

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6809–S6829

Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5135, and S. Res. 849–850.

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Measures Reported:

S. 4128, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to provide certain information with respect to unimplemented priority recommendations as part of the Comptroller General's annual reporting to Congress, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–213)

S. 4882, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–214)

H.R. 4209, to support remediation of illicit cross-border tunnels. (S. Rept. No. 117–215)

S. 673, to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. [Page S6823](#)

Measures Passed:

Patents for Humanity Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5796, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish a competition to award certificates that can be redeemed to accelerate certain matters at the Patent and Trademark Office, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: [Page S6828](#)

Van Hollen (for Leahy/Grassley) Amendment No. 6502, in the nature of a substitute. [Page S6828](#)

National Community Policing Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 810, designating the week of October 2, 2022, through October 8, 2022, as "National Community Policing Week", and the resolution was then agreed to. [Page S6829](#)

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 849, designating November

2022 as "National Hospice and Palliative Care Month". [Page S6829](#)

National Ataxia Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 850, expressing support for the designation of September 25, 2022, as "National Ataxia Awareness Day", and raising awareness of ataxia, ataxia research, and the search for a cure. [Page S6829](#)

Measures Considered:

Respect For Marriage Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 8404, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, 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. [Page S6809](#)

Schumer Amendment No. 6488 (to Amendment No. 6487), to add an effective date. [Page S6809](#)

Schumer Amendment No. 6489 (to Amendment No. 6488), to add an effective date. [Page S6809](#)

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

By 61 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 358), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487 (listed above). [Page S6817](#)

Schumer motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 6490, to add an effective date, fell when cloture was invoked on Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487. [Page S6817](#)

Schumer Amendment No. 6491 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 6490), to add an effective date, fell when Schumer motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 6490 (listed above), fell. [Page S6817](#)

Schumer Amendment No. 6492 (to Amendment No. 6491), to add an effective date, fell when Schumer Amendment No. 6491 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 6490) (listed above), fell.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that it be in order to consider the following amendments to the substitute: Lee Amendment No. 6482, Lankford Amendment No. 6496, and Rubio Amendment No. 6493; that at 3:45 p.m., on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, all post-closure time be considered expired, that if any of these amendments are offered, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed, with 60-affirmative votes required for adoption of the Lee amendment; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided prior to each vote; that any remaining amendments, except Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487, be withdrawn; that the substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to; the cloture motion with respect to the bill be withdrawn; Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with 60-affirmative votes required for passage, all without further intervening action or debate; and that the remaining motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, November 17, 2022, ripen upon disposition of H.R. 8404. **Page S6817**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12:00 noon, on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. **Page S6829**

Blackwell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S6816–17**

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 Anne M. Nardacci, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Page S6817**

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 S6816**

Pryor Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Page S6817**

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 Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Page S6817**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6817**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6817**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6825–28**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—358) **Page S6817**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 12 noon on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6829.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 29, 2022**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Beth Pritchard Geer, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Shaileen P. Bhatt, of Michigan, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, Juan Eduardo Sanchez, of Texas, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Southwest Border Regional Commission, and 18 GSA resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher T. Robinson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, George P. Kent, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Bijan Sabet, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Henry V. Jardine, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Kathleen Ann Kavalec, of California, to be Ambassador to Romania, and Manuel P. Micaller, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, all of the Department of State, L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and other pending nominations, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Karla Ann Gilbride, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and other pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the competitive impact of the proposed Kroger-Albertsons transaction, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Rules: Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3372, the “One Stop Shop Community Reentry Program Act of 2021”; and H.R. 6878, the “Pregnant Women in Custody Act”, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Members’ Day Hearing on Proposed Rules Changes for the 118th Congress” [Original Jurisdiction Hearing], 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

**Week of November 29 through December 2,
2022**

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 8404, Respect for Marriage Act, with votes on or in relation to amendments to Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487, and on passage of the bill at 3:45 p.m.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: December 1, to hold hearings to examine lessons learned from the FTX collapse, focusing on why Congress needs to act, 10 a.m., SD-650.

Committee on Armed Services: November 30, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a closed briefing on electronic warfare, 9 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson, Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be a Member, and to be Vice Chairperson, and Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be a Member, all of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Kimberly Ann McClain, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

December 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fairness in financial services, focusing on racism and discrimination in banking, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 1, Subcommittee on Space and Science, to hold hearings to examine Landsat at 50 and the future of U.S. satellite-based earth observation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: December 1, business meeting to consider 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; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 3112, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to establish a Hydrogen Technologies for Heavy Industry Grant Program, S. 3152, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to disqualify certain borrowers from receiving a guarantee for a project, S. 3915, to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining

education, S. 3957, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to make certain activities eligible for grants from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, S. 3978, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to operate a uranium reserve consisting of uranium produced and converted in the United States and a program to ensure the availability of uranium produced, converted, and enriched in the United States, S. 4420, to provide for advancements in carbon removal research, quantification, and commercialization, including by harnessing natural processes, S. 4424, to amend the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize sales and leases of certain Federal land to federally recognized Indian Tribes, S. 4515, to require the Secretary of Energy to stipulate, as a condition on the sale at auction of any crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, that the crude oil not be exported to certain countries, S. 4542, to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, S. 4579, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to extend certain deadlines applicable to pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water to address effects of historic drought conditions, S. 4651, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require the Secretary of Energy to stipulate, as a condition on the sale at auction of any petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, that the petroleum products not be exported to certain countries, to prohibit such sales to certain state-owned entities, S. 4732, to authorize the Georgetown African American Historic Landmark Project and Tour to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 4860, to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, S. 4995, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, S. 5129, to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky, S.J. Res. 62, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the commitment of the United States to a free press by honoring journalists who sacrificed their lives in service to that cause, and an original bill to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 29, business meeting to consider the nominations of Beth Pritchard Geer, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Shailen P. Bhatt, of Michigan, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, Juan Eduardo Sanchez, of Texas, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Southwest Border Regional Commission, and 18 GSA resolutions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

November 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine putting the Bipartisan Infrastructure law to work,

focusing on the private sector perspective, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: November 30, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for trade policy in the digital economy, 3 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 29, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher T. Robinson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, George P. Kent, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Bijan Sabet, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Henry V. Jardine, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Kathleen Ann Kavalec, of California, to be Ambassador to Romania, and Manuel P. Micaller, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, all of the Department of State, L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and other pending nominations, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

November 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Kristina A. Kvien, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, and Cynthia Dyer, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, all of the Department of State, and Carol Spahn, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: November 29, business meeting to consider the nominations of Karla Ann Gilbride, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and other pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

November 30, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine caring for our kids, focusing on supporting mental health in the transition from high school to college, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Judiciary: November 29, Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the competitive impact of the proposed Kroger-Albertsons transaction, 3 p.m., SD-226.

November 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

December 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2773, to amend the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to address satellite offices of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and the nominations of DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Anthony Devos Johnstone, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Robert Stewart Ballou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Daniel J. Calabretta, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Kymberly Kathryn Evanson, and Jamal N. Whitehead, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Matthew L. Garcia, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Margaret R. Guzman, and Myong J. Joun, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Jeffery Paul Hopkins, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Lindsay C. Jenkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Colleen R. Lawless, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Araceli Martinez-Olguin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Adrienne C. Nelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Or-

egon, Jamar K. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Jaime E. Esparza, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Almandar S. Hamdani, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Roger B. Handberg, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Markenzy Lapointe, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Terry J. Burgin, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, and Glenn M. McNeill, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: November 30, to hold hearings to examine Native American veterans, focusing on ensuring access to VA health care and benefits, 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 29, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

November 30, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Financial Services, December 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Boom and Bust: The Need for Bold Investments in Fair and Affordable Housing to Combat Inflation”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Tuesday, November 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 8404, Respect for Marriage Act, with votes on or in relation to amendments to Schumer (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 6487, and on passage of the bill at 3:45 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, November 29

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.



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