

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S509–S538

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 539–573, and S. Res. 80–85. **Pages S531–S532**

Measures Passed:

Improving Access to Our Courts Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 227, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and the bill was then passed. **Page S538**

National School Counseling Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 83, designating the week of February 6 through 10, 2023, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S538**

Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, designating February 28, 2023, as “Rare Disease Day”. **Page S538**

National Assistive Technology Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 85, designating March 1, 2023, as “National Assistive Technology Awareness Day”. **Page S538**

Guzman Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Pages S516–S517**

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

By 49 yeas to 48 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 31), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S517**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, post-cloture, followed by the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Colleen R. Lawless, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 2:15 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination

of Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jonathan James Canada Grey, Senate begin 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”; and that at 4 p.m., Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, and upon disposition of the joint resolution, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S517**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. **Page S538**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 26), Jamar K. Walker, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Pages S511–S512**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 28), Jamal N. Whitehead, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Page S513**

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

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 27), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S513**

By 49 yeas to 48 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 30), Araceli Martinez-Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 29), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—31)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S538.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the conflict in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Angela Stent, Georgetown University Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Dara Massicot, RAND Corporation, and Lieutenant General Keith Kellogg, USA (Ret.), Center for American Security America First Policy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

ADVANCING NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing national security and foreign policy through sanctions, export controls, and other economic tools, including S. 168, to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the

United States and require review of certain agricultural transactions, after receiving testimony from Daleep Singh, former Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, Clay Lowery, Institute of International Finance, former Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and former Director of International Finance, Department of the Treasury and National Security Council, and Kevin Wolf, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, former Assistant Secretary of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Equal Rights Amendment, focusing on how Congress can recognize ratification and enshrine equality in our Constitution, after receiving testimony from Senators Cardin, Murkowski, and Hyde-Smith; Illinois Lieutenant Governor Julianne Stratton, Springfield; Kathleen M. Sullivan, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart and Sullivan, LLP, Los Angeles, California; Thursday Williams, ERA Coalition Board Member, Hartford, Connecticut; Jennifer C. Braceras, Independent Women's Law Center, Concord, Massachusetts; and Elizabeth Price Foley, Florida International University College of Law, Miami.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 20, 1226–1268; and 11 resolutions, H. Res. 178–188, were introduced. **Pages H967–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H972–73**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Luna to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H919**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H923**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H930**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Pages H940–41**

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 House passed 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”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 124. **Pages H932–41**

H. Res. 166, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 347) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 30) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 123, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 122. **Pages H931–32**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 179, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H942**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 1st. **Page H966**

Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation Act: The House considered 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. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 1st. **Page H942**

Agreed to:

Comer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that adds the House Committee on Over-

sight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs as report recipients; and adds “economic” effect to the definition of “major executive order”; **Pages H946–47**

Cloud amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that amends the bill to direct OMB and CEA to incorporate the inflationary impact of the debt servicing costs; and **Pages H948–49**

Langworthy amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that requires the Executive Office of the President (EOP) to estimate whether a major Executive order has a quantifiable inflationary impact on the Producer Price Index (as well as the Consumer Price Index). **Page H953**

Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that sought to add at the end of section 2(d), (4) “The term “quantifiable inflationary impact” means an Executive order was estimated to increase or decrease Consumer Price Index inflation by at least 1% percentage point over the course of a year.”. **Pages H951–52**

Proceedings Postponed:

Bost amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that seeks to require that the inflationary report take into account the spending patterns of military personnel, rural areas, and farm households; **Pages H945–46**

Boebert amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that seeks to require the inflation estimate to be made publicly available by publishing on the OMB website; **Pages H947–48**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that seeks to insert into Sec. 2(a) line 10 “or” after “inflations and Strikes Sec. (a) lines 11–14; to clarify and make consistent with economic policy on inflationary impacts and effects; **Pages H949–50**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that seeks to add at the end of section 2(d) the definition to “significant impact” in Sec. 2(a). “The term “significant impact on inflation” means an Executive order was estimated to increase or decrease Consumer Price Index inflation by at least 1% percentage point over the course of a year.”; and **Pages H950–51**

Lee (NV) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 118–4) that seeks to clarify that nothing in this bill suggests that combatting inflation and bringing down the cost of living is the executive branch’s responsibility alone, and not also a key pursuit of the House of Representatives through thoughtful, productive legislative action. **Page H952**

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H931, H931–32, and H941.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UNCERTAINTY, INFLATION, REGULATIONS: CHALLENGES FOR AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Uncertainty, Inflation, Regulations: Challenges for American Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing entitled “Quality of Life in the Military”. Testimony was heard from Chief Master Sergeant JoAnne S. Bass, U.S. Air Force; Sergeant Major Troy E. Black, U.S. Marine Corps; Sergeant Major Michael A. Grinston, U.S. Army; Master Chief Petty Officer James A. Honea, U.S. Navy; and Chief Master Sergeant Roger A. Towberman, U.S. Space Force.

UKRAINE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on Ukraine. Testimony was heard from Celeste Wallander, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Douglas Sims, Director of Operations (J-3), Joint Staff.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT TO UKRAINE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Military Support to Ukraine”. Testimony was heard from Colin H. Kahl, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Robert P. Storch, Inspector General, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Douglas A. Sims II, Director for Operations, J-3, Joint Staff.

COVID-19'S IMPACT ON DOD AND ITS SERVICEMEMBERS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “COVID-19's Impact on DoD and its Servicemembers”. Testimony was heard from Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Gabe Camarillo, Under Secretary of the Army, Department of the U.S. Army; Erik Raven, Under Secretary of the Navy, Department of the U.S. Navy; and Gina Ortiz Jones, Under Secretary of the Air Force, Department of the U.S. Air Force.

ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Energy, Installations, and Environment Program Update”. Testimony was heard from Brenden Owens, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Department of Defense; Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations, and Environment, Department of the U.S. Navy; Rachel Jacobson, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment, Department of the U.S. Army; and Edwin Oshiba, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Energy, Installations and Environment, Department of the U.S. Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a 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”. H.R. 1058, H.R. 1130, and H.R. 1115 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 1068, H.R. 1121, H.R. 1085, H. Con Res. 14, H. Con Res. 17, and H.R. 1160 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a 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”. H.R. 1070 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 1131, H.R. 1140, H.R. 1158, H.R. 1141, H.R. 1023, and H.R. 1155 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a 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. 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”; and H.R. 1161, the “Aligning SEC Regulations for the World Bank’s International Development Association Act”. H.R. 554, H.R. 1076, H.R. 1156, H.R. 1109, H.R. 540, H.R. 510, H.R. 839, H.R. 803, H.R. 555, H.R. 1166, H.R. 1161, and H.R. 1165 were ordered reported, as amended.

COMBATTING THE GENERATIONAL CHALLENGE OF CCP AGGRESSION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Combating the Generational Challenge of CCP Aggression”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Kritenbrink, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Michael Schiffer, Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; Scott Nathan, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation; and Alan Estevez, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee began a 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 prohibition relating to sensitive personal data under International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes.

EVERY STATE IS A BORDER STATE: EXAMINING SECRETARY MAYORKAS' BORDER CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Every State is a Border State: Examining Secretary Mayorkas’ Border Crisis”. Testimony was heard from Mark Lamb, Sheriff, Pinal County, Arizona; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress. The Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan was agreed to, as amended.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress. The Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan, and a Staff Consultant Contract were adopted.

PART 1: COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE 118TH CONGRESS

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Part 1: Committee Funding for the 118th Congress”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Arrington, Chairman Bost, Chairman Cole, Chairman Comer, Chairman Foxx, Chairman Graves of Missouri, Chairman Jordan, Chairman Turner, Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Boyle of Pennsylvania, Grijalva, Himes, Larsen of Washington, Lucas, McGovern, Nadler, Raskin, Scott of Virginia, and Takano.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress. The Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan was adopted.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a 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”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on legislation on Building United States Infrastructure through Limited Delays and Efficient Reviews Act of 2023. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a 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”. The Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan passed. H.R. 140 and H.R. 1162 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE UNITED STATES, CHINA AND THE FIGHT FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP: BUILDING A U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The United States, China and the Fight for Global Leadership: Building a U.S. National Science and Technology Strategy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FROM NOTHING TO SOMETHING: THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From Nothing to Something: The Story of the American Dream”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates. The Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates passed.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress; the Committee’s Budget 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”; 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’”; H.R. 1152, the “Water Quality Certification and Energy Projects Improvement Act of 2023”; and ten General Services Administration

Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. The Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan, and Budget Views and Estimates were adopted. H. Res. 152, H. Con. Res. 15, H.R. 783, H.J. Res. 27, and H.R. 1152 were ordered reported, without amendment. General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were agreed to.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress. The Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan passed.

BUILDING AN ACCOUNTABLE VA: APPLYING LESSONS LEARNED TO DRIVE FUTURE SUCCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Building an Accountable VA: Applying Lessons Learned to Drive Future Success". Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Shereef Elnahal, Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michael Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on the Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress; the Committee's Budget 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. The Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan, and Budget Views and Estimates passed, as amended. H.R. 1163 was ordered reported, as amended.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 118th Congress.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Chinese Communist Party's Threat to America". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Joseph Parsetich, Great Falls, Montana, J. Marc Burgess, Barry Jesinoski, Edward R. Reese, Jr., Jim Marszalek, Joy Ilem, John Kleindienst, Ryan Burgos, and Darlene Spence, all of Disabled American Veterans.

OSCE LEADERSHIP

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine North Macedonia's leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in a time of war, after receiving testimony from Bujar Osmani, North Macedonia Foreign Minister, and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Chairperson-in-Office, Skopje.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nomination of Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

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

Committee on the Budget: 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: 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: 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: 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 the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, oversight hearing on the United Nations, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, continue 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 or-

gans, 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 air-space 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 prohibition relating to sensitive personal data under International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

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

Committee on the Judiciary, 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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Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, post cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Colleen R. Lawless, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

At 4 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of H.J. Res. 30, Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights, and on the motion to invoke cloture on 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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