

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S727–S752*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-nine bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 726–774, S. Res. 101–104, and S. Con. Res. 5–6. **Pages S741–44**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 509, to provide resources for United States nationals unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad.

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#### Measures Passed:

*Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act:* Senate passed S. 758, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information.

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*National Slam the Scam Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 101, designating March 9, 2023, as “National Slam the Scam Day” to raise awareness about pervasive government imposter scams, and to promote education to prevent government imposter scams.

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*100th Anniversary of the Birth of John Leslie “Wes” Montgomery:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 102, observing the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Leslie “Wes” Montgomery and commemorating his contributions to jazz music.

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#### Appointments:

*Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:* The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Tanya Marshall of Vermont.

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**Neiman Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 9, 2023, a vote on

cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, March 14, 2023; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, March 9, 2023 ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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**Garcetti Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of India.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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**Chaudhary Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of India.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S736**

**Taylor-Kale Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S736–37**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S736**

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

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 50), Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2027. **Pages S733–34**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 51), James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S734**

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 52), Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S734–35**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S741**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—52) **Pages S734–35**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S751.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed 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, after receiving testimony from General Anthony J. Cotton, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General James H. Dickinson, USA, Commander, United States Space Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nuclear fuel cycle, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Huff, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and John C. Wagner, Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; and Joseph Dominguez, Constellation Energy, Baltimore, Maryland.

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN DERAILMENT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting public health and the environment in the wake of the Norfolk Southern train derailment and chemical release in East Palestine, Ohio, after receiving testimony from Senators Brown, Vance, and Casey; Debra Shore, Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Anne Vogel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director, Columbus; Alan Shaw, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia; Richard B. Harrison, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, Cincinnati; and Eric J. Brewer, Beaver County, Beaver, Pennsylvania.

### USAID LOCALIZATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development concluded a hearing to examine USAID localization, focusing on challenges, opportunities, and next steps to further development initiatives on the local level, after receiving testimony from Michele Sumilas, Assistant to the Administrator for the Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning, U.S. Agency for International Development; William R. Steiger, George W. Bush Institute, and Elana Aquino, Peace Direct, both of Washington, D.C.; and Bill O'Keefe, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Matthew P. Brookman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 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, 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.

**UPLIFTING FAMILIES, WORKERS, AND OLDER ADULTS**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine uplifting families, workers, and older adults, focusing on supporting communities of care, after receiving testimony from Kezia Scales, Paraprofessional Health Institute, Durham, North Carolina; Hannah Maxey, Indiana University School of Medicine Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy, Fishers; Pam Lowy, Great Bay Services, Dover, New Hampshire; and Jacinta Burgess, SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.

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## House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 49 public bills, H.R. 1478–1526; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 22–23; and H. Res. 214–218 were introduced. **Pages H1246–49**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1251–52**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1211**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1217**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H1230**

***Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act:*** The House passed H.R. 140, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 141. Consideration began yesterday, March 8th. **Pages H1219–21, H1230–32**

Rejected the Landsman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, by a yea-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 140. **Page H1231**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–1, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability now printed in the bill.

Agreed to:

Rose amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that requires mandatory annual training on the requirements of the underlying bill; and

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Rose amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that adds a findings section that states that inspectors general should not less than annually for the next seven years publicly report the number of complaints and tips received, the number of investigations opened, and statistics on how investigations were managed and their disposition by that inspector general related to compliance with the underlying bill and the amendments made by the underlying bill. **Page H1220**

H. Res. 199, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140), the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 27) and the bill (S. 619) was agreed to yesterday, March 8th. 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’”: The House passed 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’”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 142.

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H. Res. 199, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140), the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 27) and the bill (S. 619) was agreed to yesterday,

March 8th. House Communications Standards Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the House Communications Standards Commission: Representatives Morelle, Sherman, and Underwood.

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**Senate Referral:** S. 724 was held at the desk.

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H1217–18.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1231, H1231–32 and H1232.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a business meeting on Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2024. The Committee's Budget Views and Estimates were approved.

### RISING RISKS: MANAGING VOLATILITY IN GLOBAL COMMODITY DERIVATIVES MARKETS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Rising Risks: Managing Volatility in Global Commodity Derivatives Markets". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY 2

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 2". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office. Testimony was heard from Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office.

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Phyllis

K. Fong, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

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*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 2". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled "Member Day". Testimony was heard from Representatives McGovern and Lee of Nevada.

### U.S. AGENCY FOR GLOBAL MEDIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Agency for Global Media. Testimony was heard from Amanda Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Agency for Global Media.

### DEFENSE IN A DIGITAL ERA: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND SECURING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled "Defense in a Digital Era: Artificial Intelligence, Information Technology, and Securing the Department of Defense". Testimony was heard from John Sherman, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; and Craig Martell, Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, Department of Defense.

### SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER PERSPECTIVE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled "Senior Enlisted Leader Perspective". Testimony was heard from Michael A. Grinston, Sergeant Major of the Army, U.S. Army; James M. Honea, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, U.S. Navy; JoAnne S. Bass, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force; Troy E. Black, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; and Roger A. Towberman, Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force, U.S. Space Force.

## U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AND COMMAND—CHALLENGES AND RESOURCE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command—Challenges and Resource Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024”. Testimony was heard from General Bryan Fenton, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, Department of Defense; and Christopher Maier, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee concluded 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”. H.R. 734 and H.R. 5 were ordered reported, as amended.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a 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 Inter-agency 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”. H.R. 750, H.R. 784, H.R. 742, H.R. 813, H.R. 1068, H. Con. Res. 17, H.R. 1115, H.R. 1070, H.R. 1130, H.R. 1058, and H.R. 1140 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 752, H.R. 1121, H.R. 1085, H. Con. Res. 14, H.R. 1131, H.R. 1158, H.R. 1141, H.R. 1023, and H.R. 1155 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## U.S. PUBLIC MARKETS BUILT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: EXPLORING REFORMS TO MAKE OUR PUBLIC MARKETS ATTRACTIVE FOR SMALL AND EMERGING COMPANIES RAISING CAPITAL

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a 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”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU: RIPE FOR REFORM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy of the Committee on Financial Services held a hearing entitled “Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: Ripe for Reform”. Testimony was heard from Keith Ellison, Attorney General, Minnesota; and public witnesses.

## COINCIDENCE OR COORDINATED? THE ADMINISTRATION’S ATTACK ON THE DIGITAL ASSET ECOSYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Coincidence or Coordinated? The Administration’s Attack on the Digital Asset Ecosystem”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXPANDING THE ABRAHAM ACCORDS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia held a hearing entitled “Expanding the Abraham Accords”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## CONFRONTING THREATS POSED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY TO THE U.S. HOMELAND

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Confronting Threats Posed by the Chinese Communist Party to the U.S. Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Modernization held a business meeting on the Subcommittee Rules for the 118th Congress. The Subcommittee adopted its Rules for the 118th Congress.

## A VIEW OF HOUSE MODERNIZATION: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE CAO

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Modernization held a hearing entitled “A View of House Modernization: Perspectives from the CAO”. Testimony was heard from Catherine Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives.

## HEARING ON THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE TWITTER FILES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government held a hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government on the Twitter Files”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## HEARING ON COMPLIANCE WITH COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Responsiveness and Accountability to Oversight held a hearing entitled “Hearing on Compliance with Committee Oversight”. Testimony was heard from Carlos Uriarte, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice; and Gwen Graham, Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1335, the “Transparency, Accountability, Permitting, and Production of American Resources Act”. H.R. 1335 was ordered reported, as amended.

## OVERSIGHT OF OUR NATION’S LARGEST EMPLOYER: REVIEWING THE U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Our Nation’s Largest Employer: Reviewing the U.S. Of-

fice of Personnel Management”. Testimony was heard from Kiran Ahuja, Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

## INFLATION: A PREVENTABLE CRISIS

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services held a hearing entitled “Inflation: A Preventable Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE GO VIRAL: INSPECTORS GENERAL ON CURING THE DISEASE

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Go Viral: Inspectors General on Curing the Disease”. Testimony was heard from Richard Delmar, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; Sheldon Shoemaker, Deputy Inspector General, Small Business Administration; and Larry D. Turner, Inspector General, Department of Labor.

## THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION’S FLIGHT PLAN: EXAMINING THE AGENCY’S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND FUTURE PLANS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “The Federal Aviation Administration’s Flight Plan: Examining the Agency’s Research and Development Programs and Future Plans”. Testimony was heard from Shelley Yak, Director, William J. Hughes Technical Center, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

## FAA REAUTHORIZATION: SECURING THE FUTURE OF GENERAL AVIATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization: Securing the Future of General Aviation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING THE FUTURE OF WORKFORCE PROTECTIONS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Examining the Future of Workforce Protections for Servicemembers”. Testimony was heard from James Rodriguez, Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

## ACCOUNTABILITY AT VA: LEADERSHIP DECISIONS IMPACTING ITS EMPLOYEES AND VETERANS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Accountability at VA: Leadership Decisions Impacting its Employees and Veterans". Testimony was heard from Tracey Therit, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 187, the "Default Prevention Act". H.R. 187 was ordered reported, as amended.

## ANNUAL WORLD WIDE THREATS HEARING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee began a hearing entitled "Annual World Wide Threats Hearing". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Scott Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; William Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence; General Paul Nakasone, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency; and Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

## ANNUAL WORLD WIDE THREATS HEARING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee concluded a hearing entitled "Annual World Wide Threats Hearing". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Scott Berrier, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; William Burns, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence; General Paul Nakasone, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency; and Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation. This hearing was closed.

## Joint Meetings

### COUNTERING RUSSIA'S TERRORISTIC MERCENARIES

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine countering

Russia's terroristic mercenaries, after receiving testimony from Justyna Gudzowska, The Sentry, former attorney-advisor for the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Jason Blazakis, Middlebury Institute of International Studies Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism, former Director of the Counterterrorism Finance and Designations Office, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Jason Wright, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt and Mosle LLP.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "U.S. and Adversary Hypersonic Programs", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Defending America's Wireless Leadership", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "How Do We Encourage Greater Flood Insurance Coverage in America?", 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled "2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Successes in the 2022 Midterm Elections", 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled "Reining in the Administrative State: Reclaiming Congress's Legislative Power", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "President Biden's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request with Treasury Secretary Yellen", 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Friday, March 10

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in pro forma session.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, March 10

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of S. 619—to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19.

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