

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S2055–S2078

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1931–1962, S.J. Res. 32, and S. Res. 246–250. **Pages S2070–71**

#### Measures Reported:

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, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 118–39)

S. 1549, to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies. (S. Rept. No. 118–40)

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 an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 156, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to release United States citizen Paul Whelan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

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, and with an amended preamble.

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. 1074, to require a strategy for countering the People's Republic of China, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2068**

#### Measures Passed:

**Great Outdoors Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 248, designating June 2023 as “Great Outdoors Month”. **Page S2071**

**National Sarcoma Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 249, expressing support for the designation of July 2023 as “National Sarcoma Awareness Month”. **Page S2071**

**National Naloxone Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 250, designating June 6, 2023, as National Naloxone Awareness Day. **Page S2071**

**250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Commemorative Coin Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 305, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support programs at the Marine Corps Heritage Center, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2076–77**

Durbin (for Blumenthal) Amendment No. 135, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2076–77**

**Oswaldo Payá Way:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 376, to designate the area between the intersections of 16th Street, Northwest and Fuller Street, Northwest and 16th Street, Northwest and Euclid Street, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as “Oswaldo Payá Way”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2077–78**

**Pitts, Ho, and Choudhury Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of P. Casey Pitts, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, until 11:30 a.m.; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, followed by an immediate vote on 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; that if cloture is invoked on either nomination, all post-cloture time be considered

expired at 2:30 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order in which cloture was invoked; and that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, at 5:15 p.m.

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

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 154), Elizabeth Allen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

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By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 157), Hernan D. Vera, 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 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 155), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 158), Jared Bernstein, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 156), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—158)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2078.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: SPACE CAPABILITIES

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense received a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal 2024 for space capabilities of the Department of Defense and intelligence community from Frank Calvelli, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisitions and Integration, and General David D. Thompson, Vice Chief of Space Operations, both of the Department of Defense; and Troy Meink, Principal Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

### NOMINATION

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Eric M. Smith, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported 4,194 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

### CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

### NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the state of Native American housing, including S.70, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, after receiving testimony from Chelsea E. Fish, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.; Tammy Moreland, Minnesota Tribal Collaborative to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Leech Lake Reservation, Minnesota; W. Patrick Goggles, Northern Arapaho Tribal Housing, Ethete, Wyoming; and Pete Upton, Native CDFI Network and Native360 Loan Fund, Grand Island, Nebraska.

## TRAVEL AND TOURISM LEGISLATION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion concluded an oversight hearing to examine implementation of travel and tourism legislation, after receiving testimony from Brian Beall, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism; Carol A. Petsonk, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; and Christopher L. Thompson, Brand USA, Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, who was introduced by Senator Warner, Edgard D. Kagan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, Mark W. Libby, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Joel Ehrendreich, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, and Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, all of the

Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## FISA SECTION 702 OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and related surveillance authorities, after receiving testimony from Chris Fonzone, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; George Barnes, Deputy Director, National Security Agency; David Cohen, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Paul Abbate, Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Matt Olsen, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, both of the Department of Justice.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence and human rights, after receiving testimony from Geoffrey Cain, Foundation for American Innovation, Chicago, Illinois; Alexandra Reeve Givens, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Aleksander Madry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Jennifer DeStefano, Scottsdale, Arizona.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 36 public bills, H.R. 4052–4087; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 52; and H. Res. 501–508, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H2886–87

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

H.R. 1843, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exemption for telehealth services from certain high deductible health plan rules, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–109);

H.R. 3797, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an alternative manner of furnishing certain health insurance coverage statements to individuals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–110); and

H.R. 3801, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to streamline and improve the employer reporting process relating to health insurance coverage

and to protect dependent privacy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–111). Page H2883

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Houchin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2815

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. Page H2818

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 502, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. Page H2821

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Luna announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 489) censuring and condemning Adam Schiff, Representative of California's 30th Congressional District. Pages H2821–22

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, June 12th.

**Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords Act:** H.R. 3099, amended, to establish in the Department

of State the position of Special Envoy for the Abraham Accords, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 251; and **Pages H2834–35**

Calling for the immediate release of Evan Gershkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023: H. Res. 377, amended, calling for the immediate release of Evan Gershkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 256.

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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’”: The House passed 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’”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 252.

**Pages H2822–34, H2835–42, H2852–53**

H. Res. 495, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44), providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 277), (H.R. 288), (H.R. 1615), and (H.R. 1640) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 250, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 249.

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Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022—**Presidential Veto:** The House voted to sustain the President’s veto of H.J. Res. 42, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 253, (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

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Subsequently, the veto message (H. Doc. 118–45) and the joint resolution were referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability. **Page H2853**

**Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act:** The House passed H.R. 1615, to prohibit the use of Federal funds to ban gas stoves, by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 255.

**Pages H2844–52, H2853–55**

Agreed to:

Boebert amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–108) that expands the prohibition on federal funding to include regulations that would result in the unavailability in the United States of a type (or class) of product based on the type of fuel the product consumes (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 254).

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H. Res. 495, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44), providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 277), (H.R. 288), (H.R. 1615), and (H.R. 1640) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 250, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 249.

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**Save Our Gas Stoves Act:** The House considered H.R. 1640, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule titled “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products”. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 14th.

**Pages H2856–65**

Agreed to:

Huizenga amendment (No. 1 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–108) that requires the Secretary of Energy to disclose stakeholder meetings with entities that have ties to China, produced studies regarding or advocated for policy that limit, restrict, or ban the use of any type of energy, and have applied for or received Federal funds.

**Pages H2862–63**

Proceedings Postponed:

McGovern amendment (No. 2 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–108) that seeks to prohibit Section 3 of the bill from taking effect unless and until the Secretary of Energy certifies that the provisions of the section would not adversely affect the energy security of the United States; and

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Pallone amendment (No. 3 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–108) that seeks to strike provisions in the bill that would significantly limit future DOE rulemaking authority.

**Pages H2864–65**

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**Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2023:** The House considered H.R. 277, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution

of approval is enacted into law. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 14th.

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H. Res. 495, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 44), providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 277), (H.R. 288), (H.R. 1615), and (H.R. 1640) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 250, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 249.

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**Congressional Award Board—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Hudson. And in addition: Dr. Vipul Dev of Bakersfield, California.

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**Discharge Petitions:** Representative McBath presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 452) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 698) to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited (Discharge Petition No. 2).

Representative Clyburn presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 453) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2403) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee (Discharge Petition No. 3).

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Representative Thompson (CA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 454) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 715) to require a background check for every firearm sale (Discharge Petition No. 4).

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2833–34, H2834, H2834–35, H2852–53, H2853 and H2854.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES ON USDA'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Develop-

ment held a hearing entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives on USDA's Rural Development Programs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Full Committee held a markup on the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup on H.R. 2670, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024". H.R. 2670 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technology and Innovation held a markup on H.R. 2670, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024". H.R. 2670 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup on H.R. 2670, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024". H.R. 2670 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 2670, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024". H.R. 2670 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a markup on H.R. 2670, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024". H.R. 2670 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a markup on H.R. 2670, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024". H.R. 2670 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 824, the “Telehealth Benefit Expansion for Workers Act of 2023”; and H.R. 3941, the “Schools not Shelters Act”. H.R. 824 and H.R. 3941 were ordered reported, as amended.

## OVERSIGHT OF FERC: ADHERING TO A MISSION OF AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ENERGY FOR AMERICA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “Oversight of FERC: Adhering to a Mission of Affordable and Reliable Energy for America”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Mark C. Christie, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Allison Clements, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; James P. Danly, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Willie L. Phillips, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

## LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS TO BOLSTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR ALL HAZARDS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY THREATS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Legislative Solutions to Bolster Preparedness and Response for All Hazards and Public Health Security Threats”. Testimony was heard from Raynard Washington, Director, Public Health Department, County Health and Human Services Agency, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

## THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

## THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL ASSETS: PROVIDING CLARITY FOR THE DIGITAL ASSET ECOSYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Future of Digital Assets: Providing Clarity for the Digital Asset Ecosystem”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING THE FISCAL YEAR 24 STATE DEPARTMENT DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Examining the Fiscal Year 24 State Department Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Budget”. Testimony was heard from Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Department of State.

## FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST FOR NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request for Near Eastern Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Barbara A. Leaf, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Jeanne Pryor, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Middle East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Congressional Ethics”. Testimony was heard from Omar Ashmawy, Staff Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Congressional Ethics; Michael Barnes, Co-Chairman, Office of Congressional Ethics; and Paul Vinovich, Chairman, Office of Congressional Ethics.

## WHERE'S THE BEEF? REGULATORY BARRIERS TO ENTRY AND COMPETITION IN MEAT PROCESSING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust held a hearing entitled “Where's the Beef? Regulatory Barriers to Entry and Competition in Meat Processing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE RISE IN ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND THE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “The Rise in Organized Retail Crime and

the Threat to Public Safety". Testimony was heard from Kris Kobach, Attorney General, Kansas; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 188, the "Proven Forest Management Act"; H.R. 630, the "Urban Indian Health Confer Act"; H.R. 1240, the "Winnebago Land Transfer Act of 2023"; H.R. 1314, the "LODGE Act"; H.R. 1450, the "Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act"; H.R. 3371, the "Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act"; H.R. 3389, the "Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act of 2023"; H.R. 3562, the "Forest Service Flexible Housing Partnerships Act of 2023"; and a Committee Resolution Authorizing the Indo-Pacific Task Force in the Committee on Natural Resources. The Committee Resolution Authorizing the Indo-Pacific Task Force was adopted. H.R. 1450, H.R. 188, H.R. 1240, H.R. 3389, and H.R. 3562 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1314 and H.R. 3371 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## OVERSIGHT OF CDC POLICIES AND DECISIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled "Oversight of CDC Policies and Decisions During the COVID-19 Pandemic". Testimony was heard from Rochelle Walensky, M.D., Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

## FROM THEORY TO REALITY: THE LIMITLESS POTENTIAL OF FUSION ENERGY

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled "From Theory to Reality: The Limitless Potential of Fusion Energy". Testimony was heard from Scott Hsu, Senior Advisor and Lead Fusion Coordinator, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

## ASSISTING ENTREPRENEURS: EXAMINING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC RESOURCES HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Assisting Entrepreneurs: Examining Private and Public Resources Helping Small Businesses". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 3935, the "Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act".

## CARE COORDINATION: ASSESSING VETERAN NEEDS AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Care Coordination: Assessing Veteran Needs and Improving Outcomes". Testimony was heard from M. Christopher Saslo, Assistant Under Secretary for Health and Chief Nursing Officer, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Julie Kroviak, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4004, the "United States-Taiwan Initiative on the 21st-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act"; H.R. 3936, the "Tax Cuts for Working Families Act"; H.R. 3937, the "Small Business Jobs Act"; and H.R. 3938, the "Build It in America Act". H.R. 4004, H.R. 3937, H.R. 3938, and H.R. 3936 were ordered reported, as amended.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a business meeting on the Subcommittee Chairman's mark on legislation related to the FY24 Intelligence Authorization Act. The Subcommittee Chairman's mark on legislation related to the FY24 Intelligence Authorization Act was agreed to. This meeting was closed.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine enhancing American competitiveness through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to receive a closed briefing on the national security implications of the Compacts of Free Association, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffery Martin

Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act by the Federal Highway Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine anti-poverty and family support provisions in the tax code, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on the current dynamics in U.S.-China relations, 3:15 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1868, to require an inter-agency study to produce a security assessment process on adjacent space to high-security leased space to accommodate a Federal agency, S. 1560, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, S. 820, to add the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the list of agencies required to be represented on the PFAS interagency working group, S. 1886, to establish a Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Best Practices for Nonprofit Organizations, Faith-based Organizations, and Houses of Worship within the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1871, to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People's Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, S. 1858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance, S. 1798, to establish a Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office and an Office of Health Security in the Department of Homeland Security, S. 1822, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry, S. 1253, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry, S. 1444, to increase the pay and enhance the training of United States Border Patrol agents, S. 1865, to direct agencies to be transparent when using automated and augmented systems to interact with the public or make critical decisions, S. 1862, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide explicit authority for the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to work with international partners on cybersecurity, S. 61, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement a strategy to combat the efforts of transnational criminal organizations to recruit individuals in the United States via social media platforms and other online services and assess their use of such platforms and services for illicit activities, and S. 1835, to require the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a campaign program to raise awareness regarding the importance of cybersecurity in the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the GAO's 2023 report on opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication and achieve financial benefits, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights, to hold hearings to examine S. 359, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine improving substance use disorder care for veterans in rural America and beyond, 3 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology, hearing entitled "A Review of Title VII: University Perspectives on Research and Extension Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Full Committee, markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill; and the Report on the Interim Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2024, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Readiness, markup on H.R. 2670, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce, hearing entitled "Post-secondary Innovation: Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Opportunities", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled "Oversight of NRC: Ensuring Efficient and Predictable Nuclear Safety Regulation for a Prosperous America", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Assessing U.S. Efforts to Counter China's Coercive Belt and Road Diplomacy", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Open Borders, Closed Case: Secretary Mayorkas' Dereliction of Duty on the Border Crisis", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "American Confidence in Elections: The

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*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 788, the “Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2023”; H.R. 1525, the “FAIR Act of 2023”; H.R. 3446, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2023”; and ratification of subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Death by a Thousand Regulations: The Biden Administration’s Campaign to Bury America in Red Tape”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 3935, the “Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 491, the “Return Home to Housing Act”; H.R. 3874, the “Veterans Education Assistance Improvement Act”; H.R. 3848, the “Housing our Military Veterans Effectively Act”; legislation on the TAP Promotion Act; legislation on the Transcript Assurance for Heroes Act; legislation on the Isackson-Roe Education Oversight Expansion Act; legislation on the Servicemember Employment Protection Act of 2023; and legislation to amend title 38, to establish certain employment and reemployment rights for spouses of members of the uniformed services, 3 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency, markup on H.R. 3932, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024”, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This markup is closed.

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*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
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**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of P. Casey Pitts, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of P. Casey Pitts, Senate will vote on 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. If cloture is invoked on either nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 2:30 p.m.

At 5:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Wednesday, June 14

House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 1640—Save Our Gas Stoves Act. Complete consideration of H.R. 277—REINS Act of 2023.

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