

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S917–S942*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 952–973, S. Res. 118–124, and S. Con. Res. 7–8.

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#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 326, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study and clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder.

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#### **Measures Passed:**

**North Carolina National Guard 360th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, commemorating the 360th anniversary of the North Carolina National Guard.

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#### **Measures Considered:**

**Authorizations for Use of Military Force Against Iraq—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S917–29**

##### **Pending:**

Schumer Amendment No. 15, to add an effective date.

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##### **Rejected:**

By 19 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 67), Lee Amendment No. 22, to provide for the termination of authorizations for use of military force after two years. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 22, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S922–23**

By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 68), Thune (for Rubio) Amendment No. 4, to require a certification. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S923**

By 41 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 69), Risch Amendment No. 43, to provide for a delayed, conditional repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002. **Page S927**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, 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 23, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 27, 2023.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is invoked on the bill, on Monday, March 27, 2023, it be in order to consider the following amendments: Sullivan Amendment No. 33, Scott (FL) Amendment No. 13, Ricketts Amendment No. 30, Cruz Amendment No. 9, Hawley Amendment No. 40, and Johnson Amendment No. 11; that if offered, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, on Tuesday, March 28, 2023; and that 60 affirmative votes be required for adoption of these amendments, without intervening action or debate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 27, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the bill; and that the filling deadline for first-degree amendments be at 3:30 p.m., and the cloture motion filed during the session of Thursday, March 23, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 27, 2023.

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#### **Appointments:**

**Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Section 1295b(h) of title 46 App., United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Senator Cantwell (ex officio as Chair, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation), and Senator Kelly.

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**Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 93–415, as amended by Public Law 102–586 and

Public Law 111–211, and after consultation with the Republican Leader, announced the appointment of the following individual to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: Lourdes Rosado of New York (2 year term).

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—69) **Pages S922–23, S927**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:11 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S942.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported 3,059 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Glen D. VanHerck, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and

North American Aerospace Defense Command, and General Laura J. Richardson, USA, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### AIR TRANSPORTATION

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhancing consumer protections and connectivity in air transportation, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey N. Shane, former Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Sara Nelson, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO, William J. McGee, American Economic Liberties Project, and Heather Ansley, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Trent Moyers, Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority, East Wenatchee, Washington; and Diana L. Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Boulder, Colorado.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

**Subcommittee on Energy:** Senators Sanders (Chair), Wyden, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Cortez Masto, Hickenlooper, Hawley, Risch, Murkowski, Hoeven, Cassidy, and Hyde-Smith.

**Subcommittee on National Parks:** Senators King (Chair), Sanders, Heinrich, Hirono, Kelly, Daines, Lee, Murkowski, and Hyde-Smith.

**Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining:** Senators Cortez Masto (Chair), Wyden, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Kelly, Hickenlooper, Lee, Risch, Daines, Murkowski, Cassidy, and Hawley.

**Subcommittee on Water and Power:** Senators Wyden (Chair), Sanders, Cortez Masto, Kelly, Hickenlooper, Risch, Lee, Hoeven, and Cassidy.

*Senators Manchin and Barrasso are ex-officio members of all subcommittees.*

### CYBERSECURITY VULNERABILITIES TO ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the steps needed to address the cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the United States' energy infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Puesh Kumar, Director, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, Department of Energy; Robert M. Lee, Dragos, Inc., Hanover, Maryland; and Stephen L. Swick, American Electric Power, Columbus, Ohio.

### 2023 TRADE POLICY AGENDA

**Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2023 trade policy agenda,

after receiving testimony from Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative.

#### MODERNIZING THE GOVERNMENT'S CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine modernizing the government's classification system, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Goitein,

Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law Liberty and National Security Program, Thomas Blanton, George Washington University National Security Archive, and Patrick G. Eddington, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and John P. Fitzpatrick, former Director, Information Security Oversight Office, Westminster, Colorado.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 1733–1773; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 27–28; and H. Res. 246–250, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1155, to prohibit the phase out of gasoline and prevent higher prices for consumers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–13);

H.R. 1158, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act with respect to new critical energy resources, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–14);

H.R. 1141, to repeal the natural gas tax (H. Rept. 118–15);

H.R. 1140, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to waive application of certain requirements with respect to processing and refining a critical energy resource at a critical energy resource facility, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–16);

H.R. 1131, 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. Rept. 118–17);

H.R. 1130, to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–18);

H.R. 1121, to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing (H. Rept. 118–19, Part 1);

H.R. 1085, to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–20);

H.R. 1070, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide the owner or operator of a critical energy resource facility an interim permit under sub-

title C that is subject to final approval by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–21);

H.R. 1068, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to secure the supply of critical energy resources, including critical minerals and other materials, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–22);

H.R. 1115, to provide for Federal and State agency coordination in the approval of certain authorizations under the Natural Gas Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–23);

H.R. 1058, to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–24, Part 1);

H. Con. Res. 14, expressing disapproval of the revocation by President Biden of the Presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline (H. Rept. 118–25, Part 1);

H.R. 1023, to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund (H. Rept. 118–26);

H. Con. Res. 17, expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should not impose any restrictions on the export of crude oil or other petroleum products, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–27); and

H.R. 1335, to restart onshore and offshore oil, gas, and coal leasing, streamline permitting for energy infrastructure, ensure transparency in energy development on Federal lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–28, Part 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carl to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1331**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1334**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, March 22nd.

**Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act:** H.R. 406, to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 148. **Pages H1347–48**

**Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights”—Presidential Veto:** The House voted to sustain the President’s veto of H.J. Res. 30, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 149 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Pages H1383–86**

Subsequently, the veto message (H. Doc. 118–18) and the joint resolution were referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. **Page H1386**

**Parents Bill of Rights Act:** The House considered H.R. 5, to ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in the Nation’s public schools. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 24th. **Pages H1348–83, H1386–96**

Agreed to:

Bacon amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that requires Local Education Agencies (LEA) to provide the parents of a child who is a student in an elementary school or secondary school the number of school counselors in that school; **Page H1375**

Foxx amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that amends H.R. 5 to align the list of rights school districts must provide notice of to actions school districts must take; amends a sense of Congress to express support for parents fundamental rights to direct the education of their children and that courts should use the strict scrutiny test to evaluate laws involving those rights; **Pages H1375–76**

Boebert amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that amends Section 104 to include Parent’s Right to Know if their child’s school operates, sponsors, or facilitates athletic programs or activities to permit a person whose biological sex is male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for women or girls; **Pages H1376–77**

Boebert amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that amends Section 104 to include Parent’s Right to Know if their child’s school allows a person whose biological sex is male to use restrooms or changing rooms designated for women or girls; **Pages H1377–78**

Fitzpatrick amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that amends the bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States (GAO) to submit a report to Congress on the cost of the requirements of H.R. 5 to SEAs, LEAs, and elementary and secondary schools and requires the report to also analyze and evaluate the impact of H.R. 5 on protecting parents’ rights in the education of the children (by a recorded vote of 386 ayes to 39 noes, Roll No. 153); **Pages H1383, H1388–89**

Garbarino amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that provides that nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this Act, should be construed as authorizing or granting parents the ability to deny any student who is not their own child from accessing any books or other reading materials otherwise available in the library of their child’s school; **Page H1389**

Lawler amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that ensures this bill does not impose requirements on non-public elementary or secondary school; **Pages H1391–92**

McCormick amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that establishes that parents will be granted the opportunity to address their school board regarding a complaint about a violation of parental rights; and **Pages H1393–94**

Miller (OH) amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that expands the definition of schools to include secondary career and technical schools. **Pages H1395–96**

Rejected:

Bonamici amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that sought to strike line 1 and all that follows in H.R. 5 (by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 150); **Pages H1378–81, H1386–87**

Crane amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that sought to add a private right of action for parents to hold schools accountable for not honoring the rights set forth in Title I and Title II of this bill (by a recorded vote of 61 ayes to 365 noes, Roll No. 151); **Pages H1381–82, H1387**

Davidson amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that sought to prohibit federal funds under Title I and Title II from going to a local educational agency unless they hold an open enrollment period (by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 338 noes, Roll No. 152); and

**Pages H1382–83, H1387–88**

Jacobs amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that sought to strike “at no cost” in the new paragraph (1)(A) of section 1112(e) of the ESEA, as added by section 104(2) of the bill.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Green (TN) amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that seeks to revise the bill to include the right to timely notice of any major cyberattack against their child’s school that may have compromised student or parent information;

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Jacobs amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that seeks to strike the provisions relating to reviewing professional development materials in sections 104 and 202;

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Massie amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that seeks to add a sense of Congress that the authority of the Department of Education and the Secretary of Education to operate or administer any office or program related to elementary or secondary education should be terminated on or before December 31, 2023; and

**Pages H1392–93**

McCormick amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 118–12) that seeks to establishes parents’ right to be informed of non-curriculum-based initiatives and events, and allows parents to opt-in their children to such initiatives and events.

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H. Res. 241, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 147, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 146.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1346, H1346–47, H1347–48, H1385–86, H1386–87, H1387, H1387–88, and H1388–89.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **A REVIEW OF TITLE VII: USDA IMPLEMENTATION OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology held a hearing en-

titled “A Review of Title VII: USDA Implementation of Research Programs”. Testimony was heard from Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, Department of Agriculture.

## **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

## **APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Randy Moore, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mark Lichtenstein, National Budget Director, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

## **APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

## **MEMBER DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schrier, Tokuda, and Flood.

## **PUBLIC WITNESS DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Day”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Mark A. Milley, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense.

## APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Granholm, Secretary, Department of Energy.

## MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Radewagon and Garcia of Texas.

## APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from the following Library of Congress officials: Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress; Maria Strong Associate Register of Copyrights, and Director of Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Copyright Office; and Mary Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service.

## APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

## APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND FAMILY HOUSING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Army Military Construction and Family Housing. Testimony was heard from Rachel Jacobson, Assistant to Secretary, Installations, Energy, and Environment, U.S. Army; and Lieutenant General Kevin Vereen, Deputy Chief of Staff G9, Installation Management Command.

## APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of State. Testimony was heard from Antony Blinken, Secretary, Department of State.

## PRESIDENT BIDEN'S FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “President Biden’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request and Economic Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Shalanda Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

## U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Greater Middle East and Africa”. Testimony was heard from Celeste Wallander, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; General Michael Kurilla, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and General Michael Langley, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION: IMPACTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE ARMED SERVICES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion: Impacts to the Department of Defense and the Armed Services”. Testimony was heard from Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Agnes Schaefer, Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Army; Frank R. Parker, Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Navy; and Alex Wagner, Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Air Force.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Science, Technology, and Innovation at the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from Heidi Shyu, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense; and William LaPlante, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense.

## THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2024

Budget Request". Testimony was heard from Shalanda D. Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

## BREAKING THE SYSTEM: EXAMINING THE IMPLICATIONS OF BIDEN'S STUDENT LOAN POLICIES FOR STUDENTS AND TAXPAYERS

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled "Breaking the System: Examining the Implications of Biden's Student Loan Policies for Students and Taxpayers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## TIKTOK: HOW CONGRESS CAN SAFEGUARD AMERICAN DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ONLINE HARM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "TikTok: How Congress Can Safeguard American Data Privacy and Protect Children from Online Harms". Testimony was heard from a public witness.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1338, the "Satellite and Telecommunications Streamlining Act"; H.R. 675, the "Secure Space Act"; 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 Act"; 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"; H.R. 1341, the "Spectrum Coordination Act"; 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"; H.R. 801, the "Securing the Border for Public Health Act of 2023"; and H.R. 1603, the "Homeowner Energy Freedom Act".

## FOLLOW THE MONEY: THE CCP'S BUSINESS MODEL FUELING THE FENTANYL CRISIS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled "Follow the Money: The CCP's Business Model Fueling the

Fentanyl Crisis". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE STATE OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY IN 2023: GROWING CONFLICTS, BUDGET CHALLENGES, AND GREAT POWER COMPETITION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The State of American Diplomacy in 2023: Growing Conflicts, Budget Challenges, and Great Power Competition". Testimony was heard from Antony Blinken, Secretary of State, Department of State.

## RENEWED U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN THE PACIFIC: ASSESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific held a hearing entitled "Renewed U.S. Engagement in the Pacific: Assessing the Importance of the Pacific Islands". Testimony was heard from Jane Bocklage, Deputy and Senior Advisor to the Special Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Craig Hart, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; Holly A. Haverstick, Director, International Affairs and Foreign Policy Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard; and Keone Nakoa, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs, Department of the Interior.

## CISA 2025: THE STATE OF AMERICAN CYBERSECURITY FROM A STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "CISA 2025: The State of American Cybersecurity from a Stakeholder Perspective". Testimony was heard from Tina Won Sherman, Director, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Transportation Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## SECURING AMERICA'S MARITIME BORDER: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled "Securing America's Maritime Border: Challenges and Solutions for U.S. National Security". Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Lower Half Jo-Ann F. Burdian, Assistant Commandant for Response Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Jonathan Miller, Executive Director, Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Brigadier General Sean T.

Boyette, Director of the Joint Staff, Florida Army National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters; and Heather MacLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, U.S. Government Accountability Office.

#### 2022 MIDTERMS LOOK BACK SERIES: ELECTION OBSERVER ACCESS

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled “2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Election Observer Access”. Testimony was heard from Benjamin Hovland, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Lisa Lyons, County Clerk, Kent County, Michigan; and public witnesses.

#### LOOKING AHEAD SERIES: OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Looking Ahead Series: Office of the Attending Physician”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Brian P. Monahan, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, Attending Physician, Office of the Attending Physician, U.S. Congress and U.S. Supreme Court.

#### FREE SPEECH: THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S CHILLING OF PARENTS’ FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled ‘Free Speech: The Biden Administration’s Chilling of Parents’ Fundamental Rights’. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”; H.R. 886, the “Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act”; H.R. 1245, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to re-issue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1419, the “Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management Act of 2023”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boebert, Rosendale, Hagedorn, and Bonamici; Steven Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Nancy Wallace, Marine Debris Program Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Brian Nesvik, Director, Wyoming Game and Fish Department; and public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 200, the “Forest

Information Reform Act”; H.R. 1473, the “Targeting and Offsetting Existing Illegal Contaminants Act”; H.R. 1567, the “Accurately Counting Risk Elimination Solutions Act”; and H.R. 1586, the “Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023”. Testimony was heard from Chris French, Deputy Chief for National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

#### ATF’S ASSAULT ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT: WHEN IS ENOUGH ENOUGH?

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance of the House Committee on the Judiciary held a joint hearing entitled “ATF’s Assault on the Second Amendment: When is Enough Enough?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### UNPACKING THE WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Unpacking the White House National Cybersecurity Strategy”. Testimony was heard from Kemba E. Walden, Acting National Cyber Director, The White House.

#### ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY: THE FUTURE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AND BEYOND

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advanced Air Mobility: The Future of Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Parimal Kopardekar, Director, Aeronautics Research Institute, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

#### UNLEASHING AMERICAN POWER: THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT GENERATION ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Unleashing American Power: The Development of Next Generation Energy Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration”. Testimony was heard from Isabella

Guzman, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Association.

## FAA REAUTHORIZATION: NAVIGATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PASSENGER EXPERIENCE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization: Navigating the Comprehensive Passenger Experience”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST FOR FEDERAL MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT OF 2022

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request for Federal Maritime Transportation Programs, and Implementation of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips (Retired), Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and Daniel B. Maffei, Chairman, U.S. Federal Maritime Commission.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a business meeting to Authorize the Women Veterans Task Force. The Women Veterans Task Force was authorized.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025”. Testimony was heard from Denis R. McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## WHY HEALTH CARE IS UNAFFORDABLE: THE FALLOUT OF DEMOCRATS’ INFLATION ON PATIENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Why Health Care is Unaffordable: The Fallout of Democrats’ Inflation on Patients and Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BUDGET HEARING FOR THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on National Intelligence Enterprise held a hearing entitled “Budget hearing for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, Department of State, and Department of the Treasury”. Testimony was heard from Carrie Thompson, Chief of Intelligence, Office of National Security Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Ken Wainstein, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Steven K. Black, Director, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, Department of Energy; Ryan Young, Executive Assistant Director, Intelligence Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Brett Holmgren, Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State; Shannon Corless, Assistant Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury; and Rear Admiral Rebecca Ore, Assistant Commandant for Intelligence, U.S. Coast Guard. This hearing was closed.

## THE CCP’S ONGOING UYGHUR GENOCIDE

*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The CCP’s Ongoing Uyghur Genocide”. Testimony was heard from Nury Turkel, Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing entitled “Member and Public Witness Day”, 9 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1338, the “Satellite and Telecommunications Streamlining Act”; H.R. 675, the “Secure Space Act”; 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 Act”; 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”; H.R. 1341, the “Spectrum Coordination Act”; 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”; H.R. 801, the “Securing the Border for Public Health Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1603, the “Homeowner Energy Freedom Act”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 158, resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to transmit, respectively, certain docu-

ments to the House of Representatives relating to congressionally appropriated funds to the nation of Ukraine from January 20, 2021, to February 24, 2023, 9 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on House Administration*, Communications Standards Commission, organizational meeting, 9:30 a.m., 1309 Longworth.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1246, to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian tribes; and H.R. 1532, to authorize any Indian Tribe to lease, sell, convey, warrant, or otherwise transfer real property to which that Indian Tribe holds fee title without the consent of the Federal Government, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, hearing entitled “Budget hearing for the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, Military Service Intelligence Components, and Military Intelligence Program”, 8:30 a.m., HVC–304 Hearing Room. This hearing is closed.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Biden Administration’s 2023 Trade Policy Agenda with United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Tai”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
3 p.m., Monday, March 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
9 a.m., Friday, March 24

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of S. 316, Authorizations for Use of Military Force Against Iraq, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill at 5:30 p.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill is at 3:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 5—Parents Bill of Rights Act.

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