

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2013–S2036*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1871–1920, S.J. Res. 31, and S. Res. 243–245. **Pages S2028–29**

#### Measures Reported:

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. (S. Rept. No. 118–38)

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, with an amendment.

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, with amendments.

S. 1387, to reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1530, to permit COPS grants to be used for the purpose of increasing the compensation and hiring of law enforcement officers. **Page S2027**

#### Measures Passed:

*Honoring the Memory of the Victims of the Pulse Nightclub Attack:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 245, honoring the memory of the victims of the heinous attack at the Pulse nightclub on June 12, 2016. **Page S2035**

#### Appointments:

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Senators Grassley (Vice Chairman), Cornyn, and Risch. **Page S2035**

**Allen Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy. **Page S2018**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 8, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023. **Page S2036**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2018**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2018**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 12, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, June 8, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 12, 2023. **Page S2036**

**Vera Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S2018**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy. **Page S2018**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2018**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2018**

**Bernstein Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jared Bernstein, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. **Pages S2018–19**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S2018**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2018**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2018**

**Pitts Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of P. Casey Pitts, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Page S2019**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jared Bernstein, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. **Page S2019**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2019**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2019**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 150), Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Page S2019**

By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 152), 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. **Page S2021**

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

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 151), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2019–20**

Eric G. Olshan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years. **Page S2025**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Michael Colin Casey, of Kentucky, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

Jerry Edwards, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Philip S. Hadji, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Brandon S. Long, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Rebecca C. Lutzko, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years. **Page S2036**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2026–27**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2035**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—152) **Pages S2019–21**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:44 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2036.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### JUNK FEES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting consumers from junk fees, after receiving testimony from Vicki G. Morwitz, Columbia Business School, New York, New York; Todd Zywicki, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; and Sally Greenberg, National Consumers League, Washington, D.C.

### ESCALATING WILDFIRES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal response to escalating wildfires and to evaluate reforms to land management and wildland firefighter recruitment and retention, after receiving testimony from Jeffery Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, Department of the Interior; Jaelith Hall-Rivera,

Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Cardell D. Johnson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Kelly Norris, Wyoming Forestry Division, Cheyenne.

### CONSOLIDATION AND CORPORATE OWNERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine consolidation and corporate ownership in health care, focusing on trends and impacts on access, quality, and costs, after receiving testimony from Zack Cooper, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; R. Shawn Martin, American Academy of Family Physicians, Leawood, Kansas; Karen E. Joynt Maddox, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri; Chris Thomas, Community Hospital, Grand Junction, Colorado; and Caroline Pearson, Peterson Center on Healthcare, New York, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 920, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000;

S. 1074, to require a strategy for countering the People's Republic of China, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 308, to end the treatment of the People's Republic of China as a developing nation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with amendments;

S. Res. 156, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to release United States citizen Paul Whelan, with amendments;

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, with amendments;

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, with amendments; and

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.

### FASTA

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine FASTA implementation and optimizing the efficient use of Federal property, after receiving testimony from after receiving testimony from Nina Albert, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; David Marroni, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; and Nick Rahall, Board Member, Public Buildings Reform Board.

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the American youth mental health crisis, focusing on causes and solutions, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy, Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; Katy Neas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education, Office of Special and Rehabilitative Education Services; Charlene Russell-Tucker, Connecticut Commissioner of Education, Hartford; Josh Garcia, Tacoma School District, Tacoma, Washington; and Joy D. Osofsky, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, June 12

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 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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