

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 316, Authorizations for Use of Military Force Against Iraq.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1007–S1060

Measures Introduced: Forty-eight bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1020–1067, and S. Res. 133–138. **Pages S1052–53**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 117th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 118–6)

Special Report entitled “Report on Legislative Activities of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, United States Senate, during the 117th Congress 2021–2022”. (S. Rept. No. 118–7) **Page S1051**

Measures Passed:

Authorizations for Use of Military Force Against Iraq: By 66 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 77), Senate passed S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1007–16**

Withdrawn:

Schumer Amendment No. 15, to add an effective date. **Page S1016**

Revised Definition of Waters of the United States: By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 79), Senate 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’”. **Pages S1017–24**

COVID–19 National Emergency Act: By 68 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 80), Senate passed H.J. Res. 7, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020. **Pages S1028–44**

Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 15, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition. **Page S1044**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S1044**

Condolences to the People of Turkiye and Syria: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 76, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Turkiye and Syria following the devastating earthquake on February 6, 2023, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1044**

National Osceola Turkey Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 135, designating March 18, 2023, as “National Osceola Turkey Day”. **Page S1044**

Recognizing the Contributions of AmeriCorps: Senate agreed to S. Res. 136, recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers to the lives of the people of the United States. **Page S1044**

Coast Guard Ombudsman Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 137, honoring the volunteers of the Coast Guard Ombudsman program on the Ombudsman Appreciation Day. **Page S1044**

Measures Considered:

Fire Grants and Safety Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of 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. **Pages S1016–17**

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

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 78), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S1016–17**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023, and that all time be considered expired. **Page S1060**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–6) **Page S1046**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–7)

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Taylor-Kale Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, March 30, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and vote on confirmation thereon; and that upon disposition of the nomination, Senate resume Legislative Session. **Page S1060**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Matthew P. Brookman, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. **Page S1044**

Executive Communications: **Pages S1047–49**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S1049–51**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Amendments Submitted: **Page S1059**

Authorities for Committees to Meet:
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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1060**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—80) **Pages S1016–17, S1023–24, S1044**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1060.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE INFORMATION NETWORKS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine enterprise cybersecurity to protect the Department of Defense Information Networks, after receiving testimony from John B. Sherman, Chief Information Officer, and Lieutenant General Robert J. Skinner, USAF, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

OIL DEPENDENCE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the cost of oil dependence in a low-carbon world, after receiving testimony from Claudio Galimberti, RystadEnergy, Houston, Texas; Gregor Semieniuk, University of Massachusetts, Amherst;

and Daniel Raimi, Resources for the Future, Benjamin Zycher, American Enterprise Institute, and Lucian Pugliese, Energy Policy Research Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

NEXT GENERATION AVIATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing next generation aviation technologies, after receiving testimony from Kevin Welsh, Executive Director, Office of Environment and Energy, Federal Aviation Administration; Robert Pearce, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Jon Gordon, Universal Hydrogen Co., Hawthorne, California; Val Miftakhov, Zeroavia, Everett, Washington; Arjan Hegeman, GE Aerospace, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ben Lieberman, Competitive Enterprise Institute, and Marc Scribner, Reason Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

EPA GOOD NEIGHBOR RULE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency Good Neighbor Rule, focusing on healthier air for downwind states, after receiving testimony from Serena McIlwain, Maryland Secretary of the Environment, Baltimore; Karen Peters, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director, Phoenix; Chris Wells, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director, Jackson; David G. Hill, American Lung Association, Middlebury, Connecticut; and Paul Noe, American Forest and Paper Association, Washington, D.C.

ORAL HEALTH CRISIS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the oral health crisis, focusing on identifying and addressing health disparities, after receiving testimony from Warren Brill, Eastpoint Dentistry, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; Jonathan P. Forte, RiverStone Health, Billings, Montana; Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry, Nashville, Tennessee; and Marko Vujicic, American Dental Association Health Policy Institute, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 670, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Aware-

ness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program;

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, with amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 709, to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government, with an amendment;

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. 479, to modify the fire management assistance cost share, with an amendment;

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 rulemaking, 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, with an amendment;

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. 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, with an amendment;

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.

STARBUCKS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need to end illegal union busting at Starbucks, after receiving testimony from former Representative Bradley Byrne; Howard Schultz, Starbucks Coffee Company, Seattle, Washington; Sharon Block, Harvard Law School Center for Labor and a Just Economy, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Rachel Greszler, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Maggie Carter, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Jaysin Saxton, Augusta, Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 460, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to establish an urban Indian organi-

zation 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, with an amendment.

TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the future of tribal energy development, focusing on implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Hogan, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Energy and Acting Under Secretary for Infrastructure; and Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

PERSONNEL VETTING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine personnel vetting modernization, after receiving testimony from Jason S. Miller, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Kiran A. Ahuja, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Stacey A. Dixon, Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence; and Ronald Moultrie, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 555 public bills, H.R. 1844–2398; 1 private bill, H.R. 2399; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 264–265, were introduced. **Pages H1622–41**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1660**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Spartz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1531**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1539**

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 30th.

Pages H1542–H1615

Agreed to:

Donalds amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires a study on streamlining the regulatory approval timeline by examining certain licensing/permitting processes for other sources of energy under the jurisdiction of the Department of Energy;

Page H1584

Crenshaw amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to clarify the requisite timeline for making a decision on the approval or disapproval of a State underground injection control program;

Pages H1585–86

Estes amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires the Secretary of Energy to use an index-based pricing bid system when purchasing petroleum products for the SPR;

Pages H1586–87

Houlahan amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that prohibits export or sale of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China, North Korea, Russia, Iran or any country subject to sanctions imposed by the United States;

Pages H1588–89

Mace amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires the Secretary of Energy to report annually on the ongoing assessments of critical energy resources and actions taken to strengthen supply chains to advance American energy security;

Page H1590

Roy amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that directs FERC to withdraw its policy statements titled “Certification of New Interstate Natural Gas Facilities” and “Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Natural Gas Infrastructure Project Reviews”;

Pages H1595–96

Barr amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that amends the FAST Act to expand eligibility for FAST 41 permitting for projects related to the extraction, recovery, or processing of critical minerals, rare-earth elements, microfine carbon, or carbon from coal, coal waste, coal processing waste, pre- or post-combustion coal byproducts, or acid mine drainage from coal mines;

Pages H1596–97

Boebert amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that adds a Sense of Congress expressing disapproval of the denial of Jordan Cove Project permits (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 167);

Pages H1584–85, H1597

Hern amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that expresses the sense of Congress disapproving of the proposed tax hikes on the oil

and natural gas industry in the President’s fiscal year 2024 budget request (by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 168);

Pages H1587–88, H1597–98

Jackson (TX) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires the EPA, in consultation with the DOE, to submit a report to Congress identifying and assessing existing regulations that have negatively affected domestic energy independence and increased energy cost for Americans (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 169);

Pages H1589–90, H1598–99

Molinaro amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires a GAO study on how banning natural gas appliances will affect the rates and charges for electricity (by a recorded vote of 268 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 170);

Pages H1590–91, H1599

Palmer amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that prohibits the Secretary of Energy from implementing its proposed rule regarding gas stoves, or any other rule that would limit consumer access to gas stoves (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 171);

Pages H1591–92, H1599–H1600

Boebert amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that shortens the timetable to file a petition for judicial review of a permit, license, or approval of a major infrastructure project, such as a highway or public transit project, from 150 days to 90 days;

Pages H1602–03

Crawford amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires DOT to apply the One Federal Decision procedures to pipeline projects under NEPA review to streamline the environmental review/permitting process;

Pages H1603–04

Donalds amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires a report on the current status of American uranium, how America’s uranium compares to the global supply of uranium in terms of quantity and quality, etc.;

Pages H1604–05

Perez amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires the Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Department of Commerce to determine technological needs for permitting programs and report them to Congress annually;

Pages H1606–07

Westerman amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that creates a national strategy for America to re-shore mineral supply chains and challenge the CCP;

Pages H1607–08

LaMalfa amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that allows wildfire mitigation activities within 300 feet of a road on Federal lands to be carried out without regard to NEPA or ESA requirements;

Pages H1608–09

LaMalfa amendment (No. 24 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that expands the definition of “hazard trees” identified and removed along electric power lines as part of a utility’s vegetation management plan to trees within 50 feet, from 10 feet; such plans will also be automatically approved after 60 days; **Pages H1609–10**

Luna amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that requires GAO to publish a report on the impact of wind energy, including the adverse effects of wind energy on military readiness, marine environment, and tourism, before the Secretary of the Interior can publish or hold a lease sale for energy development in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, the South Atlantic Planning Area, or the Straits of Florida Planning Area; and **Pages H1613–14**

Luna amendment (No. 29 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that expresses the sense of Congress that major components of wind infrastructure, including turbines, are imported in large quantities from other countries including countries that are national security threats, such as the Government of the People’s Republic of China. **Pages H1614–15**

Rejected:

Perry amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that sought to prohibit the Delaware River Basin Commission, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing any regulations relating to hydraulic fracturing other than those issued by the State in which the regulation is to be implemented or enforced (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 172); **Pages H1592–93, H1600–01**

Perry amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that sought to repeal section 115 of the Clean Air Act (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 336 noes, Roll No. 173); **Pages H1593–95, H1601**

Grijalva amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that sought to strike Section 20103, which requires the Secretary of Interior to resolve any protest to a lease sale within 60 days; and **Page H1605**

Levin amendment (No. 27 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that sought to specify that Division B shall not take effect until the Council on Environmental Quality, in consultation with affected Federal agencies, certifies that all agencies have the funding and staffing capacity to meet the Division’s new timelines for environmental review without reducing the quality of such review. **Pages H1612–13**

Proceedings Postponed:

Westerman amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that seeks to prohibit the Communist Party of China (or a person acting on behalf

of the Communist Party of China) from acquiring any interest with respect to American farmland or any lands used for American renewable energy production; **Pages H1605–06**

Leger Fernandez amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that seeks to require each local unit of the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Forest Service to develop a plan to disseminate and advertise open civil service positions with functions relating to permitting and natural resources in their offices; each plan shall include outreach to local high schools, community colleges, institutions of higher education, and any other relevant institutions; and **Pages H1610–11**

Levin amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–30) that seeks to strike Title V of Division B, to prevent the bill from repealing the Inflation Reduction Act’s reforms to the oil and gas leasing program. **Pages H1611–12**

H. Res. 260, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) was agreed to yesterday, March 28th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 30th. **Page H1615**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared on April 3, 2014 is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–19). **Page H1615**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities that was declared on April 1, 2015 is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–20). **Pages H1615–16**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1597, H1597–98, H1598–99, H1599, H1600, H1600–01, and H1601.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Merrick Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. NAVY AND U.S. MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary, Department of the Navy; Admiral Michael M. Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; and General David H. Berger, Commandant, Department of the Marine Corps.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Addressing the Challenges of Rural America”. Testimony was heard from Lenita Jacobs-Simmons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Ruth Ryder, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education; Tom Morris, Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Laura Scheibe, Director for Career and Technical Education, South Dakota Department of Education; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Dennis McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury International Programs. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Manger, Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Califf, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Tracy Stone-Manning, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Martha Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Charles F. Sams III, Director, National Park Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Defense Budget

Request”. Testimony was heard from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; and General Mark A. Milley, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL CHIEFS: PERSONNEL POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Military Department Personnel Chiefs: Personnel Posture”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Douglas F. Stitt, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Richard Cheeseman, Jr., Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Caroline Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant General James Glynn, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Katharine Kelley, Senior Executive Service, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital, U.S. Space Force.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FIXED-WING TACTICAL AND TRAINING AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request of the Department of Defense for Fixed-Wing Tactical and Training Aircraft Programs”. Testimony was heard from Andrew P. Hunter, Senior Executive Service, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Lieutenant General Richard G. Moore, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs (HAF/A8), U.S. Air Force; Frederick Stefany, Senior Executive Service, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition (Acting), and Senior Acquisition Executive for the F-35 Program (SAE/F-35); Rear Admiral Andrew Loiselle, Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV/N98), U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Michael S. Cederholm, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Michael J. Schmidt, F-35 Program Executive Officer (JPO), U.S. Air Force; and Jon Ludwigson, USG Civilian, Director, Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office.

FISCAL STATE OF THE UNION

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fiscal State of the Union”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIVERSITY OF THOUGHT: PROTECTING FREE SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Diversity of Thought: Protecting Free Speech on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Health and Human Services Budget”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

TAKING THE BUZZER BEATER TO THE BANK: PROTECTING COLLEGE ATHLETES’ NIL DEALMAKING RIGHTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Taking the Buzzer Beater to the Bank: Protecting College Athletes’ NIL Dealmaking Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOLLOW THE MONEY: OVERSIGHT OF PRESIDENT BIDEN’S MASSIVE SPENDING SPREE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Follow the Money: Oversight of President Biden’s Massive Spending Spree”. Testimony was heard from Teri L. Donaldson, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Mark Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and Sean O’Donnell, Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

THE FEDERAL REGULATORS’ RESPONSE TO RECENT BANK FAILURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Federal Regulators’ Response to Recent Bank Failures”. Testimony was heard from Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Michael S. Barr, Vice Chair for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve; and Nellie Liang, Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of Treasury.

OVERSIGHT, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF UKRAINE ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight, Transparency, and Accountability of Ukraine Assistance”. Testimony was

heard from Nicole L. Angarella, Acting Deputy Inspector General, performing the duties of the Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development; Diana R. Shaw, Deputy Inspector General performing the duties of the Inspector General, Department of State; and Robert P. Storch, Inspector General, Department of Defense.

EXAMINING U.S. SANCTIONS POLICY, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Examining U.S. Sanctions Policy, Implementation, and Enforcement”. 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 Christopher Dunham, Acting Assistant Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Gwen Graham, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education; and Jeanne Bumpus, Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Trade Commission.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Healthcare Delivery in Tribal Communities”. Testimony was heard from Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERDUE OVERSIGHT OF THE CAPITAL CITY: PART I

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Overdue Oversight of the Capital City: Part I”. Testimony was heard from Charles Allen, Councilmember, Council of the District of Columbia; Glen Lee, Chief Financial Officer, Washington D.C.; Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia; and a public witness.

LOGIN.GOV DOESN'T MEET THE STANDARD

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “Login.gov Doesn't Meet the Standard”. Testimony was heard from Carol Fortine Ochoa, Inspector General, Gen-

eral Services Administration; Sonny Hashmi, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration; and Jim St. Pierre, Acting Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on H.J. Res. 42, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022. H.J. Res. 42 was ordered reported, without amendment.

FUELING UNAFFORDABILITY: HOW THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES CATALYZED GLOBAL ENERGY SCARCITY AND COMPOUNDED INFLATION

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Fueling Unaffordability: How the Biden Administration's Policies Catalyzed Global Energy Scarcity and Compounded Inflation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 676, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2023”; H.R. 1482, the “NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act of 2023”; H.R. 1496, the “National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act”; H.R. 1713, the “DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act”; H.R. 1715, the “Advanced Weather Model Computing Development Act”; H.R. 1734, the “TRANQ Research Act”; and H.R. 1735, the “Mathematical and Statistical Modeling Education Act”. H.R. 676, H.R. 1482, H.R. 1496, and H.R. 1715 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1713, H.R. 1734, and H.R. 1735 were ordered reported, as amended.

HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy, and Supply Chains held a hearing entitled “Highlighting the Role of Small Businesses in Domestic Energy Production”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 234, the “Gerald's Law Act”; H.R. 854, the “Captain James C. Edge Gold Star Spouse

Equity Act”; H.R. 984, the “Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act”; H.R. 1139, the “GUARD VA Benefits Act”; H.R. 1329, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the maximum number of judges who may be appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; H.R. 1378, the “Veterans’ Appeals Backlog Improvement Act”; H.R. 1529, the “Veterans’ Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1530, the “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bergman, Ciscomani, Levin, Luttrell, Pappas, and Self; Kevin J. Friel, Deputy Director of the Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cheryl Rawls, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs; Christa A. Shriber, Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 41, the “VA Same-Day Scheduling Act of 2023”; H.R. 562, the “Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2023”; H.R. 808, the “Veterans Patient Advocacy Act”; H.R. 754, the “Modernizing Veterans’ Health Care Eligibility Act”; H.R. 693, the “Veterans Affairs Medical Center Absence and Notification Timeline Act”; H.R. 1089, the “VA Medical Center Facility Transparency Act”; H.R. 366, the “Korean American VALOR Act”; H.R. 542, the “Elizabeth Dole Home- and Community-Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1256, the “Veterans Health Administration Leadership Transformation Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird, Lesko, Mast, Moolenaar, and Womack; Scotte R. Hartronft, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs; Alfred A. Montoya, Jr., Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health Operations, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Perry, Chief Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

WELFARE IS BROKEN: RESTORING WORK REQUIREMENTS TO LIFT AMERICANS OUT OF POVERTY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Welfare is Broken: Restoring Work Requirements to Lift Americans Out of Poverty”. Testimony was heard from Shakirah Francis, Employment Services Social Work Supervisor, Department of Social Services Employment Services Division, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

BUDGET HEARING ON THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE AND THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “Budget hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency”. Testimony was heard from Chris Scolese, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense; and Vice Admiral Frank Whitworth, Director, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine forestry in the Farm Bill, focusing on the importance of America’s forests, 10:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army 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 Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine petrochemicals to waste, focusing on the lifecycle, environmental, and climate effects of plastic, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine pharmacy benefit managers and the prescription drug supply chain, focusing on the impact on patients and taxpayers, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Ann Marie Yastishock, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, and David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine guardianship and alternatives, focusing on protection and empowerment, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., 2362—A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2358—A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Cyberspace Operations: Conflict in the 21st Century”, 8:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Animal Drug User Fee Programs”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization: Harnessing the Evolution of Flight to Deliver for the American People”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 291, the “Vaccine Discharge Parity Act”; H.R. 645, the “Healthy Foundations for Homeless Veterans Act”; H.R. 728, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training to carry out a pilot program on short-term programs for veterans; H.R. 746, the “Streamlining Aviation for Eligible Veterans Act”; H.R. 1169, the “VA E-Notification Enhancement Act”; legislation on the Protect Military Dependents Act; legislation on the Filipino Education Fairness Act; legislation on the Get Rewarding Outdoor Work for our Veterans Act; legislation on the Ensure Military Personnel Learn Opportunities Yielding Vocations that Employ Transitioning Servicemembers Act; legislation on the VE-TEC Authorization Act of 2023; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that educational assistance paid under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to an individual who pursued a program or course of education that was suspended or terminated by reason of a determination of fraud shall not be charged against the entitlement of the individual, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Budget hearing on the Office of the Director of National Intelligence”, 8:30 a.m., HVC-304 Hearing Room. This hearing is closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, March 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 870, Fire Grants and Safety Act. Senate is then expected to adopt the motion to proceed by voice vote.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, with a vote on confirmation thereon.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 1—Lower Energy Costs Act.

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