

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6611–S6145

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5077–5102, and S. Res. 824–829. **Pages S6144–45**

Measures Reported:

S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–224)

S. 616, to amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act to provide for the transfer of additional Federal land to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 118–225) **Page S6144**

Measures Passed:

National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 829, designating October 8, 2024, as “National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day”. **Page S6150**

Intergovernmental Critical Minerals Task Force Act: Senate passed S. 1871, to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People’s Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6184–85**

Hassan (for Peters) Amendment No. 3288, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6182–85**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; which was

referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–62) **Page S6141**

Jenkins Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 19, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court; and that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 1:45 p.m. **Pages S6185–86**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 245), Michelle Williams Court, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S6132**

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

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 244), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6122**

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 246), Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. **Page S6133**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S6186–89**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—246) **Pages S6122, S6132–33, S6133.**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6186.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research concluded a hearing to examine keeping kids learning in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, after receiving testimony from Kay Rentzel, Chair, Department of Agriculture Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania; Russell C. Redding, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Crystal FitzSimons, Food Research and Action Center, Washington, D.C.; Evora Nichole Taylor, Chichester School District, Upper Chichester, Pennsylvania; and Meg Bruening, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

TAX REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the macroeconomic impacts of potential tax reform in 2025, after receiving testimony from Kitty Richards, Groundwork Collaborative, Washington, D.C.; and Ai-jen Poo, National Domestic Workers Alliance, New York, New York.

AVIATION CYBERSECURITY THREATS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aviation cybersecurity threats, after receiving testimony from Brigadier General Marty Reynolds, USAF (Ret.), Airlines for America, and John Breyault, National Consumers League, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lance Lyttle, Port of Seattle, SeaTac, Washington.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's regional commissions, focusing on sharing best practices in regional and economic development, after receiving testimony from Cory Wiggins, Federal Co-Chair, Delta Regional Authority, Clarksville, Mis-

issippi; Jennifer Clyburn Reed, Federal Co-Chair, Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, Columbia, South Carolina; Chris Saunders, Federal Co-Chair, Northern Border Regional Commission, Burlington, Vermont; Juan Sanchez, Federal Co-Chair, Southwest Border Regional Commission, Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Jocelyn Fenton, Interim Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4373, to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4711, to limit the consideration of marijuana use when making an employment suitability or security clearance determination, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4681, to ensure a timely, fair, meaningful, and transparent process for individuals to seek redress because they were wrongly identified as a threat under the screening and inspection regimes used by the Department of Homeland Security, to require a report on the effectiveness of enhanced screening programs of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4043, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make executive agency telework policies transparent, to track executive agency use of telework, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4676, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4700, to modify the governmentwide financial management plan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4419, to require the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security to develop greater capacity to detect, identify, and disrupt illicit substances in very low concentrations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 7219, to ensure that Federal agencies rely on the best reasonably available scientific, technical, demographic, economic, and statistical information and evidence to develop, issue or inform the public of the nature and bases of Federal agency rules and guidance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 7524, to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the submission of reports on certain information technology services funds to Congress before expenditures may be made;

H.R. 272, to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations;

H.R. 4403, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program; and

H.R. 5887, to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to improve Government service delivery, and build related capacity for the Federal Government.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2695, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, with an amendment;

S. 3857, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village of California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4442, to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 4505, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of Ohkay Owingeh in the Rio Chama Stream System, to restore the Bosque on Pueblo Land in the State of New Mexico.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

RURAL SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine streamlining and coordinating support for rural small businesses, including S. 1411, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, and S. 4764, to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Rural Affairs, after receiving testimony from Grant Menke, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Des Moines; Cara Lank, Stone Bank, Little Rock, Arkansas, on behalf of the National Rural Lenders Association; Zach Luse, Paragon Digital Marketing, Keene, New Hampshire; and Verlin Barker, First Community Bank, Newell, Iowa.

VA BUDGET CHALLENGES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current and future VA budget challenges, focusing on providing for veterans, after receiving testimony from Shereef Elnahal, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, and Joshua Jacobs, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

FOREIGN THREATS TO ELECTIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign threats to elections in 2024, focusing on roles and responsibilities of U.S. tech providers, after receiving testimony from Kent Walker, Google and Alphabet, Mountain View, California; Nick Clegg, Meta, Menlo Park, California; and Brad Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 9644–9671; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1462–1468, were introduced. **Pages H5445–46**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5448–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 8674, to establish milestone-based development and demonstration projects relating to nuclear fuel, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–686);

H.R. 9459, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–687);

H.R. 9460, to authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–688);

H.R. 6474, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expedite geothermal exploration and development in previously studied or developed areas (H. Rept. 118–689); and

H.R. 6969, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to procure a statue of Benjamin Franklin for placement in the Capitol (H. Rept. 118–690).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:16 p.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, September 17th. Find and Protect Foster Youth Act: S. 1146, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify obstacles to identifying and responding to reports of children missing from foster care and other vulnerable foster youth, to provide technical assistance relating to the removal of such obstacles, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 422;

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Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act: H.R. 9076, amended, to reauthorize and modernize part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen child welfare services, expand the availability of prevention services to better meet the needs of vulnerable families, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 423;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To reauthorize child welfare programs under part B of title IV of the Social Security Act and strengthen the State and tribal child support enforcement program under part D of such title, and for other purposes";

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Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act of 2024: H.R. 7213, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to [enhance activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to research on autism spectrum disorder and enhance programs relating to autism/reauthorize certain programs with respect to autism spectrum disorder?], by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 424;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance and reauthorize activities and programs relating to autism spectrum disorder, and for other purposes"; and

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Future Uses of Technology Upholding Reliable and Enhanced Networks Act: H.R. 1513, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to estab-

lish a task force to be known as the "6G Task Force", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 393 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 425.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Horsford wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services.

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Roll back ESG To Increase Retirement Earnings Act: The House passed H.R. 5339, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to specify requirements concerning the consideration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary factors, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 217 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 427.

Pages H5370–72

Rejected the Kildee motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce by a yeas-and-nays vote of 206 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 426.

Pages H5370–71

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–50 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill.

Pages H5329–39

H. Res. 1455, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3724), (H.R. 4790), (H.R. 5179), (H.R. 5339), (H.R. 5717), and (H.R. 7909) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 136) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 421, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 206 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 420.

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Anti-BDS Labeling Act: The House passed H.R. 5179, to require the maintenance of the country of origin markings for imported goods produced in the West Bank or Gaza, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 428.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1455, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3724), (H.R. 4790), (H.R. 5179), (H.R. 5339), (H.R. 5717), and (H.R. 7909) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 136) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 421, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 206 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 420.

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Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act: The House passed H.R. 7909, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed sex offenses or domestic violence are inadmissible

and deportable, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 429. **Pages H5372–73**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–47 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Pages H5329–38**

H. Res. 1455, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3724), (H.R. 4790), (H.R. 5179), (H.R. 5339), (H.R. 5717), and (H.R. 7909) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 136) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 421, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 420. **Pages H5339–40**

Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025: The House failed to pass H.R. 9494, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2025, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 220 nays with two answering “present”, Roll No. 431. **Page H5374**

Rejected the DeLauro motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 430. **Pages H5373–74**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part D of the report of H. Rept. 118–656 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5358**

H. Res. 1430, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1398), (H.R. 1425), (H.R. 1516), (H.R. 7980), (H.R. 9456), and (H.R. 9494) was agreed to Tuesday, September 10th.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Graves wherein he transmitted copies of eleven resolutions included in the General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 18, 2024. **Pages H5374–75**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–168). **Pages H5353–54**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5339, H5340, H5340–41, H5341, H5342, H5342–43,

H5370–71, H5371–72, H5372, H5372–73, H5373–74 and H5374.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Inspectors General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Transportation, and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). Testimony was heard from Rae Oliver Davis, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Eric J. Soskin, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and Kevin H. Winters, Inspector General, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak).

THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Findings and Recommendations of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy”. Testimony was heard from Eric Edelman, Vice Chairman, Commission on the National Defense Strategy; and Jane Harman, Chairwoman, Commission on the National Defense Strategy.

EXAMINING THE BIDEN-HARRIS ATTACKS ON TIPPED WORKERS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Examining the Biden-Harris Attacks on Tipped Workers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3433, the “Give Kids a Chance Act”; H.R. 7188, the “Shandra Eisenga Human Cell and Tissue Product Safety Act”; H.R. 670, the “Think Differently Database Act”; H.R. 8107, the “Ensuring Access to Medicaid Buy-in Programs Act of 2024”; H.R. 8108, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to add a Medicaid State plan requirement with respect to the determination of residency of certain individuals serving in the Armed Forces; H.R. 7623, the “Telehealth

Modernization Act of 2024”; H.R. 3227, the “Ensuring Seniors’ Access to Quality Care Act”; H.R. 9067, the “Building America’s Health Care Workforce Act”; H.R. 7890, the “Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act”; H.R. 7891, the “Kids Online Safety Act”; H.R. 8449, the “AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act”; H.J. Res. 139, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting”; H.J. Res. 163, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule”; H.J. Res. 133, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3”; H.J. Res. 117, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter”. H.J. Res. 139, H.J. Res. 163, H.J. Res. 133, H.J. Res. 117 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 3433, H.R. 7188, H.R. 670, H.R. 8107, H.R. 8108, H.R. 7623, H.R. 3227, H.R. 9067, H.R. 7890, H.R. 8449, and H.R. 7891 were ordered reported, as amended.

DAZED AND CONFUSED: BREAKING DOWN THE SEC’S POLITICIZED APPROACH TO DIGITAL ASSETS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Dazed and Confused: Breaking Down the SEC’s Politicized Approach to Digital Assets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING AMERICANS’ SAVINGS: EXAMINING THE ECONOMICS OF THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ROMANCE CONFIDENCE SCAM INDUSTRY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Protecting Americans’ Savings: Examining the Econom-

ics of the Multi-Billion Dollar Romance Confidence Scam Industry”. Testimony was heard from Dara Daniels, Associate Director, Research and Analysis Division, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury; Matthew Noyes, Cyber Policy and Strategy Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Scott Rembrandt, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Policy, Office of Terrorist Finance and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury; and Erin West, Deputy District Attorney, Santa Clara County, California.

GREAT POWER COMPETITION IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Great Power Competition in the Indo-Pacific”. Testimony was heard from Kurt Campbell, Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.

A COUNTRY WITHOUT BORDERS: HOW THE BIDEN-HARRIS OPEN BORDERS POLICIES HAVE UNDERMINED OUR SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Country Without Borders: How the Biden-Harris Open Borders Policies Have Undermined Our Safety and Security”. Testimony was heard from Jim Desmond, Board of Supervisors, San Diego County, California; David Hathaway, Santa Cruz County, Arizona; and public witnesses.

CONTINUITY OF CONGRESS: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE BY LEARNING FROM THE PAST

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Modernization held a hearing entitled “Continuity of Congress: Preparing for the Future by Learning from the Past”. Testimony was heard from Representative Wenstrup; Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Eric Petersen, Specialist in American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Homeland Security Investigations”. Testimony was heard from Katrina Berger, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Department of Homeland Security.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1479, the “Chiricahua National Park Act”; H.R. 1504, the “Apex Area Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 8931, to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park; H.R. 8946, the “Reversionary Interest Conveyance Act”; H.R. 9159, the “Appalachian Trail Centennial Act”; H.R. 9492, to amend Public Law 99–338 with respect to Kaweah Project permits; H.R. 9516, the “Military Families National Parks Access Enhancement Act”; and S. 612, the “Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ciscomani, Horsford, Valadao, and Chavez-DeRemer; Jacqueline Emanuel, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Caldwell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Pamela Goynes-Brown, Mayor, North Las Vegas, Nevada; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3642, to require the Office of Government Ethics to establish and maintain a centralized database for executive branch ethics records of noncareer appointees; H.R. 9598, to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act to reauthorize such Office, and for other purposes; H.R. 9592, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes; H.R. 5300, to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes; H.R. 9597, to amend title 41, United States Code, to make changes with respect to the Federal Acquisition Security Council, and for other purposes; H.R. 9596, to amend title 41, United States Code, and title 10, United States Code, to provide best value through the multiple award schedule program, and for other purposes; H.R. 9595, to improve Federal technology procurement, and for other purposes; H.R. 9566, to require governmentwide source code sharing, and for other purposes; H.R. 5536, to require transparency in notices of funding opportunity, and for other purposes; H.R. 9594, to amend chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code, to charge labor organizations for the agency resources and employee time used by such labor organizations, and for other purposes; H.R. 9593, to require annual surveys of Federal employee managers, and for other purposes; H.R. 8784, to require each agency to evaluate the permitting system of the agency, to consider whether a permit by rule

could replace that system, and for other purposes; H.R. 825, to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes; H.R. 7507, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 East 6th Street in Lexington, Nebraska, as the “Bill Barrett Post Office Building”; H.R. 6116, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14280 South Military Trail in Delray Beach, Florida, as the “Benjamin Berell Ferencz Post Office Building”; H.R. 7158, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 East Battles Road in Santa Maria, California, as the “Larry Lavagnino Post Office Building”; H.R. 7508, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1285 Emancipation Highway in Fredericksburg, Virginia, as the “Gladys P. Todd Post Office”; H.R. 8057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue in Westminster, California, as the “Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 8405, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 McCamly Street South in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the “Sojourner Truth Post Office”; H.R. 8516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the “Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office”; H.R. 8717, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West Main Street in Santaquin, Utah, as the “SGT Bill Hooser Post Office Building”; H.R. 8841, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Center Street East in Roseau, Minnesota, as the “Floyd B. Olson Post Office”; H.R. 8868, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 609 Portsmouth Avenue in Greenland, New Hampshire, as the “Chief Michael Maloney Post Office Building”; H.R. 8909, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 82–6110 Mamalahoa Highway in Captain Cook, Hawaii, as the “Army 1st Lt. John Kuulei Kauhahao Post Office Building”; H.R. 8919, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 Highway 74 South in Peachtree City, Georgia, as the “SFC Shawn McCloskey Post Office”; H.R. 8976, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West White Street in Millstadt, Illinois, as the “Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt Post Office”; H.R. 9174, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 31143 State Highway 65 in Pengilly, Minnesota, as the “First Lieutenant Richard Arne Koski Post Office”; H.R. 9285, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3913 Leland

Avenue Northwest in Comstock Park, Michigan, as the “Captain Miguel Justin Nava Post Office”; H.R. 9322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 675 Wolf Ledges Parkway in Akron, Ohio, as the “Judge James R. Williams Post Office Building”; H.R. 9421, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 North Main Street in Bucoda, Washington, as the “Mayor Rob Gordon Post Office”; H.R. 9549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 South 1st Avenue in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the “Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building”; H.R. 9580, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Brentwood Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the “Millie Dunn Veasey Post Office”; H.R. 8641, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Main Street in Brawley, California, as the “Walter Francis Ulloa Memorial Post Office Building”; and H.R. 9600, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the “Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office”. H.R. 3642, H.R. 9598, H.R. 9598, H.R. 9598, H.R. 9592, H.R. 5300, H.R. 9597, H.R. 9596, H.R. 9595, H.R. 9566, H.R. 5536, H.R. 9594, H.R. 9593, H.R. 8784, H.R. 825 and H.R. 7507 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6116, H.R. 7158, H.R. 7508, H.R. 8057, H.R. 8405, H.R. 8516, H.R. 8717, H.R. 8841, H.R. 8868, H.R. 8909, H.R. 8919, H.R. 8976, H.R. 9174, H.R. 9285, H.R. 9322, H.R. 9421, H.R. 9549, H.R. 9580, H.R. 8641, and H.R. 9600 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**HOLDING THE SBA ACCOUNTABLE:
TESTIMONY FROM SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR GUZMAN**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Holding the SBA Accountable: Testimony from Small Business Administrator Guzman”. Testimony was heard from Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8689, the “Amtrak Executive Bonus Disclosure Act”; H.R. 3149, to designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the “National Medal of Honor Highway”, and for other purposes; H.R. 3988, the “Assuring that Robust, Thorough, and Informed Congressional Leadership is Exercised Over National Emergencies Act”; H.R. 6435, the “Making Aid for

Local Disasters Equal Now Act”; H.R. 2672, the “FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act”; H.R. 6997, the “Disaster Contract Improvement Act”; H.R. 8530, the “Improving Federal Building Security Act of 2024”; H.R. 2892, the “Weather Alert Response and Notification Act”; H.R. 6984, to designate the Federal building located at 300 E. 3rd Street in North Platte, Nebraska, as the “Virginia Smith Federal Building”, and for other purposes; H.R. 8692, the “Amtrak Transparency and Accountability for Passengers and Taxpayers Act”; H.R. 9135, the “Ensuring Airline Resiliency to Reduce Delays and Cancellations Act”; H.R. 8995, the “Baby Changing on Board Act”; H.R. 4043, to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to expand eligibility for certain wastewater infrastructure grants, and for other purposes; H.R. 9037, the “Federal Emergency Mobilization Accountability (FEMA) Workforce Planning Act”; H.R. 9541, the “Promoting Opportunities to Widen Electrical Resilience Act of 2024”; H.R. 3356, the “Motor Carrier Safety Screening Modernization Act”; H.R. 8505, the “Household Goods Shipping Consumer Protection Act”; H.R. 7779, the “Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024”; H.R. 1720, the “Ocean Pollution Reduction Act II”; H.R. 8728, the “State-Managed Disaster Relief Act”; H.R. 1605, the “Natural Disaster Recovery Program Act of 2023”; H.R. 8616, the “Ensuring Quality Investments in Preparedness Act of 2024”; H.R. 9121, the “Fire Management Assistance Grants for Tribal Governments Act”; H.R. 5623, the “Addressing Addiction After Disasters Act”; H.R. 6083, the “Duplications of Benefits Victims Relief Act”; H.R. 9313, the “Think Differently About Building Accessibility Act”; H.R. 9024, the “Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act”; H.R. 8610, the “Counter-UAS Authority Security, Safety, and Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 9591, to require the Administrator of General Services to sell certain property related to United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and for other purposes; H.R. 5623, the “Addressing Addiction After Disasters Act”; H.R. 9024, the “Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act”; and 11 General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 8689, H.R. 3988, H.R. 8692, H.R. 9135, H.R. 3356, H.R. 8505, H.R. 7779, H.R. 1720, H.R. 8728, H.R. 5623, H.R. 9024, H.R. 8610, H.R. 2892, H.R. 8616, and H.R. 4043 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3149, H.R. 2672, H.R. 6997, H.R. 8530, H.R. 6984, H.R. 9591, H.R. 8995, H.R. 9541, H.R. 9121, H.R. 6083, H.R. 9313, H.R. 6435, and H.R. 9037 were ordered reported, without amendment. Eleven GSA

Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were agreed to. H.R. 1605 was not agreed to.

EXAMINING VA'S CHALLENGES WITH ENSURING QUALITY CONTRACTED DISABILITY COMPENSATION EXAMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Examining VA's Challenges with Ensuring Quality Contracted Disability Compensation Examinations". Testimony was heard from Jeffrey London, Executive Director, Medical Disability Examination Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth Curda, Director Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 9496, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include a representative of the National Association of State Veterans Homes on the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 9324, the "Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2024"; H.R. 9478, the "Veterans Supporting Prosthetics Opportunities and Recreational Therapy Act"; H.R. 9525, the "Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act"; H.R. 7504, the "Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act"; H.R. 9301, the "New Mexico Rural Veteran Health Care Access Act"; H.R. 9485, the "Enhancing Faith-Based Support for Veterans Act of 2024"; H.R. 9438, the "No Wrong Door for Veterans Act"; H.R. 9146, the "Ensuring Continuity in Veterans Health Act"; and H.R. 8562, the "Parity for Native Hawaiian Veterans Act". H.R. 9496, H.R. 9324, H.R. 9478, H.R. 9525, H.R. 7504, H.R. 9301, H.R. 9485, H.R. 9146, and H.R. 8562 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 9438 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

DIAL 988+1: EXAMINING THE OPERATIONS OF THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Dial 988+1: Examining the Operations of the Veterans Crisis Line". Testimony was heard from Matthew Miller, Executive Director, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Julie Kroviak, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

INVESTING IN A HEALTHIER AMERICA: CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Investing in a Healthier America: Chronic Disease Prevention and Treatment". Testimony was heard from former Senator Bill Frist and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIA'S IMPERIAL IDENTITY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Russia's imperial identity, after receiving testimony from Botakoz Kassymbekova, University of Basel; Philip Obaji Jr., The Daily Beast; Timothy Snyder, Yale University; and Maria Vyushkova, Buryat activist and scientist.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing, to hold hearings to examine Coast Guard drug interdiction and enforcement in the maritime environment, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine fusion energy technology development and commercialization efforts, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John W. McIntyre, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini, Jeremy Neitzke, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Abigail L. Dressel, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, James Holtsnider, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, Brian K. Stimmler, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Amanda S. Jacobsen, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Keith D. Hanigan, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and Kali C. Jones, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider an original resolution directing the Senate Legal Counsel to bring a civil action to enforce a subpoena of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, an original resolution authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the report of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate regarding the refusal of Dr. Ralph

de la Torre to appear and testify before the Committee, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 2220, to amend title 35, United States Code, to invest in inventors in the United States, maintain the United States as the leading innovation economy in the world, and protect the property rights of the inventors that grow the economy of the United States, S. 2140, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address matters relating to patent subject matter eligibility, S. 4713, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 2082, to make technical corrections relating to the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, and the nominations of Ryan Young Park, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Byron B. Conway, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Jonathan E. Hawley, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, April M. Perry, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Gail A. Weilheimer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Joseph R. Adams, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia, David L. Lemmon II, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Bobby Jack Woods, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine how scammers are stealing from older adults, focusing on fighting fraud, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Oversight of Extremism Policies in the Army”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Cost of the Biden-Harris Energy Crisis”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled “Holding the Biden-Harris EPA Accountable for Radical Rush-to-Green Spending”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled “Federal Trade Commission Practices: A Discussion on Past Versus Present”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled “Israel and the Middle East at a Crossroads: How Tehran’s Terror Campaign Threatens the U.S. and our Allies”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability, hearing entitled “Money is Policy, Part II: Analyzing Select State Department Grant Awards”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, 2024, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence; and

Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement, joint hearing entitled “Beyond the Border: Terrorism and Homeland Security Consequences of Illegal Immigration”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on Ratification of Subcommittee Assignments; H.J. Res. 144, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, relating to “Definition of ‘Engaged in the Business’ as a Dealer in Firearms”; H.R. 115, the “Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2023”; H.R. 358, the “Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act”; H.R. 8205, the “Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act”; H.R. 8666, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize holding court for the Central Division of Utah in Moab and Monticello; H.R. 7177, to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama; and H.R. 9605, the “No Censors on our Shores Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3283, the “Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act”; H.R. 4235, the “Wildfire Technology DEMO Act”; H.R. 5103, the “FISHES Act”; H.R. 6012, the “Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act of 2023”; H.R. 6085, to prohibit the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Rock Springs RMP Revision, Wyoming; H.R. 6107, the “Urban Canal Modernization Act”; H.R. 6547, the “Colorado Energy Prosperity Act”; H.R. 6826, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center; H.R. 6843, to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana; H.R. 7332, the “Utah State Parks Adjustment Act”; H.R. 8219, the “Lahaina National Heritage Area Act”; H.R. 8413, the “Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act”; H.R. 8704, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to foster enhanced coexistence between ocean users and North Atlantic right whales and other large cetacean species; H.R. 8811, the “America’s Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 9533, the “ESA Amendments Act of 2024”; and S. 612, the “Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Legacy of Incompetence: Consequences of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Policy Failures”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing on Proposed Rules Changes for the 119th Congress”, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Energy, joint hearing entitled “Navigating the Blue Frontier: Evaluating the Potential of Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal Approaches”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled "VA's Open Cash Register: Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Revenue Operations", 9 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled "How the CCP Uses the Law to Silence Critics and Enforce its Rule", 9:15 a.m., HVC-210.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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