

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1685–S1713*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1632–1669, and S. Res. 215–217. **Pages S1703–05**

**Measures Reported:**

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1703**

**Measures Passed:**

**Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility:** By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 130), Senate passed S.J. Res. 18, disapproving of the rule submitted by the Department of Homeland Security relating to "Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility". **Pages S1698–S1701**

**Jewish American Heritage Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 203, recognizing the significance of Jewish American Heritage Month as a time to celebrate the contributions of Jewish Americans to the society and culture of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1712**

**National Fentanyl Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 215, supporting the mission and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day in 2023, including increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people. **Page S1709**

**National Police Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 216, designating the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023, as "National Police Week". **Pages S1709–11**

**National Senior Fraud Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 217, supporting the designation of May 15, 2023, as "National Senior Fraud Awareness Day" to raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent scams targeted at seniors in the United States, to encourage the implementation of policies

to prevent those scams from happening, and to improve protections from those scams for seniors.

**Pages S1711–12**

**Papillion Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Darrel James Papillion, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Page S1698**

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

By 63 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 129), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1698**

**Abudu Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Nancy G. Abudu, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S1701**

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

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 131), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1701**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 18, 2023; and that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Pages S1712–13**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 128), Jeremy C. Daniel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

**Pages S1685–98**

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

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 127), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1685–98**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S1703**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1705–07**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S1707–12**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1702–03**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S1712

**Privileges of the Floor:** Page S1712

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—131) Pages S1689, S1698, S1701

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1713.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Xochitl Torres Small, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

### RURAL BROADBAND

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy concluded hearings to examine rural broadband, focusing on connecting our communities to the digital economy, after receiving testimony from Roger Nishi, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, Waitsfield, Vermont; Christa Shute, NEK Broadband, Saint Johnsbury, Vermont; Jesse L. Shekleton, Jo-Carroll Energy, Elizabeth, Illinois; J. Frederick Johnson, Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Rainsville, Alabama; and Justin Forde, Midcontinent Communications, West Fargo, North Dakota.

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, concluded hearings to examine the role of Special Operations Forces in supporting the National Defense Strategy, including activities that contribute to long-term strategic competition with China and Russia, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Schroden, Research Program Director, Countering Threats and Challenges, Center for Naval Analyses, and Lieutenant General Kenneth Tovo, U.S. Army (Ret.), former Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,062 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### FEDERAL RESERVE

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded hearings to examine strengthening accountability at the Federal Reserve, including S. 1045, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and appropriate Federal regulators have the authority to claw back certain compensation paid to executives, focusing on lessons and opportunities for reform, after receiving testimony from Mark Bialek, Inspector General, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Peter Conti-Brown, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and Paul H. Kupiec, American Enterprise Institute, and Mayra Rodriguez Valladares, MRV Associates, both of Washington, D.C.

### TAX CUTS AND THE NATIONAL DEBT

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations drive the national debt, after receiving testimony from Bruce R. Bartlett, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, Great Falls, Virginia; and Bobby Kogan, Center for American Progress, Samantha Jacoby, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Adam N. Michel, Cato Institute, and Scott Hodge, Tax Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 92, to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the "Rick Boucher Amphitheater";

S. 162, to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon;

S. 199, to codify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain landscape-scale forest restoration projects;

S. 440, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws;

S. 452, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a Nuclear Fuel Security Program, expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program, and submit a report on a civil nuclear credit program, with an amendment;

S. 534, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development;

S. 535, to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units;

S. 593, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument;

S. 612, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act;

S. 623, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs;

S. 683, to modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California;

S. 706, to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws;

S. 736, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System;

S. 776, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River system in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico;

S. 843, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of funds for certain additional CARE Act projects;

S. 873, to improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land, with amendments;

S. 1260, to release the reversionary interest of the United States in certain non-Federal land in Salt Lake City, Utah, with an amendment;

S. 1466, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor;

S. 1540, to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide for circumstances under which reinitiation of consultation is not required under a land and resource management plan or land use plan under those Acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary, Department of Energy.

## PROJECT REVIEWS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal actions to improve project reviews for a cleaner and stronger economy, after receiving testimony from Brenda Mallory, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Christine Harada, Executive Director, Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council; and Jason S. Miller, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

## IMPROVING HEALTH CARE ACCESS

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine improving health care access in rural communities, focusing on obstacles and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Erin Aune, Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, Glasgow, Montana, on behalf of the National Association of Rural Health Clinics; Sara K. Rich, Choptank Community Health System, Inc., Denton, Maryland; David C. Herman, Essentia Health, Duluth, Minnesota; and Mark Holmes, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jennifer M. Adams, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Heather Roach Variava, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Julie Turner, of Maryland, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador, Matthew D. Murray, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and Jennifer L. Johnson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 285, to provide for the perpetuation, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 311, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1137, to establish the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 931, to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1528, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors;

S. 1549, to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1425, to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1464, to restrict the flow of illicit drugs into the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1564, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish, or otherwise ensure the provision of, a training program on artificial intelligence for Federal management officials and supervisors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1443, to require an interagency strategy for creating a unified posture on counter-unmanned aircraft systems (C-UAS) capabilities and protections at international borders of the United States;

S. 1510, to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office; and

S. 473, to provide for drone security, and S. 1560, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy.

## MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine health care denials

and delays in Medicare Advantage, after receiving testimony from Megan Tinker, Chief of Staff, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Jean Fuglesten Biniek, KFF, Washington, D.C.; Christine J. Huberty, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc., Madison; Lisa M. Grabert, Marquette University College of Nursing, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Gloria S. Bent, Hartford, Connecticut.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security concluded a hearing to examine a crisis in mental health and substance use disorder care, focusing on closing gaps in access by bringing care and prevention to communities, after receiving testimony from Maria G. Celli, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, Brockton, Massachusetts; Steven Denny, Four County Mental Health Center, Inc., Independence, Kansas; Warren Y.K. Ng, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York, New York; and Stephen M. Taylor, American Society of Addiction Medicine, Birmingham, Alabama.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ana de Alba, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, and Irma Carrillo Ramirez, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## FEDERAL JUDICIAL ETHICS PROCESSES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights concluded a hearing to examine Federal judicial ethics processes at the Judicial Conference of the United States, after receiving testimony from Mark L. Wolf, Senior U.S. District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Boston.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 and 2025 advance appropriations requests for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Morgan Brown, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Shane Liermann, Disabled American Veterans, and Patrick

Murray, Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Washington, D.C.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 65 public bills, H.R. 3392–3456; and 13 resolutions, H. Res. 409–419, were introduced. **Pages H2423–27**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2429–30**

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

H.R. 485, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit the use of quality-adjusted life years and similar measures in coverage and payment determinations under Federal health care programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–65, Part 1);

H.R. 501, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require registrants to decline to fill certain suspicious orders, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–66, Part 1);

H.R. 467, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–67, Part 1);

H.R. 1669, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the high technology pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–68); and

H.J. Res. 44, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to “Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached ‘Stabilizing Braces’” (H. Rept. 118–69). **Page H2422**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Self to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2381**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2386**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened at 5:01 p.m. **Page H2401**

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Robert Garcia (CA) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the

resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the D’Esposito motion to refer to the Committee on Ethics the resolution (H. Res. 114), in the matter of George Santos, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 204 nays with 7 answering “present”, Roll No. 217. **Page H2401**

**Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act:** The House passed H.R. 3091, to allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 222. **Pages H2389–94**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–5, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H2390**

Agreed to:

McCormick amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–59) that strikes “fair market value” and replaces it with “salvage value,” which is defined as the value of an asset at the end of its useful life (by a recorded vote of 248 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 219); **Pages H2391–92**

Luttrell amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–59) that allows retired federal law enforcement officers to also be eligible to purchase retired service weapons (by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 220); and **Pages H2392–93**

Rosendale amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–59) that expands the types of weapons officers are allowed to purchase to include all retired firearms (by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 217 noes, Roll No. 221). **Pages H2393–94**

Rejected:

Jacobs amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–59) that sought to require each federal agency to establish determinations for an officer in good standing (by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 219 noes, Roll No. 218). **Page H2402**

H. Res. 398, providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2494) and (H.R. 3091) and the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 40) was agreed to yesterday, May 16th.

**Protect Our Law enforcement with Immigration Control and Enforcement Act of 2023:** The House passed H.R. 2494, to make the assault of a law enforcement officer a deportable offense, by a recorded vote of 255 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 225.

**Pages H2394–H2400, H2401–05, H2405–07**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–4, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Boebert amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–59) that requires DHS to make publicly available on its website an annual report on the number of illegal aliens deported for assaulting a law enforcement officer (by a recorded vote of 303 ayes to 126 noes, Roll No. 223).

**Pages H2405–07**

Rejected:

Correa amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–59) that sought to amend the bill to require a conviction (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 224).

**Pages H2406–07**

H. Res. 398, providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2494) and (H.R. 3091) and the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 40) was agreed to yesterday, May 16th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, May 18th.

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**Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development—**

**Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years: Mr. Trent Kelly of Saltillo, Mississippi.

**Page H2408**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Boyle (PA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 350) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 626) to advance commonsense policy priorities (Discharge Petition No. 1).

**Senate Referral:** S. 467 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page S2386.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2401, H2402, H2402–03, H2403–04, H2404, H2405, H2405–06, H2406–07, and H2407.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### A REVIEW OF ANIMAL AGRICULTURE STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing entitled “A Review of Animal Agriculture Stakeholder Priorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Subcommittee on Legislative Branch FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 1418, the “Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2023”; H.R. 3281, the “Transparent PRICE Act”; H.R. 2666, the “MVP Act”; H.R. 3285, the “Fairness for Patient Medications Act”; H.R. 3284, the “Providers and Payers COMPETE Act”; H.R. 2544, the “Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act”; and H.R. 3290, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to ensure transparency and oversight of the 340B drug discount program. H.R. 1418, H.R. 3281, and H.R. 2666, were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 3285, H.R. 3284, H.R. 2544, and H.R. 3290 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 3309, the “Standard FEES Act”; H.R. 3293, the “Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Act”; H.R. 3299, the “DIGITAL Applications Act”; H.R. 3283, the “Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act”; H.R. 3343, the “Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act”; H.R. 3345, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to grant a license or construction permit through a system of competitive bidding; and H.R. 3291, the “Proportional Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act”. H.R. 3309, H.R. 3293, H.R. 3299, H.R. 3283, H.R. 3343, and H.R. 3345 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 3291 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

**CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OVER REGIONAL BANK FAILURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Continued Oversight Over Regional Bank Failures”. Testimony was heard from Adrienne Harris, Superintendent, New York Department of Financial Services; Clothilde Hewlett, Commissioner, California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation; and public witnesses.

**THE CURRENT MORTGAGE MARKET: UNDERMINING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY WITH POLITICS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Current Mortgage Market: Undermining Housing Affordability with Politics”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE STATE OF AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN 2023: GREAT POWER COMPETITION AND PERSISTENT CRISES IN AN ERA OF BUDGET CONSTRAINTS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of American Influence in 2023: Great Power Competition and Persistent Crises in an Era of Budget Constraints”. Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3286, the “Securing Open-Source Software Act of 2023”; H.R. 1501, the “Unmanned Aerial Security Act”; H.R. 3224, the “Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act of

2023”; H.R. 3208, the “DHS Cybersecurity On-the-Job Training Program Act”; and H.R. 3254, the “First Responder Access to Innovative Technologies Act”. H.R. 1501 and H.R. 3286 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3208, H.R. 3224, and H.R. 3254 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: PART I—INTEROPERABILITY OF AI AND COPYRIGHT LAW**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property: Part I—Interoperability of AI and Copyright Law”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Con. Res. 34, expressing disapproval of the withdrawal by the Secretary of the Interior of approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System lands in Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota, from disposition under the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws; H.R. 3195, the “Superior National Forest Restoration Act”; H.R. 2989, the “Save Our Sequoias Act”; H.R. 200, the “FIR Act”; H.R. 1586, the “Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023”; H.R. 359, the “Fort San Geronimo Preservation Act”; H.R. 886, the “Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act”; and H.R. 663, the “Native American Child Protection Act”. H. Con. Res. 34 and H.R. 359 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 3195, H.R. 2989, H.R. 200, H.R. 1586, H.R. 886, and H.R. 663 were ordered reported, as amended.

**TRACKING THE POSTAL SERVICE: AN UPDATE ON THE DELIVERING FOR AMERICA PLAN**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “Tracking the Postal Service: An Update on the Delivering for America Plan”. Testimony was heard from Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service.

**LIKE FIRE THROUGH DRY GRASS: NURSING HOME MORTALITY AND COVID-19 POLICIES**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Like Fire Through Dry Grass: Nursing

Home Mortality and COVID-19 Policies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **DRIVING BAD POLICY: EXAMINING EPA’S TAILPIPE EMISSIONS RULES AND THE REALITIES OF A RAPID ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRANSITION**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Driving Bad Policy: Examining EPA’s Tailpipe Emissions Rules and the Realities of a Rapid Electric Vehicle Transition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **TAKING ON MORE RISK: EXAMINING THE SBA’S CHANGES TO THE 7(A) LENDING PROGRAM PART II**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Taking on More Risk: Examining the SBA’s Changes to the 7(a) Lending Program Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE IMPACTS OF FEMA’S STRATEGIC PLAN ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “The Impacts of FEMA’s Strategic Plan on Disaster Preparedness and Response”. Testimony was heard from Erik Hooks, Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Chris Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

#### **VHA RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: IS BUREAUCRACY HOLDING BACK A QUALITY WORKFORCE**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “VHA Recruitment and Retention: Is Bureaucracy Holding Back a Quality Workforce”. Testimony was heard from Tracey Therit, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: STEPS TO ENSURE SUCCESS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AS THEY ENTER CIVILIAN LIFE**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Transition Assistance Program: Steps to Ensure Success for Servicemembers as they Enter Civilian Life”.

Testimony was heard from Alex Baird, Acting Director, Defense Support Services Center, Department of Defense; Cheryl J. Rawls, Executive Director, Outreach, Transition and Economic Development, Department of Veterans Affairs; Margarita Devlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor; Dawn Locke Director, Strategic Studies, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **WHY HEALTH CARE IS UNAFFORDABLE: ANTICOMPETITIVE AND CONSOLIDATED MARKETS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Why Health Care is Unaffordable: Anticompetitive and Consolidated Markets”. Testimony was heard from Glen Mulready, Commissioner, Oklahoma Insurance Department; and public witnesses.

#### **ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CENTER (NCTC)**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on National Intelligence Enterprise held a hearing entitled “Roles and Functions of the National Counterintelligence Center (NCTC)”. This hearing was closed.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a business meeting on publicly releasing an unclassified transcript of a recent Committee event. The Committee authorized the public release of an unclassified transcript from a March 1, 2023, full Committee briefing on the role of the National Archives and Records Administration in presidential records and the handling of classified documents.

#### **LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD: HOW TO COUNTER THE CCP’S ECONOMIC AGGRESSION**

*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Leveling the Playing Field: How to Counter the CCP’s Economic Aggression”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **U.S. DEFAULT CRISIS**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how a U.S. default crisis harms American families and businesses, after receiving testimony from Mick Mulvaney, former Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Charlotte, North



Carolina; and Wendy Edelberg, Brookings Institution Hamilton Project, and Indivar Dutta-Gupta, Center for Law and Social Policy, both of Washington, D.C.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators, focusing on financial stability, supervision, and consumer protection in the wake of recent bank failures, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine tax incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act, focusing on jobs and investment in energy communities, 10:15 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy towards the Western Balkans, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider 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. 546, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants for recruitment activities, S. 1387, to reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 1530, to permit COPS grants to be used for the purpose of increasing the compensation and hiring of law enforcement officers, S. 994, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe

Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities, S. 474, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen reporting to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children, to modernize liabilities for such reports, to preserve the contents of such reports for 1 year, and the nominations of Michael Arthur Delaney, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, and Shannon R. Saylor, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the strained nursing home inspection system and the need to improve oversight, transparency, and accountability, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, markup on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, markup on the Subcommittee on Homeland Security FY 2024 Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Putting the ‘Stable’ in ‘Stablecoins:’ How Legislation Will Help Stablecoins Achieve Their Promise”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific, hearing entitled “Standing United Against the People’s Republic of China’s Economic Aggression and Predatory Practices”, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, May 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Nancy G. Abudu, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, post-cloture.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, May 18

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H. Con. Res. 40—Expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund or dismantle local law enforcement agencies.

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