

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Lankford delivered Washington's Farewell Address.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S487–S508

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 527–538, and S. Res. 79. **Pages S506–07**

Appointments:

United States—China Economic and Security Review Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States—China Economic and Security Review Commission: Kimberly T. Glas of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2024. **Page S507**

Walker Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jamar K. Walker, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S492–98, S499–S500, S508**

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

By 52 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 25), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S499–S500**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached provided for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 28, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Senate vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, of California, to be United States Dis-

trict Judge for the Northern District of California, Senate vote on confirmation thereon at 4:30 p.m.

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Lawless Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Colleen R. Lawless, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. **Page S498**

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 Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S498**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S498**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S498**

Grey Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Page S498**

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 Colleen R. Lawless, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. **Page S498**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S498**

Simmons, Jr., Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Edward

Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

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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 Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S498–99**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S498**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S498**

Gallagher Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gordon P. Gallagher, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. **Page S499**

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 James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S499**

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Vernelle Trim FitzPatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic.

William W. Popp, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

S. Kato Crews, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Molly R. Silfen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Jabari Brooks Wamble, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, and Navy. **Page S508**

Messages from the House:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—25) **Pages S499–S500**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3:04 p.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S508.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Senators Kelly (Chair), Cardin, Sanders, Merkley, Markey, Stabenow, Padilla, Fetterman, Cramer, Lummis, Mullin, Ricketts, Boozman, Wicker, and Graham.

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety: Senators Markey (Chair), Cardin, Sanders, Whitehouse, Merkley, Stabenow, Kelly, Padilla, Ricketts, Cramer, Lummis, Mullin, Wicker, Sullivan, and Graham.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife: Senators Padilla (Chair), Cardin, Whitehouse, Markey, Stabenow, Kelly, Lummis, Cramer, Ricketts, Boozman, and Sullivan.

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight: Senators Merkley (Chair), Sanders, Whitehouse, Markey, Fetterman, Mullin, Boozman, Wicker, and Sullivan.

Senators Carper and Capito serve as ex officio members of each subcommittee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development: Senators Cardin (Chair), Kaine, Booker, Coons, Murphy, Hagerty, Ricketts, Cruz, and Paul.

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation: Senators Shaheen (Chair), Murphy, Van Hollen, Duckworth, Cardin, Ricketts, Paul, Barrasso, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism: Senators Murphy (Chair),

Cardin, Shaheen, Kaine, Booker, Young, Romney, Cruz, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues: Senators Kaine (Chair), Merkley, Cardin, Shaheen, Murphy, Rubio, Cruz, Young, and Scott (SC).

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy: Senators Booker (Chair), Coons, Merkley, Schatz, Van Hollen, Scott (SC), Young, Paul, and Barrasso.

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy: Senators Van Hollen (Chair), Merkley, Schatz, Duckworth, Coons, Romney, Scott (SC), Hagerty, and Ricketts.

Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy: Senators Duckworth (Chair), Coons, Schatz, Shaheen, Kaine, Barrasso, Romney, Hagerty, and Paul.

Senators Menendez and Risch are *ex officio* members of each subcommittee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Casey (Chair), Murray, Murphy, Kaine, Hassan, Smith, Tuberville, Paul, Murkowski, Romney, and Mullin.

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety: Senators Hickenlooper (Chair), Casey, Baldwin, Kaine, Luján, Markey, Braun, Marshall, Romney, Tuberville, and Budd.

Subcommittee Primary Health and Retirement Security: Senators Markey (Chair), Murray, Baldwin, Murphy, Hassan, Smith, Luján, Hickenlooper, Marshall, Paul, Collins, Murkowski, Braun, Mullin, and Budd.

Senators Sanders and Cassidy serve as *ex officio* members of each subcommittee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 1198–1225; and 16 resolutions, H. Res. 162–177, were introduced. **Pages H914–16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H917–18**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 166, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 347) to require the Executive Office of the President to provide an inflation estimate with respect to Executive orders with a significant effect on the annual gross budget, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 30) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights” (H. Rept. 118–4). **Page H918**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaLota to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H879**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:52 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H885**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H885**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H886**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Responding to the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria on February 6, 2023: H. Res. 132, responding to the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria on February 6, 2023, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 120; **Pages H886–90, H896–97**

Amending the Communications Act of 1934 to extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to grant a license or construction permit through a system of competitive bidding: H.R. 1108, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to grant a license or construction permit through a system of competitive bidding; **Pages H890–91**

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act: H.R. 538, to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 121; and **Pages H891–92, H897**

Authorizing notaries public to perform, and to establish minimum standards for, electronic notarizations and remote notarizations that occur in or affect interstate commerce, to require any

Federal court to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any State, to require any State to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any other State when the notarization was performed under or relates to a public Act, record, or judicial proceeding of the notarial officer's State or when the notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce: H.R. 1059, to authorize notaries public to perform, and to establish minimum standards for, electronic notarizations and remote notarizations that occur in or affect interstate commerce, to require any Federal court to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any State, to require any State to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any other State when the notarization was performed under or relates to a public Act, record, or judicial proceeding of the notarial officer's State or when the notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce. **Pages H892–96**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H896**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Sherrill wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Costa wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H898**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Plaskett wherein she resigned from the Committee on Agriculture. **Page H898**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Bera wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H898**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Crow wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H898**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 164, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H898**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H896–97 and H897.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REDUCE EXACERBATED INFLATION NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE NATION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO PRUDENCE AND LOYALTY IN SELECTING PLAN INVESTMENTS AND EXERCISING SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 347, the “Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation Act”; and H.J. Res. 30, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 347, the “Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation Act”, and H.J. Res. 30, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 347, the Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation Act, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 30, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and

Exercising Shareholder Rights” under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Foxx, Chairman Comer, and Representatives Raskin, Scott of Virginia, Molinaro, and Obernolte.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the conflict in Ukraine, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine advancing national security and foreign policy through sanctions, export controls, and other economic tools, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Michael Alan Ratney, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women’s Issues, Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, and Richard R. Verma, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, all of the Department of State, L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Leopoldo Martinez Nucete, of Virginia, to be Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Equal Rights Amendment, focusing on how Congress can recognize ratification and enshrine equality in our Constitution, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to exam-

ine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Uncertainty, Inflation, Regulations: Challenges for American Agriculture”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing entitled “Quality of Life in the Military”, 10:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, oversight hearing on Ukraine, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Military Support to Ukraine”, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “COVID-19’s Impact on DoD and its Servicemembers”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Energy, Installations, and Environment Program Update”, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, markup on H.R. 1068, the “Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act”; H.R. 1121, the “Protecting American Energy Production Act”; H.R. 1085, the “Researching Efficient Federal Improvements for Necessary Energy Refining Act”; H.R. 1058, the “Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act”; H. Con. Res. 14, a resolution expressing disapproval of the revocation by President Biden of the Presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline; H. Con. Res. 17, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should not impose any restrictions on the export of crude oil or other petroleum products; H.R. 1130, the “Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act”; H.R. 1115, the “Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act”; and H.R. 1160, the “Critical Electric Infrastructure Cybersecurity Incident Reporting Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, markup on H.R. 1070, a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) to treat the owner or operator of a critical energy resource facility as having been issued an interim permit for the treatment, storage, and disposal, of hazardous waste, and for other purposes; H.R. 1131, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to authorize the use of flexible air permitting with respect to certain critical energy resource facilities, and for other purposes; H.R. 1140, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to waive application of certain requirements with respect to processing and refining of a critical energy resource at a critical energy resource facility, and for other purposes; H.R. 1158, the “Elimination of Future Technology Delays Act”; H.R. 1141, the

“Natural Gas Tax Repeal Act”; H.R. 1023, a bill to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund; and H.R. 1155, the “Keeping America’s Refineries Act”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 554, the “Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act of 2023”; H.R. 555, the “Securing America’s Vaccines for Emergencies (SAVE) Act of 2023”; H.R. 1166, the “Public Health Emergency Medical Supplies Enhancement Act of 2023”; H.R. 1076, the “Preventing the Financing of Illegal Synthetic Drugs Act”; H.R. 510, the “Chinese Currency Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 839, the “China Exchange Rate Transparency Act of 2023”; H.R. 1156, the “China Financial Threat Mitigation Act of 2023”; H.R. 803, the “PROTECT Taiwan Act”; H.R. 1137, the “Neutralizing Unfair Chinese Export Subsidies Act of 2023”; H.R. 540, the “Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act of 2023”; H.R. 1109, the “Bank Service Company Examination Coordination Act of 2023”; H.R. 1165, the “Data Privacy Act of 2023”; H.R. 1164, the “OFAC Outreach and Engagement Capabilities Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 1161, the “Aligning SEC Regulations for the World Bank’s International Development Association Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Combatting the Generational Challenge of CCP Aggression”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1093, to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States; legislation to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State’s Taiwan Guidelines; legislation to require the development of a strategy to eliminate the availability to foreign adversaries of goods and technologies capable of supporting undersea cables, and for other purposes; legislation to provide for the authorization of appropriations for the Countering the People’s Republic of China Malign Influence Fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 1107, to direct the Secretary of State to take certain actions with respect to the labeling of the People’s Republic of China as a developing country; legislation to combat forced organ harvesting and trafficking in persons for purposes of the removal of organs, and for other purposes; H. Res. 90, demanding that the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Communist Party of China immediately release Mark Swidan; H.R. 1151, to hold the People’s Republic of China accountable for the violation of United States airspace and sovereignty with its high-altitude surveillance balloon; H.R. 406, to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1149, to establish certain reporting and other requirements relating to telecommunications equipment and services produced or provided by certain entities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1153, to provide a clarification of non-applicability for regulation and pro-

hibition relating to sensitive personal data under International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Every State is a Border State: Examining Secretary Mayorkas’ Border Crisis”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress, 12 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress, Staff Appointment, Committee Memo, and Technical Corrections to the Committee Rules, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Part 1: Committee Funding for the 118th Congress”, 10:10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on legislation on Building United States Infrastructure through Limited Delays and Efficient Reviews Act of 2023, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on legislation on the Transparency and Production of American Energy Act of 2023; and H.R. 209, the “Permitting for Mining Needs Act of 2023”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, markup on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress; H.R. 140, the “Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act”; and H.R. 1162, the “Accountability for Government Censorship Act”; 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The United States, China and the Fight for Global Leadership: Building a U.S. National Science and Technology Strategy”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “From Nothing to Something: The Story of the American Dream”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress; the Fiscal Year 2024 Views and Estimates; H. Res. 152, supporting the goals and ideals of “move over” laws; H. Con. Res. 15, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H.R. 783, to designate the Department of Energy Integrated Engineering Research Center Federal Building located at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois, as the “Helen Edwards Engineering Research Center”; General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5,

United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’”; and H.R. 1152, the “Water Quality Certification and Energy Projects Improvement Act of 2023”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress, 2 p.m., 390 Cannon.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Building an Accountable VA: Applying Lessons Learned to Drive Future Success”, 2 p.m., 390 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, business meeting on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress, Views and Estimates, and H.R. 1163, to provide incentives for States to recover fraudulently paid Federal and State unemployment compensation, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 9 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Chinese Communist Party’s Threat to America”, 7 p.m., 390 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine North Macedonia’s leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in a time of war, 1 p.m., S-120, Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 28 through March 3, 2023

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jamar K. Walker, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m. Upon disposition of the nomination of Jamar K. Walker, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 4:30 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

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: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on conservation and forestry programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the conflict in Ukraine, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 2, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on munitions to include requirements development, Ukraine support, and replenishment management, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 28, to hold hearings to examine advancing national security and foreign policy through sanctions, export controls, and other economic tools, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 1, to hold hearings to examine climate change and the economic risks to coastal communities, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Phillip A. Washington, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 28, business meeting to consider the nominations of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Michael Alan Ratney, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women’s Issues, Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, and Richard R. Verma, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, all of the Department of State, L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Leopoldo Martinez Nucete, of Virginia, to be Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vivek Hallege Murthy, of Florida, to be Representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Eric W. Kneedler, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, Pamela M. Tremont, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 2, to hold hearings to examine community health centers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the Equal Rights Amendment, focusing on how Congress can recognize ratification and enshrine equality in our Constitution, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 2, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Charnelle Bjelkengren, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Matthew P. Brookman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, Michael Farbiarz, and Robert Kirsch, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Orelia Eleta Merchant, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Stephen K. Eberle, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Roy W. Minter, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 28, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the

legislative presentation of the American Legion and multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 28, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 1, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 1, Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled "Promoting U.S. Innovation and Individual Liberty through a National Standard for Data Privacy", 8:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, March 1, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Part 2: Committee Funding for the 118th Congress", 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 1, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled "The Fentanyl Crisis in America: Inaction is No Longer an Option", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Joint Hearing: February 28, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion and multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, February 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jamar K. Walker, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m. Upon disposition of the nomination of Jamar K. Walker, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at

4:30 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, February 28

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 30—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights” (Subject to a Rule).

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