investigation is ongoing.

Letters

On November 24, 2021, Ranking Member Crapo and House Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member Brady wrote a letter to

Ambassador Tai that offered several approaches to achieve priorities that could lead to successful outcomes at the twelfth ministerial conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The letter also discussed approaches that could put the WTO on the wrong path. In particular, the letter noted that USTR needed to revitalize the negotiating and enforcement functions of the WTO and avoid accepting measures that would weaken existing WTO rules, including those relating to intellectual property.

On May 10, 2022 Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo, plus four other bipartisan committee members, wrote to Ambassador Katherine Tai, the United States Trade Representative (USTR), to request that she take all necessary steps to ensure Congress is a full partner in the administration's ongoing trade negotiations. The letter explained that USTR must provide Congress with timely, substantive briefings on trade negotiations and share all U.S. negotiating texts before the administration commits the United States to a particular negotiating position or outcome. The letter also informed her that her office had failed to comply with the Transparency Principles and Consultation Guidelines it had committed to following, particularly with respect to a compromise outcome on the waiver of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS agreement)—and that the USTR must adhere strictly to them moving forward.

On January 12, 2022, Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo wrote a letter to Ambassador Tai on enforcement of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). The bipartisan letter emphasized that the administration must be prepared to go beyond negotiation and use all of its tools to enforce the USMCA to ensure the agreement lived up to its promise. The letter highlighted a number of issues that USTR should prioritize for enforcement, including in such areas as agriculture, labor, digital trade, services, environment, energy, telecommunications, and pharmaceuticals.

On December 1, 2022, Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo, along with 19 other bipartisan members, wrote a letter to President Biden which explained that potential agreements like the proposed Indo-Pacific Economic Framework needed to have congressional approval. Moreover, the members advised with respect to such agreements, the administration needs to strengthen consultation with Congress, heighten transparency with the public, and work with Congress on an appropriate approval, submission, and implementation mechanism.

FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

2021

March 17, 2021—"A National Tragedy: COVID-19 in the Nation's Nursing Homes." The hearing examined the impact of COVID-19 on America's nursing homes, including residents, staff, and their families. It also examined the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color living and working in nursing homes. Testimony was heard from Adelina Ramos, Certified Nursing Assistant, SEIU District 1199 New England, Greenville,

RI; Denise Botcher, State director, AARP Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA; Quiteka Moten, MPH, CDP, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Commission on Aging and Disability, State of Tennessee, Nashville, TN; R. Tamara Konetzka, Ph.D., Louis Block professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, Biological Sciences Division, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; and David Gifford, M.D., MPH, chief medical officer, American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living, Washington, DC.

2022

August 3, 2022—“A System in Need of Repair: Addressing Organizational Failures of the U.S.’s Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.” Testimony was heard from Brian Shepard, chief executive officer, United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), Richmond, VA; Diane Brockmeier, R.N., BSN, MHA, president and CEO, Mid-America Transplant, St. Louis, MO; Barry S. Friedman, R.N., BSN, executive director, AdventHealth Transplant Institute, Orlando, FL; Calvin Henry, Region 3 Patient Affairs Committee (PAC) representative, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), Dacula, GA; and Jayme E. Locke, M.D., MPH, director, Division of Transplantation Surgery, Heersink School of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL.

The hearing came after more than 2 years of investigation into the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network’s (OPTN) operations in the United States. The investigation initially began when Senator Grassley was chairman of the committee and Senator Wyden was ranking member, and continued into the 117th Congress. The hearing issues included an examination of how health and safety violations at U.S. Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) are managed by the OPTN contractor, UNOS, as well as an assessment of the safety and security of the OPTN’s underlying technology. During the hearing, committee members asserted, throughout their questions and comments, that deficiencies at UNOS and OPOs were allegedly causing needless deaths and patient harm.

Nominations

- Daniel I. Werfel**, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2027, vice Charles P. Rettig, term expired.
November 14, 2022: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- 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, vice Gregory Doud.
June 8, 2022: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
July 28, 2022: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
September 7, 2022: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
September 7, 2022: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
September 7, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1136. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
December 22, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- Richard K. Delmar**, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, vice Eric M. Thorson.
June 7, 2022: Received in the Senate and referred sequentially to the Committee on Finance; when reported by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to an order of January 7, 2009, to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days.
January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- Andrew G. Biggs**, of Oregon, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2024, vice Lanhee J. Chen, term expired.
May 17, 2022: Received in the Senate.
May 17, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.
January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Rebecca Lee Haffajee, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Richard G. Frank.
May 9, 2022: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

July 12, 2022: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

July 28, 2022: Committee on Finance. Failed to report favorably.

January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sharon Beth Lewis, of Oregon, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2022, vice Alan L. Cohen, term expired.

April 7, 2022: Received in the Senate.

April 7, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sharon Beth Lewis, of Oregon, to be a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2028 (reappointment).

April 7, 2022: Received in the Senate.

April 7, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Robert D. Reischauer, term expired.

April 7, 2022: Received in the Senate.

April 7, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Robert D. Reischauer, term expired.

April 7, 2022: Received in the Senate.

April 7, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Robert D. Reischauer, term expired.

April 7, 2022: Received in the Senate.

April 7, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Brent James McIntosh.

March 7, 2022: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

July 12, 2022: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

July 28, 2022: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 28, 2022: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

July 28, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 1103. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

December 7, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote to be determined.

December 12, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote December 13, 2022.

December 13, 2022: Considered by Senate.

December 13, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 70–27. Record vote number: 389.

January Contreras, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services, vice Lynn A. Johnson.

January 7, 2022: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 9, 2022: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

March 2, 2022: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

March 2, 2022: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

March 2, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 764. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 28, 2022: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

March 28, 2022: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

March 28, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

March 30, 2022: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 54–45. Record vote number: 118.

March 30, 2022: Considered by Senate.

March 30, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 54–44. Record vote number: 119.

Rebecca E. Jones Gaston, of Oregon, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, vice Elizabeth Darling.

January 7, 2022: Received in the Senate.

January 7, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.

February 9, 2022: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

March 1, 2022: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.

March 2, 2022: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

March 2, 2022: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

March 2, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 763. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

December 22, 2022: Considered by Senate.

December 22, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Robert Otto Burciaga Valdez, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Richard G. Frank.

October 28, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 7, 2022: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

Elaine Trevino, of California, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Gregory Doud.

October 7, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

March 21, 2022: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

Robert Michael Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Ellen Gloninger Murray.

September 20, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 9, 2022: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

March 2, 2022: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

March 2, 2022: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

March 2, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 762. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to re-

quests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

September 29, 2022: Considered by Senate.

September 29, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Marisa Louise Lago, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, vice Gilbert B. Kaplan.

September 20, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

November 16, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

December 8, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

December 8, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

December 8, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 596. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

December 16, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador (new position).

September 13, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

October 26, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

November 17, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 17, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 17, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 548. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Maria L. Pagán, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, vice Dennis Shea.

September 13, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

October 26, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

November 17, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 17, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

November 17, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 547. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 3, 2022: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

March 3, 2022: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

- March 3, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- March 8, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote March 8, 2022.
- March 8, 2022: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 78–19. Record vote number: 72.
- March 8, 2022: Considered by Senate.
- March 8, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, vote to be determined.
- March 10, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, vote March 10, 2022.
- March 10, 2022: Considered by Senate.
- March 10, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 80–19. Record vote number: 74.
- Joshua Frost**, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Matthew S. Rutherford.
- September 13, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- October 26, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- November 17, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- November 17, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- November 17, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 546. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- April 28, 2022: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- April 28, 2022: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- April 28, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- April 28, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, debate May 2, 2022.
- May 2, 2022: Considered by Senate.
- May 2, 2022: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 54–36. Record vote number: 143.
- May 2, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote May 3, 2022.
- May 3, 2022: Considered by Senate.
- May 3, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 54–42. Record vote number: 144.
- Samuel R. Bagenstos**, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, vice Robert Charrow.
- August 10, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- October 26, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- November 17, 2021: Committee on Finance. Failed to report favorably.
- February 8, 2022: Motion to discharge Senate Committee on Finance. Made by the Majority Leader pursuant to S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress.

- February 8, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, vote on the motion to discharge to be determined.
- February 9, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, vote on the motion to discharge February 9, 2022.
- February 9, 2022: Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Yea–Nay vote, 48–47. Record vote number: 51. Pursuant to S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, placed on the Executive Calendar.
- February 9, 2022: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 728.
- May 18, 2022: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- May 18, 2022: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- May 18, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- May 24, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, vote.
- May 25, 2022: Cloture motion withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate.
- May 25, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, vote to be determined.
- June 8, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote June 9, 2022.
- June 9, 2022: Considered by Senate.
- June 9, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 49–43. Record vote number: 224.
- Brent Neiman**, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Ramin Toloui.
- August 10, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- October 26, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- November 17, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- November 17, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- November 17, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 545. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- January 3, 2023: Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
- Lisa W. Wang**, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Jeffrey Kessler.
- August 9, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- November 16, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- December 8, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- December 8, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- December 8, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 595. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

- December 16, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- Christi A. Grimm**, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, vice Daniel R. Levinson, resigned.
- June 24, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred sequentially to the Committee on Finance; when reported from the Committee on Finance, pursuant to an order of January 7, 2009, to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days.
- September 22, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- November 17, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- November 17, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- November 17, 2021: Referred sequentially to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for 20 calendar days under authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2009.
- December 9, 2021: Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2009.
- December 9, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 605. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- February 17, 2022: Considered by Senate.
- February 17, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- Jayne Ray White**, of Washington, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Labor, and Environment), with the rank of Ambassador, vice Michael N. Nemelka.
- June 9, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- June 24, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- July 13, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- July 13, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- July 13, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 245. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- September 20, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- September 20, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- September 20, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- September 21, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote September 22, 2021.
- September 22, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 78–20. Record vote number: 371.
- September 22, 2021: Considered by Senate.

September 22, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, vote September 22, 2021.

September 22, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 80–18. Record vote number: 373.

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

June 8, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

September 22, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

December 16, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

December 16, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

December 16, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 636. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

February 3, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, vote to be determined.

February 9, 2022: Considered by Senate.

February 9, 2022: By unanimous consent agreement, vote February 9, 2022.

February 9, 2022: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 61–33. Record vote number: 50.

Sarah Bianchi, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Africa, Investment, Services, Textiles, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador, vice Jeffrey Gerrish.

May 27, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 24, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.

July 13, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 13, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

July 13, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 244. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

September 21, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

September 21, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

September 21, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

September 23, 2021: Considered by Senate.

September 23, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 85–13. Record vote number: 376.

September 23, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 85–11. Record vote number: 377.

Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, vice Kevin K. McAleenan, resigned.

- May 12, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- October 19, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- November 3, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- November 3, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- November 3, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 513. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- December 2, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- December 2, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- December 2, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- December 6, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate December 7, 2021.
- December 7, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 52–47. Record vote number: 482.
- December 7, 2021: Considered by Senate.
- December 7, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 50–47. Record vote number: 483.
- Melanie Anne Egorin**, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Sarah C. Arbes.
- April 27, 2021: Received in the Senate.
- April 27, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.
- June 24, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
- July 12, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.
- July 13, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- July 13, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- July 13, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 243. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- September 30, 2021: Considered by Senate.
- September 30, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.
- J. Nellie Liang**, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Mary John Miller, resigned.
- April 22, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- May 25, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–582.
- June 10, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- June 10, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 10, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 171. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

July 12, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

July 12, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

July 12, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

July 14, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote July 14, 2021.

July 14, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 72–27. Record vote number: 262.

July 14, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate July 15, 2021.

July 15, 2021: Considered by Senate.

July 15, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 72–27. Record vote number: 264.

Benjamin Harris, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Michael Faulkender.

April 22, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

May 25, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–582.

June 10, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

June 10, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

June 10, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 170. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

October 28, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

October 28, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

October 28, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

November 1, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, vote November 2, 2021.

November 2, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 79–20. Record vote number: 452.

November 2, 2021: Considered by Senate.

November 2, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, vote November 3, 2021.

November 3, 2021: Considered by Senate.

November 3, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 78–21. Record vote number: 457.

Lily Lawrence Batchelder, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice David J. Kautter.

April 15, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

May 25, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–582.

- June 10, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- June 10, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- June 10, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 169. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- September 20, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- September 20, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- September 20, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- September 21, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote September 22, 2021.
- September 22, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 63–35. Record vote number: 370.
- September 22, 2021: Considered by Senate.
- September 22, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 64–34. Record vote number: 372.
- Jonathan Davidson**, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Brian McGuire.
- April 15, 2021: Received in the Senate.
- April 15, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar in the Privileged Nominations section with nominee information requested by the Committee on Finance, pursuant to S. Res. 116, 112th Congress.
- May 25, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–582.
- June 7, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Finance as requested by Senator Wyden.
- June 10, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.
- June 10, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.
- June 10, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 168. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
- October 28, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.
- October 28, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.
- October 28, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
- November 1, 2021: Considered by Senate.
- November 1, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote November 2, 2021.
- November 2, 2021: Considered by Senate.
- November 2, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 88–11. Record vote number: 451.
- November 2, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 88–10. Record vote number: 456.

Andrea Joan Palm, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Eric D. Hargan.

February 22, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

April 15, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–341.

April 22, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

April 22, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

April 22, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 69. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

April 29, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

April 29, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

April 29, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

April 29, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote May 10, 2021.

May 10, 2021: Considered by Senate.

May 10, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 62–35. Record vote number: 179.

May 10, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate May 11, 2021.

May 11, 2021: Considered by Senate.

May 11, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 61–37. Record vote number: 180.

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, vice Seema Verma.

February 22, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

April 15, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–341.

April 22, 2021: Committee on Finance. Failed to report favorably.

May 11, 2021: Motion to discharge Senate Committee on Finance. Made by the Majority Leader pursuant to S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress.

May 11, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote the motion to discharge May 12, 2021.

May 12, 2021: Motion to discharge considered by Senate.

May 12, 2021: Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Yea–Nay vote, 51–48. Record vote number: 184. Pursuant to S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, placed on the Executive Calendar.

May 12, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 117.

May 20, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

May 20, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

May 20, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

May 20, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate May 24, 2021.

May 24, 2021: Considered by Senate.

May 24, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 52–43. Record vote number: 200.

May 24, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate May 25, 2021.

May 25, 2021: Considered by Senate.

May 25, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 55–44. Record vote number: 201.

Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, vice Justin George Muzinich.

January 20, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 23, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–205.

March 3, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

March 3, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

March 3, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 30. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 18, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

March 18, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

March 18, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

March 24, 2021: Cloture motion withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate.

March 24, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote March 25, 2021.

March 25, 2021: Considered by Senate.

March 25, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by voice vote.

Janet Louise Yellen, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

January 20, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

January 22, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

January 22, 2021: Reported by Senator Grassley, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

January 22, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 2. Subject to nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 22, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate and vote January 25, 2020.

January 25, 2021: Considered by Senate.

January 25, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 84–15. Record vote number: 6.

Katherine C. Tai, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

January 20, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 25, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–239.

March 3, 2021: Committee on Finance. Ordered to be reported favorably.

March 3, 2021: Reported by Senator Wyden, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

March 3, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 29. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

March 11, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

March 11, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

March 11, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

March 16, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 98–0. Record vote number: 122.

March 16, 2021: Considered by Senate.

March 16, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate March 17, 2021.

March 17, 2021: Considered by Senate.

March 17, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 98–0. Record vote number: 123.

Xavier Becerra, of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

January 20, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 23, 2021: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–171.

February 24, 2021: Committee on Finance. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S. Hrg. 117–234.

March 3, 2021: Committee on Finance. Failed to report favorably.

March 10, 2021: Motion to discharge Senate Committee on Finance. Made by the Majority Leader pursuant to S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress.

March 10, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate the motion to discharge March 11, 2021.

March 11, 2021: Motion to discharge considered by Senate.

March 11, 2021: Senate discharged by Yea–Nay vote, 51–48. Record vote number: 117. Pursuant to S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, placed on the Executive Calendar.

March 11, 2021: Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 37.

March 15, 2021: Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination agreed to in Senate by voice vote.

March 15, 2021: Cloture motion presented in Senate.

March 15, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.

March 17, 2021: Cloture invoked in Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 50–49. Record vote number: 124.

March 17, 2021: Considered by Senate.

March 17, 2021: By unanimous consent agreement, debate March 18, 2021.

March 18, 2021: Considered by Senate.

March 18, 2021: Confirmed by the Senate by Yea–Nay vote, 50–49. Record vote number: 125.

William Patrick Joseph Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be a member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2029, vice F. Scott Kieff, term expired.

January 6, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 4, 2021: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of 15 years (reappointment).

January 3, 2021: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance.

February 4, 2021: Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED
TO THE COMMITTEE**

There were 860 Senate bills and 7 House bills referred to the committee for consideration during the 117th Congress. In addition, 11 Senate and House resolutions (joint, concurrent, or simple resolutions) were referred to the committee.

REPORTS, PRINTS, AND STUDIES

During the 117th Congress, the committee and supporting joint committees prepared and issued 3 reports, special prints, and studies on the following topics:

Title	Document no.	To accompany
Enhancing American Retirement Now Act	117-142	S. 4808
Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 116th Congress.	117-9
Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Finance ...	117-2

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

During the 117th Congress, a total of 346 official communications were submitted to the committee. Of these, 2 were Presidential Messages; 310 were Executive Communications—these communications include reports to advise and inform the Congress, required annual or semi-annual agency budget and activities summaries, and requests for legislative action. The committee also received 34 Petitions and Memorials.

