# Daily Digest

## Senate

## Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6749-S6803

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2–3, 5–10, 5115–5134, S. Res. 837–848, and S. Con. Res. 49.

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## Measures Reported:

- S. 2130, to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–200)
- S. 2996, to provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–201)
- S. 3997, to amend the Land Between the Lakes Protection Act of 1998 to clarify the administration of the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–202)
- S. 4227, to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–203)
- S. 1330, to facilitate the reskilling of Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–204)
- S. 1877, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–205)
- S. 3423, to implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills-and competency-based hiring, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–206)
- S. 4167, to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government. (S. Rept. No. 117–207)
- S. 4243, to establish the Department of Homeland Security Trade and Economic Security Council and the position of Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security within the Department of Home-

land Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–208)

- S. 4623, to advance Government innovation through leading-edge procurement capability. (S. Rept. No. 117–209)
- S. 4629, to amend the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to modify requirements relating to data centers of certain Federal agencies, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–210)
- S. 4828, to provide consistent leadership, purpose, and administrative support for the primary governmentwide executive councils, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–211)
- S. 4893, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. (S. Rept. No. 117–212)
- H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 Main Street in Biloxi, Mississippi, as the "Robert S. McKeithen Post Office Building".

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### Measures Passed:

National American Indian Veterans: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1725, to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated, and the bill was then passed.

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Violence Against Women Act: Senate passed S. 7, to make a technical amendment to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. Page S6762

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 848, designating the week beginning October 16, 2022, as "National Character Counts Week".

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Stomach Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 839, expressing support for the goals of Stomach Cancer Awareness Month.

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Lights On Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Res. 840, supporting afterschool programs and Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 20, 2022. Page S6768

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National Principals Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 841, recognizing October 2022 as "National Principals Month". Page S6768

American Diabetes Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 842, supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month. Page S6768

National School Psychology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 843, expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on November 7, 2022 as "National School Psychology Week". Page S6768

Congratulating the Houston Astros: Senate agreed to S. Res. 844, congratulating the Houston Astros for winning the 2022 Major League Baseball World Series.

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National Native American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 845, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

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National College Application Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 846, designating November 2022 as "National College Application Month".

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Waukesha Christmas Parade Attack: Senate agreed to S. Res. 847, recognizing the 1-year anniversary of the tragic attack at the Waukesha Christmas Parade on November 21, 2021, and honoring the 6 individuals who lost their lives and the 62 others who were injured.

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Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation 100th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 800, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Hyde-Smith) Amendment No. 6484, to amend the preamble. Page S6768

Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge and Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge 50th Anniversary: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 801, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge and Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Hawaii, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**PRECIP** Act: Senate passed H.R. 1437, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation informa-

tion, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Wicker) Amendment No. 6485, in the nature of a substitute. Pages \$6769-70

*Safe Connections Act:* Senate passed H.R. 7132, to preserve safe access to communications services for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes.

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First Responder Fair RETIRE Act: Senate passed H.R. 521, to permit disabled law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear materials couriers, members of the Capitol Police, members of the Supreme Court Police, employees of the Central Intelligence Agency performing intelligence activities abroad or having specialized security requirements, and diplomatic security special agents of the Department of State to receive retirement benefits in the same manner as if they had not been disabled.

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## Measures Considered:

Respect for Marriage Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 8404, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487, in the nature of a substitute. Pages \$6770-71
Schumer Amendment No. 6488 (to Amendment

No. 6487), to add an effective date. Schumer Amendment No. 6489 (to Amendment No. 6488), to add an effective date. Page S6771

Schumer motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 6490, to add an effective date.

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Schumer Amendment No. 6491 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 6490), to add an effective date.

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Schumer Amendment No. 6492 (to Amendment No. 6491), to add an effective date. Page S6772

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 17, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 28, 2022.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487. Page S6772

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

By 53 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 357), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. Page S6770

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, November 28, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487, and to the bill be at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, November 28, 2022; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, November 17, 2022, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday November 28, 2022.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session; the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, November 25, 2022, at 8 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 25, 2022, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, November 28, 2022.

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Velez-Rive Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Camille L. Velez-Rive, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of H.R. 8404, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S6772

NARDACCI NOMINATION-CLOTURE: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anne M. Nardacci, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Camille L. Velez-Rive, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S6772

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination: Rheanne Wirkkala, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Page S6755

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination: A routine list in the Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—357)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2022 and adjourned at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2022, until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages \$6802–03.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **NOMINATIONS**

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary, Jeffrey Matthew Marootian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), and Gene Rodrigues, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability), all of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### **NOMINATIONS**

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Sub-committee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen A. Owens, of Arizona, to be Chairperson, and Catherine J.K. Sandoval, of California, to be a Member, both of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## THREATS TO THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine threats to the homeland, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security; Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bu-

reau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Christine Abizaid, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of McLain J. Schneider, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota, David C. Davis, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, Peter D. Leary, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, and Leigha Simonton, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, all of the Department of Justice.

## House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 9324–9349; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 115–117; and H. Res. 1482–1491, were introduced.

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## Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 2626, to redesignate the Pullman National Monument in the State of Illinois as the Pullman National Historical Park, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–582). Page H8586

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure: FEMA Improvement, Reform, and Efficiency Act of 2022: S. 3092, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to improve the provision of certain disaster assistance. Pages H8557-60

Guidance Clarity Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that the ordering of the yeas and nays on the motion that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill S. 533, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, be vacated, to the end that the motion be considered as withdrawn.

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Suspending the Rules and passing bills en bloc: Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1464, Representative Carter (LA) made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the following bills en bloc, and therefore the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions would be vacated to the end that all such motions would be considered as withdrawn: H.R. 4275, amended, H.R. 5502, amended, H.R. 5721, amended, H.R. 6290, amended, H.R. 7277, amended, H.R. 7299, amended, and H.R. 8416, amended, by a yea-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No.

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Suspensions-Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, November 14th. Max Cleland VA Medical Center Act: S. 3369, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia, as the "Joseph Maxwell Cleland Atlanta Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center", by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 62 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 482; Page H8574

Senator Johnny Isakson VA Regional Office Act of 2022: S. 4359, to designate the regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in metropolitan Atlanta as the "Senator Johnny Isakson Department of Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional Office", by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 483; Page H8575

Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology Reform Act: H.R. 2250, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 484; and

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Lymphedema Treatment Act: H.R. 3630, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items under the Medicare program, by a <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 485.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Cherfilus-McCormick wherein she resigned from the Committee on Education and Labor.

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Senate Message: Message from the Senate received today appears on page H8579.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8573–74, H8574, H8575, H8575–76, and H8576–77.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a business meeting to approve new subcommittee assignments. Subcommittee assignments were approved.

## UNSAFE AND UNTENABLE: EXAMINING WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS FOR WAREHOUSE WORKERS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Unsafe and Untenable: Examining Workplace Protections for Warehouse Workers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ASSESSING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S U.S. STRATEGY TOWARD SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Biden Administration's U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa". Testimony was heard from Molly Phee, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Monde Muyangwa, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## PUERTO RICO'S POST-DISASTER RECONSTRUCTION AND POWER GRID DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Office of Insular Affairs Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Puerto Rico's Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Power Grid Development". Testimony was heard from Pedro Pierluisi, Governor, Puerto Rico; Manuel Laboy, Executive Director, Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction, and Resiliency, Puerto Rico; William Rodriguez, Secretary, Department of Housing, Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1283, the "CONTRACT Act of 2021"; H.R. 1307, the "Vote by Mail Tracking Act"; H. Res. 1412, of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the projected inflationary impact of the implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Build Back Better Act, and the Infrastructure and Jobs Act in conjunction with the Build Back Better Act; H.R. 8025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 South 1st Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Martin Olav Sabo Post Office"; H.R. 9308, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6401 El Cajon Boulevard in San Diego, California, as the "Susan A. Davis Post Office"; H.R. 6630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 N Kraemer Blvd. in Placentia, California, as the "PFC Jang Ho Kim Post Office Building"; H.R. 6631, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4770 Eureka Ave in Yorba Linda, California, as the "Cottle Centanni Post Office Building"; H.R. 6661, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the "Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building"; H.R. 6725, to change the address of the Marilyn Monroe Post Office, and for other purposes; H.R. 7082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2200 North George Mason Drive in Arlington, Virginia, as the "Jesus Antonio Collazos Post Office Building"; H.R. 7638, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6000 South Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida, as the "U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 7832, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 396 California Avenue in West Covina, California, as the "Esteban E. Torres Post Office Building"; H.R. 7873, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service

located at 400 Southern Avenue Southeast in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "District of Columbia Servicemembers and Veterans Post Office"; H.R. 7988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 79125 Corporate Centre Drive in La Quinta, California, as the "Corporal Hunter Lopez Memorial Post Office Building"; H.R. 8026, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 825 West 65th Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Charles W. Lindberg Post Office"; H.R. 8217, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 South Knowles Avenue in New Richmond, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building"; H.R. 8218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 619 Hewett Street in Neillsville, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 8226, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 236 Concord Exchange North in South Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Officer Leo Pavlak Post Office Building"; H.R. 8248, 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. 8370, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 High Street in Freeport, Pennsylvania, as the "Corporal Joseph Rodney Chapman Post Office"; H.R. 8630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 400 North Main Street in Belen, New Mexico, as the "U.S. Senator Dennis Chávez Post Office"; H.R. 8944, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 East Main Street in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, as the "Harold Billow Post Office Building"; and H.R. 8959, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at N4805 State Highway 32 in Krakow, Wisconsin, as the "Romuald 'Bud' Brzezinski Post Office". H.R. 1283, H.R. 1307, and H. Res. 1412 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 7832, H.R. 8025. H.R. 8630, H.R. 9308, H.R. 6630, H.R. 6631, H.R. 6661, H.R. 6725, H.R. 7082, H.R. 7638, H.R. 7873, H.R. 7988, H.R. 8026, H.R. 8217, H.R. 8218, H.R. 8226,

H.R. 8248, H.R. 8370, H.R. 8944, and H.R. 8959 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## ACCESSIBLE AIR TRAVEL: ADDRESSING CHALLENGES FOR PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled "Accessible Air Travel: Addressing Challenges for Passengers with Disabilities". Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; Heather Krause, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a markup on the Committee Report containing the following seven approved recommendations: Requiring Data to be Entered into Committee Scheduling Tool; Report on Members Voting Late; Opportunities to Learn from other Legislatures; Bipartisan New Member Update Seminar; Align the Treatment of Member Travel-Related Expenses with the Private Sector and Federal Agencies; Modernization Subcommittee on the Committee on House Administration; and Regular Modernization Select Committees; and the Committee's Final Report for the 117th Congress containing the 104 recommendations this Committee has passed in total. The Reports were ordered reported, without amendment.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

## House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 22 Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 11 a.m., Friday, November 18

#### Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in pro forma session.

#### House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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