

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S659–S676*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 666–693, and S. Res. 95. **Pages S668–69**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 30, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2023, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S668**

**Appointments:**

**James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–591, as amended by Public Law 102–221, appointed the following member of the United States Senate for appointment as a Senate Trustee to the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation: Senator Wicker. **Page S673**

**Kunesh Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S667–68**

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

By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 46), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S667–68**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 8, 2023; that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 10:45 a.m., and Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; provided further that following the vote on the motion

to invoke cloture on the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, and notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senator Hagerty or his designee be recognized to make a motion to discharge the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs from further consideration of H.J. Res. 26, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022; that if the motion is made, all time on the motion be considered yielded back and Senate vote on the motion to discharge; and that if the motion is agreed to, Senator Hagerty or his designee be recognized to make a motion to proceed. **Pages S673–74**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 41), Robert Stewart Ballou, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. **Pages S659–64**

By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 43), Andrew G. Schopler, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S664–65**

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

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 42), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S664**

By 59 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 45), Arun Subramanian, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S665–67**

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

By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 44), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S665**

Ismail J. Ramsey, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

Kate E. Brubacher, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years. **Page S668**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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## Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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## Additional Statements:

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## Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—46)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S673–74.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DOD HEALTH PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense received a briefing on the Department of Defense Health Program from Lester Martinez-Lopez, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Lieutenant General Telita Crosland, Director of the Defense Health Agency, Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle, Surgeon General of the Army, Lieutenant General Robert I. Miller, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Rear Admiral Bruce L. Gillingham, Surgeon General of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

### USSOCOM AND USCYBERCOM POSTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of United States Special Operations Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Christopher P. Maier, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, General Bryan P. Fenton, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General Paul M. Nakasone, Commander, United States Cyber Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### FEDERAL DEBT LIMIT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the Federal debt limit and its economic and financial consequences, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Anat Weisenfreund, Community Action Pioneer Valley, Greenfield, Massachusetts; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Michael R. Strain, American Enterprise Institute, and Amy K. Matsui, National Women's Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.

### CRYPTO-ASSET MINING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the air, climate, and environmental impacts of crypto-asset mining, including an original bill entitled, "The Crypto-Asset Environmental Transparency Act", after receiving testimony from New York State Assembly Member Anna Kelles, 125th District, Cortland; Robert Altenburg, Citizens For Pennsylvania's Future, Harrisburg; and Courtney A. Dentlinger, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax policy's role in increasing affordable housing supply for working families, after receiving testimony from Steve Walker, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Seattle; Denise Scott, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, New York, New York; and Sharon Wilson Geno, National Multifamily Housing Council and National Apartment Association, Mark A. Calabria, The Cato Institute, and Garrett Watson, Tax Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

### DIGITAL PLATFORMS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine reining in dominant digital platforms, focusing on restoring competition to our digital markets, after receiving testimony from Fiona Scott Morton, Yale School of Management, New Haven, Connecticut; Chris Lewis, Public Knowledge, and Amanda G. Lewis, Cuneo Gilbert and LaDuca, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Daniel Francis, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; and Adam Candeub, Michigan State University Center for Renewing America, East Lansing.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 56 public bills, H.R. 1378–1433; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39–40; and H. Res. 197, 198, 200–204, were introduced. **Pages H1147–50**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1152–53**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 199, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140) to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (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 providing for consideration of the bill (S. 619) to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–7). **Page H1147**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cline to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1117**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1121**

**Electing Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 194, electing Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing. **Page H1123**

**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission to serve as the Democratic Co-chairman: Representative McGovern. **Pages H1123–24**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:19 p.m. and reconvened at 5:04 p.m. **Page H1124**

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

*Amending title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11*

*Educational Assistance:* H.R. 502, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance; **Pages H1124–25**

*Removing Extraneous Loopholes Insuring Every Veteran Emergency Act:* H.R. 815, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program; **Pages H1126–27**

*Wounded Warrior Access Act:* H.R. 1226, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow for the electronic request of certain records, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 132; and **Pages H1127–28, H1130–31**

*Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act:* H.R. 1123, amended, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a report examining the cybersecurity of mobile service networks, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 393 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 133. **Pages H1128–30, H1132**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1130**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

*Department of Veterans Affairs Creation of On-Site Treatment Systems Affording Veterans Improvements and Numerous General Safety Enhancements Act:* H.R. 753, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities. **Pages H1125–26**

**Oath of Office—Fourth Congressional District of Virginia:** Representative-elect Jennifer McClellan presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of a letter received from Ms. Susan J. Beals, Commissioner, Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held February 21, 2023, the Honorable Jennifer McClellan was elected for Representative to Congress for the Fourth Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia. **Pages H1131–32**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Virginia, the whole number of the House is 435.

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**Senate Referral:** S. 645 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1122.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1130–31 and H1132.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **COVID–19 ORIGIN ACT OF 2023; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO REVISED DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES; PROTECTING SPEECH FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on S. 619, the “COVID–19 Origin Act of 2023”; 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. 140, the “Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 140, the “Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act”, 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 S. 619, the “COVID–19 Origin Act of 2023”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 140, the “Protecting Speech from Government Interference 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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 140 made in order as original text. 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 further provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of 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’”, 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 Transportation and Infrastructure 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. The rule provides for consideration of S. 619, the “COVID–19 Origin Act of 2023”, under a closed 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 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence 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. Section 4 of the rule provides that section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546) shall not apply to a concurrent resolution introduced during the first session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress pursuant to section 5 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544) with respect to Syria. Section 5 provides that if a veto message is laid before the House on House Joint Resolution 30, then after the message is read and the objections of the President are spread at large upon the Journal, further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution shall be postponed until the legislative day of March 23, 2023; and on that legislative day, the House shall proceed to the constitutional question of reconsideration and dispose of such question without intervening motion. Testimony was heard from Chairman Turner, and Representatives Himes, Rouzer, Larsen of Washington, Armstrong, and Raskin.

## VistA: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE MISUNDERSTOOD

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled "VistA: The Good, the Bad, and the Misunderstood". Testimony was heard from Daniel McCune, Executive Director of Software Product Management, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1376, the "COVID-19 Origins Act of 2023". H.R. 1376 was ordered reported, without amendment.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the Federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the economic costs of wildfires, 10 a.m., SD-608/VTC.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Aircraft, Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, S. 509, to provide resources for United States nationals unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad, S. 430, to provide authority to enter into a cooperative agreement to protect civilians in Iraq and the Arabian Peninsula from weaponized unmanned aerial systems, 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, 10:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine geopolitical competition and energy security in Central Asia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine defending the right of workers to organize unions free from illegal corporate union-busting, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine artificial intelligence, focusing on risks and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 559, 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, and the nominations of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States, Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Adrienne Jennings Noti, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 4 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine Native communities' priorities for the 118th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold hearings to examine platform accountability, focusing on *Gonzalez* and reform, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., 390, Cannon Building.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine worldwide threats, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, 12 noon, SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Forestry, hearing entitled "A Review of Title VIII: Forestry Stakeholder Perspectives", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 1", 9 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, 9:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office”, 11 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 11:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 1”, 1 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in North and South America”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “FY24 Strategic Forces Posture”, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 734, the “Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5, the “Parents Bill of Rights Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 1338, the “Satellite and Telecommunications Streamlining Act”; H.R. 675, the “Secure Space Act of 2023”; H.R. 1339, the “Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act”; H.R. 682, the “Launch Communications Act”; H.R. 1353, the “Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act”; H.R. 1345, the “NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act”; H.R. 1354, the “Information and Communication Technology Strategy Act”; H.R. 1370, the “Communications Security Advisory Act of 2023”; H.R. 1360, the “American Cybersecurity Literacy Act”; H.R. 1340, the “Open RAN Outreach Act”; H.R. 1343, the “ITS Codification Act”; H.R. 1377, the “Promoting U.S. Wireless Leadership Act”; and H.R. 1341, the “Spectrum Coordination Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 501, the “Block, Report, and Suspend Suspicious Shipments Act”; H.R. 498, the “9-8-8 Lifeline Cybersecurity Responsibility Act”; H.R. 485, the “Protecting Health Care for All Patients Act of 2023”; H.R. 467, the “Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act”; and H.R. 801, the “Securing the Border for Public Health Act of 2023”, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Federal Reserve’s Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Holding the Biden Administration Accountable

for Wasteful Spending and Regulatory Overreach”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “During and After the Fall of Kabul: Examining the Administration’s Emergency Evacuation from Afghanistan”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day: Committee on House Administration”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on legislation on Providing for the Expenses of Certain Committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and other Committee business, 12 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “Intellectual Property and Strategic Competition with China: Part I”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “Promoting Conservation with a Purpose on America’s Federal Lands and Forests”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled “Benefits and Access: The Necessity for Multiple Use of Water Resources”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “Investigating the Origins of COVID-19”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Force Multipliers: Examining the Need for Additional Resources to Disrupt Transnational Crime at the Border and Beyond”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Burning the Midnight Oil: Why Depleting the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is Not a Solution to America’s Energy Problem, Part I”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled “Advances in AI: Are We Ready for a Tech Revolution?”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Innovation Through Collaboration: The Department of Energy’s Role in the U.S. Research Ecosystem”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Small Business Perspectives on the Impacts of the Biden Administration’s Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Pipeline Safety: Reviewing Implementation of the PIPES Act of 2020 and Examining Future Safety Needs”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

### 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 the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., 390, Cannon Building.

*Joint Committee on the Library:* business meeting to consider designation of the Chair and Vice Chair, and rules of procedure for the 118th Congress, 2:30 p.m., S-115, Capitol.

*Joint Committee on Printing:* business meeting to consider designation of the Chair and Vice Chair, and rules of procedure for the 118th Congress, 2:35 p.m., S-115, Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 10:45 a.m., followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, Senator Hagerty or his designee be recognized to make a motion to discharge the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs from further consideration of H.J. Res. 26, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022.

At approximately 5:15 p.m., Senators should expect roll call votes on passage of H.J. Res 26, and on confirmation of the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 8

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 140—Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act (Subject to a Rule).

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