

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1471–S1519

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1410–1438, and S. Res. 191–194. **Pages S1504–05**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 119, recognizing the 202nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

S. Res. 157, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement.

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Measures Passed:

National Native Plant Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 152, designating April 2023 as “National Native Plant Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Financial Literacy Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 185, designating April 2023 as “Financial Literacy Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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El Dia de los Ninos-Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 192, recognizing April 30, 2023, as “El Dia de los Ninos-Celebrating Young Americans”.

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Second Chance Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 193, designating April 2023 as “Second Chance Month”.

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National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls: Senate agreed to S. Res. 194, designating May 5, 2023, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls”.

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Procedures Covering Suspension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties: By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 109), Senate passed H.J. Res. 39, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Commerce relating to “Procedures Covering Sus-

pension of Liquidation, Duties and Estimated Duties in Accord With Presidential Proclamation 10414”.

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Lesser Prairie-Chicken Rule: By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 110), Senate passed S.J. Res. 9, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status with Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”.

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

Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution.

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Hunt Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of LaShonda A. Hunt, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 112), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 4, 2023, post-cloture, and that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women’s Issues, with the time until 1:45 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 107), Orelia Eleta Merchant, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

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By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 111), Wesley L. Hsu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 108), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—112) Pages S1478, S1499–S1500

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1516.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Energy, including the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from David M. Turk, Deputy Secretary, and Jill Hruby, Under Secretary, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony

from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine combatting transnational criminal organizations and related trafficking, after receiving testimony from James Mandryck, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Intelligence and Analysis, and Diane Sabatino, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner of Field Operations, both of Customs and Border Protection, and Matthew Millhollin, Assistant Director for Countering Transnational Organized Crime, Homeland Security Investigations, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

COST OF FOSSIL FUELS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the real cost of fossil fuels, after receiving testimony from Ted Gayer, Niskanen Center, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, The Heritage Foundation Center on Energy, Climate, and Environment, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nicole C. Deziel, Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, Connecticut.

BUDGET: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2024 Army Corps of Engineers budget and implementation of Water Resources Development Act of 2022, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine barriers to mental health care, focusing on improving provider directory accuracy to reduce the prevalence of ghost networks, after receiving testimony from Keris Jan Myrick, Inseparable, Washington, D.C.; Jack Resneck, Jr., American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois; Robert L. Trestman, American Psychiatric Association, Roanoke, Virginia; Mary Giliberti, Mental Health America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Jeff Rideout, Integrated Healthcare Association, Oakland, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 396, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 682, to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1240, to modify the requirements for candidate countries under the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003;

S. 1325, to establish a partnership with nations in the Western Hemisphere to promote economic competitiveness, democratic governance, and security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 841, to authorize the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, to prioritize natural disaster resilience, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 797, to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 119, recognizing the 202nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States;

S. Res. 157, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement;

S. Res. 106, condemning Beijing's destruction of Hong Kong's democracy and rule of law, with amendments;

S. Res. 99, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 7, condemning Russia's unjust and arbitrary detention of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza who has stood up in defense of democracy, the rule of law, and free and fair elections in Russia, with amendments;

S. Res. 115, supporting the goals and ideals of "Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month" and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction;

S. Res. 23, demanding that the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Communist Party of China immediately release Mark Swidan; and

The nominations of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive

Board of the World Health Organization, Pamela M. Tremont, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, all of the Department of State, Elizabeth Shortino, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, Kenneth M. Jarin, of Pennsylvania, to be Chair, and to be a Member, and Jeffrey Gedmin, of the District of Columbia, Kathleen Cunningham Matthews, of Maryland, Luis Manuel Botello, of Maryland, and Michelle Mai Selesky Giuda, of Virginia, each to be a Member, all of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

GLOBAL INFORMATION WARS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development concluded a hearing to examine the global information wars, after receiving testimony from Amanda Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, Agency for Global Media; David Stilwell, Air Force Academy Institute for Future Conflict, former Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Christopher Walker, National Endowment for Democracy, and Jessica Brandt, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported to consider S. 1308, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to extend the deadline for the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate regulations implementing title IV of that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 195, to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854, S. 382, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, and S. 1322, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify the authorized purposes and term period of tribal leases, after receiving testimony from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Doreen Blaker, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Baraga, Michigan; and Annette M. Bryan, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Tacoma, Washington.

DIGITAL ADVERTISING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine competition in the digital advertising ecosystem, after receiving testimony from Dina H. Srinivasan, Yale University Thurman Arnold Project, New Haven, Connecticut; Roger P. Alford, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana; Barry C. Lynn, The Open Markets Institute,

Washington, D.C.; Jason Kint, Digital Content Next, New York, New York; and M. Todd Henderson, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade, to hold hearings to examine commodity programs, credit, and crop insurance, focusing on industry perspectives on risk management and access to credit, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine worldwide threats; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine holding executives accountable after recent bank failures, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine The Default on America Act, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Arthur W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Yael Lempert, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Roger F. Nyhus, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, all of the Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine preparing for the next public health emergency, focusing on reauthorizing the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, 1 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael Arthur Delaney, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Charnelle Bjelkengren, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, S. Kato Crews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Jeremy C. Daniel, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Marian F. Gaston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Brendan Abell Hurson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Darrel James Papillion, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Molly R. Silfen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, Eric G. Olshan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years, Craig J. Anderson, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of four years, S. 1207, to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, S. 1199, to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry, S. 1080, to amend the

Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations, S. 412, to provide that it is unlawful to knowingly distribute private intimate visual depictions with reckless disregard for the individual's lack of consent

to the distribution, and S. 1170, to reauthorize and update the Project Safe Childhood program, 9 a.m., SH-216.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, May 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of LaShonda A. Hunt, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m. Following consideration of the nomination of LaShonda A. Hunt, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States. Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, May 5

House Chamber

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



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