

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 26, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S677–S726*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 694–725, S.J. Res. 18, and S. Res. 96–100. **Pages S714–15**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq. **Page S713**

**Measures Passed:**

*Disapproving the Action of the District of Columbia Council:* By 81 yeas to 14 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 49), Senate passed H.J. Res. 26, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. **Pages S680–S709**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the joint resolution from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S680**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S680**

*Preventing Child Sex Abuse Act:* Senate passed S. 724, to protect children against sexual abuse and exploitation. **Pages S722–23**

*Honoring former Senator James Thomas Broyhill:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 100, to honor the life and death of James Thomas Broyhill, former Senator for the State of North Carolina. **Page S723**

**Appointments:**

*Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senator Ernst, At Large. **Page S722**

**Werfel Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel,

of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. **Page S680**

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

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 48), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S680**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 2023; that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination of James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that following disposition of the nomination of James Edward Simmons, Jr., Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn. **Page S723**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 57 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 47), Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S677–80**

**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Read the First Time:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:**

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**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:****Pages S719–20****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S720**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—49) **Pages S680, S709**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late James Thomas Broyhill, former Senator for the State of North Carolina, in accordance with S. Res. 100, at 8:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S723.)

## **Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### **CFTC OVERSIGHT**

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Rostin Behnam, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### **PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS**

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the Federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, after receiving testimony from Jeff Olivet, Executive Director, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, Los Angeles, California; and Richard Cho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### **ECONOMIC COSTS OF WILDFIRES**

**Committee on the Budget:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic costs of wildfires, after receiving testimony from Veronica Serna, Mora County Commissioner, District 1, Mora, New Mexico; David Burt, DeltaTerra Capital, Natick, Massachusetts; Michael Wara, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment Climate and Energy Policy Program, Stanford, California; Morgan Varner, Tall Timbers, Tallahassee, Florida; and Nicolas Loris, C3 Solutions, Falls Church, Virginia.

### **AIRCRAFT, CERTIFICATION, SAFETY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Aircraft, Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act, after receiving testimony from

Billy Nolen, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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; and

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.

## **CENTRAL ASIA**

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine geopolitical competition and energy security in Central Asia, after receiving testimony from Donald Lu, Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs, and Geoffrey Pyatt, Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, both of the Department of State.

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

**Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence, focusing on risks and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Alexandra Reeve Givens, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Suresh Venkatasubramanian, Brown University Center for Technological Responsibility, Providence, Rhode Island; and Jason Matheny, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

## **RIGHT OF WORKERS**

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine defending the right of workers to organize unions free from

illegal corporate union-busting, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth H. Shuler, AFL-CIO, Mary Kay Henry, Service Employees International Union, Sean M. O'Brien, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and John F. Ring, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius LLP, former Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mark A. Mix, National Right to Work Committee, Springfield, VA.

#### NATIVE COMMUNITIES' PRIORITIES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Native communities' priorities for the 118th Congress, after receiving testimony from Carmen Lindsey, Chair, Board of Trustees Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Honolulu, Hawaii; Shannon Holsey, National Congress of American Indians, Rico Frias, Native American Financial Officers Association, and Tesia Zientek, National Indian Education Assistance, all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas Lozano, National American Indian Housing Council, Oroville, California; Nicole Borromeo, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage; and Kari Jo Lawrence, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Billings, Montana.

#### PLATFORM ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded a hearing to examine platform accountability, focusing on Gonzalez and reform, after receiving testimony from Mary Anne Franks, University of Miami Cyber Civil Rights Initiative, Miami, Florida; Hany Farid, Uni-

versity of California, Berkeley; Jennifer Bennett, Gupta Wessler PLLC, San Francisco, California; Andrew Sullivan, Internet Society, Reston, Virginia; and Eric Schnapper, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from Avril Haines, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; William J. Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency; and Lieutenant General Scott D. Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 1434–1477; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41; and H. Res. 205–213 were introduced.

**Pages H1204–06**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1208–09**

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

H. Res. 197, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–8). **Page H1204**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Greene (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1155**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1159**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 205, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives and ranking a Member on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H1161**

**Unanimous Consent—Consideration of H. Con. Res. 21:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider House Concurrent Resolution 21 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion except for one hour of debate

equally divided among and controlled by Representative McCaul, Representative Meeks, and Representative Gaetz or their respective designees; and that the provisions of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution, 50 U.S.C. 1546, shall not apply to House Concurrent Resolution 20. **Page H1161**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:19 p.m. and reconvened at 5:31 p.m. **Page H1194**

**Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Syria:** The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 21, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Syria, by a yea-and-nay vote of 103 yeas to 321 nays, Roll No. 136.

**Pages H1173–80, H1194–95**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, March 7th.

**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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 137.

**Pages H1195–96**

**Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act:** The House considered H.R. 140, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 9th.

**Pages H1180–94, H1196–98**

Agreed to:

Clyde amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that requires the Attorney General to submit an annual report to Congress evaluating the compliance of the Federal Government with the Protecting Free Speech from Government Interference Act;

**Pages H1186–87**

Comer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that makes technical edits and adds a conforming clarification for the authorities of the Office of the Special Counsel to ensure that the Act’s monetary civil penalties under new section 7382(c)(2) can be fully enforced; **Pages H1187–88**

Bishop (NC) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that ensures that law enforcement can only take action against unlawful speech;

**Pages H1188–89**

Good amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that clarifies enforcement of obscene matters not protected by the First Amendment; **Page H1191**

Ogles amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that revises the disciplinary action consisting of removal, reduction in grade, debarment from federal employment for a period not to exceed 10 years, suspension, or reprimand; and **Pages H1193–94**

Ogles amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that revises the civil penalty for senior government officials to be \$50,000. **Page H1194**

Rejected:

Perry amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that sought to ensure that federal employees entering into collective bargaining agreements using taxpayer funded time (Section 7131) are prohibited from engaging in censorship of private entities (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 138); and **Pages H1189–91, H1196–97**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that sought to strike section 2(e) (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 139).

**Pages H1192–93, H1197**

H. Res. 199, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140), the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 25) and the bill (S. 619) was agreed to, as amended, by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 135, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 134. **Pages H1161–73**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1171–72, H1172–73, H1195, H1195–96, H1196–97, and H1197.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### A REVIEW OF TITLE VIII: FORESTRY STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Forestry held a hearing entitled “A Review of Title VIII: Forestry Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY 1

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 1”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights. Testimony was heard from Patrick N. Findlay, Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

## MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representative Landsman.

## APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

## MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Radewagen, Omar, Sherman, and Manning.

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## U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in North and South America”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Melissa G. Dalton, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense; General Glen D. VanHerck, Commander, U.S. Northern Command; and General Laura J. Richardson, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

## FY24 STRATEGIC FORCES POSTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “FY24 Strategic Forces Posture”. Testimony was heard from John Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Poli-

icy, Department of Defense; General Anthony Cotton, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Air Force; General James Dickinson, Commander, U.S. Space Command, U.S. Army; and General Glen D. VanHerck, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Air Force.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee began a 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”.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a 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”. H.R. 675 and H.R. 682 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 1338, H.R. 1339, H.R. 1353, H.R. 1345, H.R. 1354, H.R. 1370, H.R. 1360, H.R. 1340, H.R. 1343, H.R. 1377, and H.R. 1341 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a 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”. H.R. 501 and H.R. 801 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 498, H.R. 485, and H.R. 467 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

## THE FEDERAL RESERVE'S SEMI-ANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Federal Reserve’s Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report”. Testimony was heard from Jerome Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## HOLDING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE FOR WASTEFUL SPENDING AND REGULATORY OVERREACH

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Holding the Biden Administration Accountable for Wasteful Spending and Regulatory Overreach”. Testimony was heard from Mark Bialek, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Richard Delmar, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; and Rebecca Sharek, Deputy Inspector General for Audits, Evaluations, and Special Projects, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

## DURING AND AFTER THE FALL OF KABUL: EXAMINING THE ADMINISTRATION'S EMERGENCY EVACUATION FROM AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “During and After the Fall of Kabul: Examining the Administration’s Emergency Evacuation from Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MEMBER DAY: COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day: Committee on House Administration”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bucshon, Krishnamoorthi, Cohen, Armstrong, Spanberger, Roy, Jayapal, Tlaib, and Tenney.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 197, providing for the Expenses of Certain Committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and other Committee business. Committee Resolutions on House Intern Allocation, Franked Mail Allowances, MRA Revised Formula, and the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates were adopted. H. Res. 197 was ordered reported, as amended.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND STRATEGIC COMPETITION WITH CHINA: PART I

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Intellectual Property and Strategic Competition with China: Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PROMOTING CONSERVATION WITH A PURPOSE ON AMERICA'S FEDERAL LANDS AND FORESTS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Promoting Conservation with a Purpose on America’s Federal Lands and Forests”. Testimony was heard from Joel Ferry, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, Utah; and public witnesses.

## BENEFITS AND ACCESS: THE NECESSITY FOR MULTIPLE USE OF WATER RESOURCES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing entitled “Benefits and Access: The Necessity for Multiple Use of Water Resources”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## INVESTIGATING THE ORIGINS OF COVID-19

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Investigating the Origins of COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## FORCE MULTIPLIERS: EXAMINING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO DISRUPT TRANSNATIONAL CRIME AT THE BORDER AND BEYOND

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Force Multipliers: Examining the Need for Additional Resources to Disrupt Transnational Crime at the Border and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Diane J. Sabatino, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Anthony Salisbury, Deputy Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

## BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL: WHY DEPLETING THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE IS NOT A SOLUTION TO AMERICA'S ENERGY PROBLEM, PART I

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Burning the Midnight Oil: Why Depleting the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is Not a Solution to America’s Energy Problem, Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ADVANCES IN AI: ARE WE READY FOR A TECH REVOLUTION?

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Advances in AI: Are We Ready for a Tech Revolution?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## INNOVATION THROUGH COLLABORATION: THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ROLE IN THE U.S. RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Innovation Through Collaboration: The Department of Energy’s Role in the U.S. Research Ecosystem”. Testimony was heard from Harriet Kung, Deputy Director for Science Programs, Office of Science, Department of Energy; James L. Reuter, Associate Administrator for Space Technology Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Michael C. Morgan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and Sean L. Jones, Assistant Director for Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation.

## SMALL BUSINESS PERSPECTIVES ON THE IMPACTS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES (WOTUS) RULE

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Small Business Perspectives on the Impacts of the Biden Administration’s Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PIPELINE SAFETY: REVIEWING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PIPES ACT OF 2020 AND EXAMINING FUTURE SAFETY NEEDS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous

Materials held a hearing entitled “Pipeline Safety: Reviewing Implementation of the PIPES Act of 2020 and Examining Future Safety Needs”. Testimony was heard from Tristan Brown, Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

## Joint Meetings

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Joint Committee on the Library:* Committee designated the Chair and Vice Chair, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Joint Committee on Printing:* Committee designated the Chair and Vice Chair, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

### LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS: VFW, JWV, WWP, TAPS, MOAA, AMVETS, GSW, MOPH, BVA, NACVSO

*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 the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Timothy M. Borland, Ryan Gallucci, Patrick Murray, Michael Figlioli, and Deborah Johnson, all of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; Colonel Nelson L. Mellitz, USAF (Ret.), Jewish War Veterans of the USA; Lieutenant General Michael S. Lannington, USA (Ret.), Wounded Warrior Project; Bonnie Carroll, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors; Cory Titus, Military Officers Association of America; Don McLean, AMVETS; Tamra Sipes, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; Christopher Vedick, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A.; Joseph D. McNeil, Sr., Blinded Veterans Association; and Michael McLaughlin, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nuclear fuel cycle, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine protecting public health and the environment in the wake of the Norfolk Southern train derailment and chemical release in East Palestine, Ohio, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development, to hold hearings to examine USAID localization, focusing on challenges, opportunities, and next steps to further development initiatives on the local level, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Arthur Delaney, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Monica Ramirez Almadani, and Wesley L. Hsu, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 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, Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, and LaShonda A. Hunt, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Michael Farbiarz, and Robert Kirsch, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Marian F. Gaston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Orelia Eleta Merchant, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Damien M. Diggs, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, Stephen K. Eberle, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, William R. Hart, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire, Justin L. Martinez, to be United States Marshal for the District of Utah, and Roy W. Minter, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine uplifting families, workers, and older adults, focusing on supporting communities of care, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee, business meeting on Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2024, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Rising Risks: Managing Volatility in Global Commodity Derivatives Markets”, 10:10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 2”, 9 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office, 9:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies,

oversight hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 2”, 1 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, oversight hearing on the U.S. Agency for Global Media, 2:30 p.m., 2360-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Defense in a Digital Era: Artificial Intelligence, Information Technology, and Securing the Department of Defense”, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Senior Enlisted Leader Perspective”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command—Challenges and Resource Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024”, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 750, the “Chinese-owned Applications Using The Information of Our Nation Act of 2023”; H.R. 784, the “Internet Application Integrity and Disclosure Act”; H.R. 742, the “Telling Everyone the Location of data Leaving the U.S. Act”; H.R. 813, the “Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2023”; H.R. 752, the “Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act of 2023”; 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”; H.R. 1070, a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act 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”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled “U.S. Public Markets Built for the 21st Century: Exploring Reforms to Make Our Public Markets Attractive for Small and Emerging Companies Raising Capital”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy of the Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: Ripe for Reform”, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Coincidence or Coordinated? The Administration’s Attack on the Digital Asset Ecosystem”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled “Expanding the Abraham Accords”, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Confronting Threats Posed by the Chinese Communist Party to the U.S. Homeland”, 9 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Modernization, business meeting 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, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

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*Committee on the Judiciary*, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1335, the “Transparency, Accountability, Permitting, and Production of American Resources Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of Our Nation’s Largest Employer: Reviewing the U.S. Office of Personnel Management”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 187, the “Default Prevention Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, begin hearing entitled “Annual World Wide Threats Hearing”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

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### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine countering Russia’s terroristic mercenaries, 10 a.m., 2020, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
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**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, post-cloture. At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Daniel I. Werfel, and Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Thursday, March 9

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 140—Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act. 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’”.

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