

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S975–S1005

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 991–1019, and S. Res. 126–132. **Pages S999–S1000**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 117th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 118–4)

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate covering the period of January 3, 2021 to January 3, 2023”. (S. Rept. No. 118–5) **Page S998**

Measures Passed:

National Women’s History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 129, designating March 2023 as “National Women’s History Month”. **Page S989**

National Work Zone Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 130, supporting the designation of the week of April 17 to April 21, 2023, as “National Work Zone Awareness Week”. **Page S989**

Blood Donation Drive: Senate agreed to S. Res. 131, authorizing the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate to conduct a blood donation drive on March 30, 2023. **Page S989**

Authorize Testimony and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 132, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Grillo*. **Page S989**

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 S975–89**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 15, to add an effective date. **Page S975**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 71), Johnson Amendment No. 11, to require any convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response reached

by the World Health Assembly to be subject to Senate ratification. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 31 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 72), Ricketts Amendment No. 30, to require a certification. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 41 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 73), Cruz Amendment No. 9, to provide findings related to the President’s constitutional authority to use military force to protect the United States and United States interests. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

Pages S982–83

By 38 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 74), Sullivan Amendment No. 33, to provide that nothing shall be construed to hinder the ability of the United States to respond rapidly and decisively to any attacks by Iran or its proxy forces. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

Pages S983–84

By 33 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 75), Scott (FL) Amendment No. 13, to establish a Joint Select Committee on Afghanistan to conduct a full investigation and compile a joint report on the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

Pages S987–88

By 26 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 76), Hawley Amendment No. 40, to establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, March 23, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 29, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired, the pending amendment be withdrawn, no further amendments or motions be

in order to the bill, and Senate vote on passage of the bill; that following disposition of the bill, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 870, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs; and that there be two minutes for debate, equally divided, prior to each roll call vote.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2024; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget. (PM-5)

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Amendments Submitted: Page S1005

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S1005

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—76) Pages S981-84, S988-89

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1005.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Michael M. Gilday, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General David H. Berger, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOJ

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and 27 nominations in the Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

DOD BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps investment programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frederick J. Stefany, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), Vice Admiral Scott Conn, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities (OPNAV N9), and Lieutenant General Karsten S. Heckl, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, all of the Department of Defense.

REGIONAL NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine regional nuclear deterrence, after receiving testimony from Brad Roberts, Director, Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and M. Elaine Bunn, and Gregory Weaver, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Evan B. Montgomery,

Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, all of Washington, D.C.

RECENT BANK FAILURES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent bank failures and the Federal regulatory response, after receiving testimony from Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Michael S. Barr, Vice Chair for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Nellie Liang, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance.

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States support of democracy and human rights, after receiving testimony from Leopoldo Lopez, World Liberty Congress; Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, Vilnius, Lithuania; and Damon Wilson, National Endowment for Democracy, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kalpana Kotagal, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, and Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and Linda A.

Puchala, of Maryland, and Deirdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the National Mediation Board.

DHS OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine state and local perspectives on election administration, after receiving testimony from Maggie Toulouse Oliver, New Mexico Secretary of State, Santa Fe; Robert Evnen, Nebraska Secretary of State, Lincoln; Howard M. Knapp, South Carolina State Election Commission Executive Director, Columbia; Derek Bowens, Durham County, Durham, North Carolina; and Marcia Johnson, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported its Biennial Report for the 117th Congress.

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

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 1818–1843; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 29–30; and H. Res. 261–263, were introduced. **Pages H1526–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1529**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 260, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) to lower energy costs by increasing American energy production, exports, infrastructure, and critical minerals processing, by promoting transparency, accountability, permitting, and production of American resources, and by improving water qual-

ity certification and energy projects, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–30); and

H.R. 1603, to repeal provisions of Public Law 117–169 relating to taxpayer subsidies for home electrification, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–31). **Page H1526**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTurner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1467**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1473**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H1484**

Lower Energy Costs Act: The House considered H.R. 1, to lower energy costs by increasing American energy production, exports, infrastructure, and critical minerals processing, by promoting transparency, accountability, permitting, and production of American resources, and by improving water quality certification and energy projects. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 29th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–30 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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H. Res. 260, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 166, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 165. **Pages H1484–85**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress his Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2024—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–3).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1484 and H1484–85.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING TESTIMONY FROM THE HONORABLE THOMAS J. VILSACK, SECRETARY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “For the Purpose of Receiving Testimony from The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. SPACE FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Space Force. Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall, Secretary, Department of the Air Force; General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and General B. Chance Saltzman, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Testimony was heard from Jen Easterly, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Deb Haaland, Secretary; Joan M. Mooney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; and Denise Flanagan, Director of Budget.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Office of Inspector General, Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Rae Oliver Davis, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Eric J. Soskin, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. House of Representatives: Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk; William

McFarland, Acting Sergeant at Arms; and Catherine L. Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Rostin Behnam, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Chere Rexroat, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army. Testimony was heard from Christine Wormuth, Secretary, Department of the Army; and General James C. McConville, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from David Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Michael Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Faisal Amin, Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

FY24 REQUEST FOR NUCLEAR FORCES AND ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “FY24 Request for Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities”. Testimony was heard from Jill Hruby, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; John Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Department of Defense; Deborah Rosenblum, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological De-

fense Programs, Department of Defense; General Thomas Bussiere, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, U.S. Air Force; and Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, U.S. Navy.

POSTURE AND READINESS OF THE MOBILITY ENTERPRISE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint hearing entitled “Posture and Readiness of the Mobility Enterprise”. Testimony was heard from General Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command; and Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips (Retired), Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration.

UNLEASHING AMERICA’S OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIRING AND EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unleashing America’s Opportunities for Hiring and Employment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO EAST PALESTINE: ENSURING SAFETY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled “Government Response to East Palestine: Ensuring Safety and Transparency for the Community”. Testimony was heard from Debra Shore, Regional Administrator, Region 5, Environmental Protection Agency; Wesley Vins, Health Commissioner, Columbiana County General Health District, Ohio; and Anne M. Vogel, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

PRESERVING FREE SPEECH AND REINING IN BIG TECH CENSORSHIP

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Preserving Free Speech and Reining in Big Tech Censorship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOWERING UNAFFORDABLE COSTS: EXAMINING TRANSPARENCY AND COMPETITION IN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Lowering Unaffordable Costs: Examining Transparency and Competition in Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 314, to prohibit the removal of

Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism until Cuba satisfies certain conditions, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1684, to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti and impose sanctions on political and economic elites involved in such criminal activities. H.R. 314 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1684 was ordered reported, as amended.

BIDEN'S GROWING BORDER CRISIS: DEATH, DRUGS, AND DISORDER ON THE NORTHERN BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Biden’s Growing Border Crisis: Death, Drugs, and Disorder on the Northern Border”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tenney, Kelly of Pennsylvania, Higgins of New York, and Stauber; Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner, Department of Safety, New Hampshire; and public witnesses.

2022 MIDTERMS LOOK BACK SERIES: GOVERNMENT VOTER SUPPRESSION IN LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Government Voter Suppression in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania”. Testimony was heard from Donald Palmer, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 930, the “Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act of 2023”; H.R. 1319, the “Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act”; H.R. 1380, the “Protecting America’s Rock Climbing Act”; H.R. 1527, the “Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act”; H.R. 1576, the “Federal Interior Land Media Act”; H.R. 1614, the “Range Access Act”; H.R. 1642, the “Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter Recreation Pass Act”; and H.R. 1667, the “Ouachita National Forest Overnight Camping Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Moore of Utah; Chris French, Deputy Chief for National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Mills, Secretary, Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, Arkansas; Mike Reynolds, Deputy Director, External and Congressional Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

WHY WE NEED TO STORE MORE WATER AND WHAT’S STOPPING US

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing entitled “Why We Need to Store More Water and What’s Stopping Us”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SCHOOL CLOSURES: INTENDED AND UNINTENDED

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “The Consequences of School Closures: Intended and Unintended”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FDA OVERSIGHT PART I: THE INFANT FORMULA SHORTAGE

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services held a hearing entitled “FDA Oversight Part I: The Infant Formula Shortage”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENSURING FORCE READINESS: EXAMINING PROGRESSIVISM’S IMPACT ON AN ALL-VOLUNTEER MILITARY

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Ensuring Force Readiness: Examining Progressivism’s Impact on an All-Volunteer Military”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE END OF RELATIONSHIP BANKING? EXAMINING THE CFPB’S SMALL BUSINESS LENDING DATA COLLECTION RULE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “The End of Relationship Banking? Examining the CFPB’s ‘Small Business Lending Data Collection’ Rule”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING THE WEATHER ACT: DATA AND INNOVATION FOR PREDICTIONS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Reauthorizing the Weather Act: Data and Innovation for Predictions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Maritime Transportation Supply Chain Issues”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST WITH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY XAVIER BECERRA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request with Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUDGET HEARING ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on the National Security Agency and Cyber held a hearing entitled “Budget hearing on the National Security Agency”. Testimony was heard from General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine navigating United States export controls for Ukrainian victory, after receiving testimony from Catherine Hamilton, Director of Licensing, Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State; Jeremy Horan, Director, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, and Ruben Ramos, Senior Engineer and Licensing Officer, Munitions Control Division, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, both of the Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; and Johanna Reeves, Reeves and Dolla LLP.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Homeland Security, 1:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine enterprise cybersecurity to protect the Department of Defense Information Networks, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the cost of oil dependence in a low-carbon world, 10 a.m., SD-608/VTC.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine advancing next generation aviation technologies, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the EPA Good Neighbor rule, focusing on healthier air for downwind states, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the oral health crisis, focusing on identifying and addressing health disparities, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the need to end illegal union busting at Starbucks, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 670, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program, S. 311, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, S. 285, to provide for the perpetuation, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, S. 264, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, S. 211, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to establish an enhanced use lease pilot program, S. 709, to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government, S. 717, to improve plain writing and public experience, S. 666, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Chief Operating Officer of each agency to compile a list of unnecessary programs, S. 824, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a national risk management cycle, S.

884, to establish a Government-wide approach to improving digital identity, S. 885, to establish a Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve in the Department of Homeland Security as a pilot project to address the cybersecurity needs of the United States with respect to national security, S. 479, to modify the fire management assistance cost share, S. 780, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze certain legislation in order to prevent duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, S. 108, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 111, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule-making, to include a link to a 100-word plain language summary of the proposed rule, S. 349, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely, S. 243, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities, S. 310, to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal, S. 257, to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, S. 206, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry, S. 679, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective, S. 829, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act, S. 794, to require a pilot program on the participation of non-asset-based third-party logistics providers in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, S. 931, to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, S. 917, to establish the duties of the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency regarding open source software security, S. 945, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, S. 932, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses, and S. 933, to amend the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to modify requirements relating to data centers of certain Federal agencies, 10:45 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 460, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to establish an urban Indian organization confer policy for the Department of Health and Human Services, S. 306, to approve the settlement of the water right claims of the Tule River Tribe, S. 595, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna in the Rio San Jose Stream System and the

Pueblos of Jemez and Zia in the Rio Jemez Stream System in the State of New Mexico, and S. 950, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the future of tribal energy development, focusing on implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine personnel vetting modernization, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Addressing the Challenges of Rural America”, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury International Programs, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

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