

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1987–S2011

Measures Introduced: Thirty-four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1837–1870, and S. Res. 239–242. **Pages S2004–06**

Measures Passed:

ALS Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 239, designating May 2023 as “ALS Awareness Month”. **Pages S2009–10, S2011**

National Seersucker Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 240, designating June 8, 2023, as “National Seersucker Day”, designating every Thursday after National Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in August 2023 as “Seersucker Thursday”, and designating June 2023 as “Seersucker Appreciation Month”. **Pages S2010, S2011**

Congratulating the North Carolina Central University Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 241, commending and congratulating the North Carolina Central University football team for winning the 2022 Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Football Championship in the 2022 Celebration Bowl. **Pages S2010, S2011**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senator Collins. **Page S2011**

Ho Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, be withdrawn. **Page S1991**

Syed Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Page S1993**

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

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 149), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1993**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, on Thursday, June 8, 2023. **Page S1993**

Silfen Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of 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. **Pages S1993–98**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 8, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Molly R. Silfen; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Molly R. Silfen, all post-cloture time be considered expired at 1:45 p.m. **Page S2011**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 148), David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy. **Pages S1987–92**

William R. Hart, of New Hampshire, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

Justin L. Martinez, of Utah, to be United States Marshal for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Shannon R. Saylor, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years. **Page S2011**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—149) Pages S1991–93

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2011.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

THE FARM BILL AND SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research concluded a hearing to examine how the Farm Bill works for specialty crop producers, focusing on the horticulture title, after receiving testimony from Chris Alonzo, Pietro Industries, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, on behalf of American Mushroom; Nick Carter, Mud Creek Farm, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the Indiana Farm Bureau; Charles Wingard, Walter P. Rawl and Co, Pelion, South Carolina, on behalf of the International Fresh Produce Association; Margaret Leigh Worthington, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, Fayetteville, on behalf of the American Seed Trade Association; and Diana L. Kobus, PCO Certified Organic, Spring Mills, Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE AND WARTIME STOCKPILES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense received a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for capacity of the defense industrial base and wartime stockpiles from Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, William A. LaPlante, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Vice Admiral Sara Joyner, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, J8, Joint Staff, and Major General David Odom, Deputy Director for Current and Integrated Operations, J3, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

THE CHANGING AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the changing agricultural landscape, focusing on cultivating stewardship, after receiving testimony from Brandon Willis, Utah State University, Logan; Martin Larsen, Larsen Family Farm and Byron Area Farmers Group, Byron, Minnesota; Brent Johnson, Iowa Farm Bureau, West Des Moines; and Bryan Sievers, Sievers Family Farms and Roeslein Alternative Energy, Stockton, Iowa.

USACE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on ecosystem restoration projects of the US Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from Lorianne Riggins, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Columbia; Tricia Balluff, City of Phoenix Environmental Programs Coordinator, Phoenix, Arizona; and Eric Eikenberg, The Everglades Foundation, Palmetto Bay, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE SERVICES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of State services for the American people, focusing on an overview of consular affairs and programs, after receiving testimony from Rena Bitter, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs.

TRANSATLANTIC APPROACHES ON CHINA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine aligning transatlantic approaches on China, after receiving testimony from Noah Barkin, and Andrew Small, both of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and Janka Oertel, European Council on Foreign Relations, all of Berlin, Germany.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1723, to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Loren L. AliKhan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Susan Kim DeClercq, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Stabenow and Peters, Julia Kathleen Munley, to be

United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Casey, and Vernon D. Oliver, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence and intellectual property, focusing on patents, innovation, and competition, after receiving testimony from Corey Salsberg, Novartis, and Rama G. Elluru, Special Competitive Studies Project, both of Washington, D.C.; Laura Sheridan, Google, New York, New York; and Ryan Abbott, University of California David Geffen School of Medicine, and John Villasenor, University of California Institute for Technology, Law, and Policy, both of Los Angeles.

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Election Assistance Commission, after receiving testi-

mony from Christy McCormick, Chairwoman, Ben Hovland, Vice Chair, and Donald Palmer, and Thomas Hicks, both a Commissioner, all of the Election Assistance Commission.

ACCESS TO LONG TERM CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' access to long term care, after receiving testimony from M. Christopher Saslo, Assistant Under Secretary for Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer, and Scotte R. Hartronft, Executive Director, Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care, both of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jonathan Blum, Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.; Whitney Bell, National Association of State Veterans Homes, Fayetteville, North Carolina; and Carla Wilton, Immanuel Lutheran Communities, Kalispell, Montana.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 3881–3934; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 477–484, were introduced. **Pages H2777–79**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2781–82**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3564, to cancel recent changes made by the Federal Housing Finance Agency to the up-front loan level pricing adjustments charged by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for guarantee of single-family mortgages, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–103). **Page H2777**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bentz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2767**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2773**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 6:41 p.m. **Page H2775**

National Commission on the Future of the Navy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the National Commission on the Future of the Navy: Mr. Scott O'Neil of Ridgecrest, California. **Page H2775**

Presidential Veto Message—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Waivers and Modifications of Federal Student Loans”: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his Memorandum of Disapproval of H.J. Res. 45, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Waivers and Modifications of Federal Student Loans”, and explained his reasons therefore—ordered printed (H. Doc. 118–46). **Page H2775**

Without objection, the House postponed further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution until the legislative day of June 21, 2023.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 9th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, June 12th for Morning Hour debate.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INNOVATION, EMPLOYMENT, INTEGRITY, AND HEALTH: OPPORTUNITIES FOR MODERNIZATION IN TITLE IV

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Innovation, Employment, Integrity, and Health: Opportunities for Modernization in Title IV”. Testimony was heard from Tikki Brown, Assistant Commissioner, Children and Family Services, Department of Human Services, Minnesota; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Department of Labor”. Testimony was heard from Julie Su, Acting Secretary, Department of Labor.

BUILDING BLOCKCHAINS: EXPLORING WEB3 AND OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Building Blockchains: Exploring Web3 and Other Applications for Distributed Ledger Technologies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOOKING BACK BEFORE MOVING FORWARD: ASSESSING CDC'S FAILURES IN FULFILLING ITS MISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Looking Back Before Moving Forward: Assessing CDC's Failures in Fulfilling Its Mission”. Testimony was heard from Mary Denigan-Macauley, Director of

Public Health, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

DOLLAR DOMINANCE: PRESERVING THE U.S. DOLLAR'S STATUS AS THE GLOBAL RESERVE CURRENCY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Dollar Dominance: Preserving the U.S. Dollar's Status as the Global Reserve Currency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE FISCAL YEAR 24 BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Examining the Fiscal Year 24 Bureau of Consular Affairs Budget”. Testimony was heard from Rena Bitter, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

IGNORING OUR ALLIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE: REVIEWING PRESIDENT BIDEN'S FY24 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Ignoring Our Allies in the Western Hemisphere: Reviewing President Biden's FY24 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of State officials: Brian Nichols, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Todd Robinson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement; and Julieta Valls Noyes, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and Marcela Escobari, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS: THE MENACING THREAT TO THE U.S. HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Transnational Criminal Organizations: The Menacing Threat to the U.S. Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS: THE PATH TO ELECTION INTEGRITY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee; and Full Committee of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability held a joint hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: The

Path to Election Integrity in the District of Columbia”. Testimony was heard from Monica Evans, Executive Director, D.C. Board of Elections; and public witnesses.

THE BORDER CRISIS: IS THE LAW BEING FAITHFULLY EXECUTED?

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “The Border Crisis: Is the Law Being Faithfully Executed?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 630, the “Urban Indian Health Confer Act”; H.R. 1240, the “Winnebago Land Transfer Act of 2023”; H.R. 1722, the “Grand Ronde Reservation Act Amendment of 2023”; H.R. 2461, the “San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Homelands Act of 2023”; H.R. 2839, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3371, the “Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act”. Testimony was heard from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Melanie Anne Egorin, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING ONGOING CYBERSECURITY THREATS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND THE NEXUS TO STATE-SPONSORED CYBER ACTORS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Ongoing Cybersecurity Threats within the Department of the Interior and the Nexus to State-Sponsored Cyber Actors”. Testimony was heard from Mark Greenblatt, Inspector General, Department of the Interior; Marisol Cruz Cain, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

ADVANCING AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing American Leadership in Quantum Technology”. Testimony was heard from Charles Tahan, Director, National Quantum Coordination Office, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Eleanor G. Rieffel, Senior Researcher, Advanced Computing and Data Analytics, Ames Research Center,

National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

PRICES ON THE RISE: EXAMINING THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Prices on the Rise: Examining the Effects of Inflation on Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3667, the “Social Security Child Protection Act of 2023”; H.R. 3784, the “Improving Social Security’s Service to Victims of Identity Theft Act”; H.R. 3796, to provide for the extension of taxes funding the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to require the designation of certain airports as ports of entry; H.R. 1843, the “Telehealth Expansion Act of 2023”; H.R. 3800, the “Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act”; H.R. 3797, the “Paperwork Burden Reduction Act”; H.R. 3801, the “Employer Reporting Improvement Act”; H.R. 3798, the “Small Business Flexibility Act”; and H.R. 3799, the “Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense Arrangement Act”. H.R. 3784, H.R. 3667, H.R. 3796, H.R. 1843, H.R. 3800, H.R. 3797, H.R. 3801, H.R. 3798, and H.R. 3799 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from junk fees, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Federal response to escalating wildfires and to evaluate reforms to land management and wildland firefighter recruitment and retention, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine consolidation and corporate ownership in health care, focusing on trends and impacts on access, quality, and costs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 920, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, S. 1457, to authorize negotiation and conclusion and to provide for congressional consideration of a tax agreement between the American Institute

in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), S. 1074, to require a strategy for countering the People's Republic of China, S. 308, to end the treatment of the People's Republic of China as a developing nation, S. 416, to designate the Russian-based mercenary Wagner Group as a foreign terrorist organization, S. Res. 174, condemning the human rights record of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini and the brutal killing of Eswatini activist Thulani Maseko on January 21, 2023, S. Res. 156, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to release United States citizen Paul Whelan, S. Res. 158, condemning the deportation of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation and the forcible transfer of children within territories of Ukraine that are temporarily occupied by Russian forces, S. Res. 126, recognizing the vital importance of the Mekong River to Southeast Asia and the role of the Mekong-United States Partnership in supporting the prosperity of the region, the nominations of Bryan David Hunt, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Heather Roach Variava, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, 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), Jennifer M. Adams, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, and Jennifer L. Johnson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 10:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the American youth mental health crisis, focusing on causes and solutions, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine FASTA implementation and optimizing the efficient use of Federal property, 10 a.m., SD-562.

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. 1094, to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed, and the nominations of Ana de Alba, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Irma Carrillo S. Ramirez, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, markup on legislation on recommending that the House of Representatives find Christopher Wray, Director, U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, June 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of 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.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Molly R. Silfen.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Molly R. Silfen, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 9

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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