

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S781–S808

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 801–828, S.J. Res. 19–20, and S. Res. 106–113. **Pages S797–99**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the life and legacy of former Senator Abourezk: Senate agreed to S. Res. 110, honoring the life and legacy of the late James George Abourezk. **Page S806**

Maine Maple Sunday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 111, recognizing the importance of maple syrup production to Maine and designating March 26, 2023, as “Maine Maple Sunday”. **Pages S806–07**

Public Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 112, designating the week of February 27 through March 3, 2023, as “Public Schools Week”. **Page S807**

Taylor-Kale Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S793**

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

By 68 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 59), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S793**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the confirmation vote on the nomination be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Tuesday, March 14, 2023 ripen at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 16, 2023; that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jessica G. L. Clarke, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jessica G. L. Clarke, at 1:45 p.m.,

all post-cloture debate time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jessica G. L. Clarke at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 54), Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S781–85**

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 56), Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India. **Page S785**

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 55), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S785**

By 65 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 58), Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S786–93**

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

By 64 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 57), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S785–86**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—59) **Pages S784–86, S793**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late James George Abourezk, former Senator

of South Dakota, in accordance with S. Res. 110, at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S808.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: CBO, GAO, GPO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Accountability Office, and the Government Publishing Office, after receiving testimony from Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine military and civilian personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr., Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Shawn G. Skelly, Assistant Secretary for Readiness, Thomas A. Constable, performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Lester Martinez-Lopez, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Elizabeth B. Foster, Executive Director of Force Resiliency, Agnes G. Schaefer, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Franklin R. Parker, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Alex Wagner, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024, after receiving testimony

from Shalanda D. Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, focusing on perspectives on the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act, after receiving testimony from Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Kathryn Emery, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management Director, Charleston; Randy E. Hayman, Philadelphia Water Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; and Thomas W. Sigmund, NEW Water, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies.

U.S.-BRAZIL RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of U.S.-Brazil relations, after receiving testimony from Brian A. Nichols, Assistant Secretary for Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Rick Duke, Deputy Special Envoy for Climate, both of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Karen Sasahara, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, who was introduced by Senator Casey, Martina Anna Tkadlec Strong, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, who was introduced by Senator Sullivan, Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, and Hugo Yue-Ho Yon, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with amendments; 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.

PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting public safety after *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, after receiving testimony from Ruth M. Glenn, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence/National Domestic Violence Hotline, Denver, Colorado; Eric Ruben, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas; Stephen J. Lindley, Brady Combating Crime Guns Initiative, Los Angeles, California; Amy E. Swearer, Heritage Foundation Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Rafael A. Mangual, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York.

VA ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future path of the VA's Elec-

tronic Health Record Modernization program, including the need to address change management challenges, user satisfaction, and system issues, after receiving testimony from Neil Evans, Acting Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Shereef M. Elnahal, Under Secretary for Health, Kurt DelBene, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer, and Michael D. Parish, Chief Acquisition Officer and Principal Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Carol C. Harris, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; and Mike Sicilia, Oracle Global Industries, Austin, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Central Command and

United States Africa 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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine local views on public transportation, transit infrastructure and operations, and Federal transit programs, 10:10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine strengthening the aviation workforce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to receive a closed briefing on the assessment of the origins of COVID-19, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the cybersecurity risks to the healthcare sector, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Thursday, March 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 a.m., Friday, March 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jessica G. L. Clarke, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jessica G. L. Clarke, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jessica G. L. Clarke, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.



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