

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2079–S2104*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1963–2002, S.J. Res. 33–34, and S. Res. 251–253. **Pages S2096–97**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 112, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida. **Page S2096**

**Measures Passed:**

*Flag of the United States 246th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 252, celebrating the 246th anniversary of the creation of the flag of the United States and expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance. **Pages S2091–92**

*Greater Washington Soap Box Derby:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S2103**

*National Service and Conservation Corps Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 253, designating June 16, 2023, as National Service and Conservation Corps Day. **Page S2103**

**Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the veto message on S.J. Res. 11, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards”, be considered as having been read and be printed in the Record and spread in full upon the Journal; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the veto message with respect to the joint resolution be considered at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in concurrence with the Republican Leader prior to June 23, 2023; that there be up to two hours for debate equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees; and that Senate vote

on passage of the joint resolution, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

**Pages S2089–90**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 11, a resolution that would disapprove the rule entitled “Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards”; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–15) **Pages S2089–90, S2095–96**

**Choudhury Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

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

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 163), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2093–94**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2023; that all time on the nomination be considered expired at 11:15 a.m.; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, occur at 1:45 p.m. **Page S2103**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 161), P. Casey Pitts, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

**Pages S2079–85, S2090**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 159), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2085**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 162), Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

**Pages S2086–89, S2090–91**

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 160), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Stephen K. Eberle, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Read the First Time:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—163)

**Pages S2085–86, S2090–91, S2094**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2104.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine enhancing American competitiveness through the United States International Development Finance Corporation, after receiving testimony from Scott A. Nathan, Chief Executive Officer, United States International Development Finance Corporation.

### COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee received a closed briefing on the national security implications of the Compacts of Free Association from officials from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### IIJA AND IRA IMPLEMENTATION BY FHWA

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act by the Federal Highway Administration, after receiving testimony from Shailen Bhatt, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

### TAX CODE ANTI-POVERTY AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROVISIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine anti-poverty and family support provisions in the tax code, after receiving testimony from Amy K. Matsui, National Women's Law Center, Washington, D.C.; Melissa Lester, MomsRising, Galloway, Ohio; Bruce D. Meyer, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Chicago, Illinois; and Grant Collins, Fedcap, Inc., New York, New York.

### U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on the current dynamics in U.S.-China relations from Nicholas Burns, Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Department of State.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1868, to require an interagency study to produce a security assessment process on adjacent space to high-security leased space to accommodate a Federal agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1560, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 820, to add the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the list of agencies required to be represented on the PFAS interagency working group, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1822, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1865, to direct agencies to be transparent when using automated and augmented systems to interact with the public or make critical decisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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

## GAO'S 2023 REPORT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Government Accountability Office's 2023 report on opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication and achieve financial benefits, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

## SAFETY OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children, after receiving testimony from Lorie Davidson, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Baltimore, Maryland; Terri Gerstein, Harvard Center for Labor and a Just Economy, New York, New York; Lora Ries, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Anne Basham, Ascend Consulting, Fairfax Station, Virginia; and Venus Bradley, Durham, North Carolina.

## SUPREME COURT ETHICS, RECUSAL, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Donald K. Sherman, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, Washington, D.C.; James J. Sample, Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Hempstead, New York; and Jennifer L. Mascott, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia.

## SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving substance use disorder care for veterans in rural America and beyond, after receiving testimony from Erica Scavella, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, Chief Medical Officer, Tamara Campbell, Executive Director, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, and Bradley V. Watts, Director, Veterans Rural Health Resource Center, Office of Rural Health, each of the Veterans Health Administration, and Julie Kroviak, Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Office of Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Jonathan H. Cantor, The RAND Corporation, New York, New York; Naomi Mathis, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.; and Chelsey Simoni, HunterSeven Foundation, Providence, Rhode Island.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2024".

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 52 public bills, H.R. 4088–4139; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 71–73; and H. Res. 509–511, were introduced.

**Pages H2930–32**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H2934–35**

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

H.R. 2868, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the treatment of certain association health plans as employers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–112); and

H. Res. 461, condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–113). **Page H2930**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Van Duyne to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2889**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2894**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 15th. **Page H2902**

**Former Members Day:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings during the former Members program be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

**Pages H2894–H2900**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:52 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m. **Page H2916**

**Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2023:** The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 265. Consideration began yesterday, June 13th. **Pages H2902–22**

Rejected the Deluzio motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 264.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–6 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the

Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Pages H2902–05**

Agreed to:

Boebert amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that revises the Comptroller General's Congressional Review Report to include an estimate of the effect on inflation; **Pages H2905–06**

Boebert amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that requires the Comptroller General to publish the GAO Study of Rules on its website; **Page H2906**

Boebert amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that requires the Comptroller General's Congressional Review Report to also be made available to the Congressional committees of jurisdiction; **Pages H2906–07**

Hageman amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that closes a loophole created by Biden's EO on Modernizing Regulatory Review by clarifying that Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs must issue a finding for each rule determining whether the rule has a significant economic impact; **Pages H2907–08**

Good (VA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that directs the Comptroller General, in consultation with the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, to make a determination on whether an agency action qualifies as a major rule under the definition of this act, if requested in writing by a member of Congress; codifies in statute existing procedures for the Comptroller General to make a determination on whether an agency action qualifies as a rule under the definition of this act, if requested in writing by a member of Congress; **Page H2908**

Tony Gonzales (TX) amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that requires any executive agency to submit a constitutional authority statement with any proposed rule; **Page H2908**

Good (VA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that creates a process for Congress to review all rules currently in effect over a 5-year period; **Page H2909**

Joyce (OH) amendment (No. 13 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that amends the definition of 'rule' to include interpretative rules, general statements of policy, and all other agency guidance documents; and **Pages H2912–13**

Roy amendment (No. 15 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that expands the definition of "major rule" to include any rule likely to result in

an increase in mandatory vaccinations (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 263).

**Pages H2914–16, H2920–21**

Rejected:

Biggs amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that sought to lower the threshold for designation as a “major rule” to \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 257);

**Pages H2916–17**

Good (VA) amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that sought to expand the definition of “major rule” to include any rule likely to result in increased access to abortion, abortion-related services, or abortion-related travel (by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 258);

**Pages H2909–10, H2917**

Green (TX) amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that sought to delay implementation of the legislation by 1 year and requires a study be conducted in that time by the GAO on the effects of implementation (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 259);

**Pages H2910–11, H2917–18**

Green (TX) amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that sought to create a rapid-review requirement which would allow executive branch rules to go into effect if Congress does not pass a joint resolution within 70 legislative days (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 260);

**Pages H2911, H2918–19**

Houlahan amendment (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that sought to require Congress to approve by vote any regulation with an economic impact over \$1 billion instead of \$100 million (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 261); and

**Pages H2911–12, H2919**

Roy amendment (No. 14 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–108) that sought to expand the definition of “major rule” to include any rule that references one of President Biden’s major diversity, equity, and inclusion executive orders (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 262).

**Pages H2913–14, H2919–20**

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 yesterday, June 13th.

**Save Our Gas Stoves Act:** The House passed 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”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 268. Consideration began yesterday, June 13th.

**Pages H2922–24**

Rejected:

McGovern amendment (No. 2 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–108) that was debated on June 13th that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 266); and

**Pages H2922–23**

Pallone amendment (No. 3 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–108) that was debated on June 13th that sought to strike provisions in the bill that would significantly limit future DOE rulemaking authority (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 267).

**Pages H2923–24**

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 yesterday, June 13th.

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Luna 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 Clark (MA) motion to table H. Res. 489, censuring and condemning Adam Schiff, Representative of California’s 30th Congressional District, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 196 nays with 7 answering “present”, Roll No. 269.

**Pages H2924–25**

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

**Calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release United States citizen Paul Whelan:** H. Res. 272, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately release United States citizen Paul Whelan; and

**Page H2926**

**Changing Age-Determined Eligibility To Student Incentive Payments Act:** S. 467, to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

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**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific History and Culture—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following members to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific History and Culture: Mr. Rodney Davis of Taylorville, Illinois, and Mr. Vincent K. Fong of Bakersfield, California.

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**Senate Referrals:** S. 305 was held at the desk. S. 376 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2901.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2916–17, H2917, H2917–18, H2918–19, H2919, H2919–20, H2920–21, H2921, H2921–22, H2922–23, H2923–24, H2924 and H2925.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **A REVIEW OF TITLE VII: UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVES ON RESEARCH AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology held a hearing entitled “A Review of Title VII: University Perspectives on Research and Extension Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee began a 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.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness 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.

### **POSTSECONDARY INNOVATION: PREPARING TODAY’S STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW’S OPPORTUNITIES**

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Postsecondary Innovation: Preparing Today’s Students for Tomorrow’s Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT OF NRC: ENSURING EFFICIENT AND PREDICTABLE NUCLEAR SAFETY REGULATION FOR A PROSPEROUS AMERICA**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “Oversight of NRC: Ensuring Efficient and Predictable Nuclear Safety Regulation for a Prosperous America”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission offi-

cials: Jeff Baran, Commissioner; Annie Caputo, Commissioner; Bradley R. Crowell, Commissioner; Christopher T. Hanson, Chairman; and David A. Wright, Commissioner.

### **EXAMINING PROPOSALS THAT PROVIDE ACCESS TO CARE FOR PATIENTS AND SUPPORT RESEARCH FOR RARE DISEASES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Proposals that Provide Access to Care for Patients and Support Research for Rare Diseases”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

### **ASSESSING U.S. EFFORTS TO COUNTER CHINA’S COERCIVE BELT AND ROAD DIPLOMACY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Efforts to Counter China’s Coercive Belt and Road Diplomacy”. Testimony was heard from Geoffrey Pyatt, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State; Arun Venkataraman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets, and Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and Andrew Herscowitz, Chief Development Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

### **OPEN BORDERS, CLOSED CASE: SECRETARY MAYORKAS’ DERELICTION OF DUTY ON THE BORDER CRISIS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Open Borders, Closed Case: Secretary Mayorkas’ Dereliction of Duty on the Border Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **AMERICAN CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS: THE ROLE OF THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION IN FREE, FAIR, AND SECURE ELECTIONS**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: The Role of the Election Assistance Commission in Free, Fair, and Secure Elections”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Election

Assistance Commission officials: Brianna Schletz, Inspector General; Thomas Hicks, Commissioner; Benjamin Hovland, Vice Chairman; Christy McCormick, Chairwoman; and Donald Palmer, Commissioner.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a 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. H.R. 788, H.R. 1525, and H.R. 3446 were ordered reported, as amended. Ratification of Subcommittee assignments was adopted.

### HOW THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION SUPPORT U.S. INTERESTS AND COUNTER THE PRC’S INFLUENCE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Indo-Pacific Task Force held a hearing entitled “How the Compacts of Free Association Support U.S. Interests and Counter the PRC’s Influence”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Lum, Specialist in Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 1607, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes; H.R. 3027, the “Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program Reauthorization Act of 2023”; and H.R. 3675, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to extend certain contract prepayment authority. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schweikert, Porter, and Boebert; Michael Brain, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 2685, the “Mining Schools Act of 2023”; H.R. 3883, to nullify Public Land Order No. 7921, withdrawing certain land in the Railroad Valley of Nye County, Nevada, from mineral entry; and legislation on the Community Reclamation Partnerships Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Amodei and Owens; and public witnesses.

### DEATH BY A THOUSAND REGULATIONS: THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S CAMPAIGN TO BURY AMERICA IN RED TAPE

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Death by a Thousand Regulations: The Biden Administration’s Campaign to Bury America in Red Tape”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 2980, the “DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act”; H.R. 2988, the “DOE and NASA Interagency Research Coordination Act”; and H.R. 3559, the “FAA Research and Development Act of 2023”.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 3935, the “Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act”. H.R. 3935 was ordered reported, as amended.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a 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 Isakson-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. Testimony was heard from Joseph Garcia, Executive Director of Education Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Melissa Cohen, Deputy Executive Director of Outreach, Transition, and Economic Development, Department of Veterans Affairs; Monica Diaz, Executive Director, Office of Homeless Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; James Rodriguez, Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Paul Marone, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act Policy Chief, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency 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.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on National Security Agency and Cyber 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 THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "FAA Reauthorization Act", and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of plastic production and disposal on environmental justice communities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 133, to extend the National Alzheimer's Project, S. 134, to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act, S. 265, to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, S. 1844, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs, S. 1852, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention

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*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine planning for older Americans and people with disabilities in all phases of emergencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

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Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, markup on the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill, 9 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, markup on the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations FY 2024 Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This markup is closed.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3397, to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 2980, the "DOE and NSF Interagency Research Act"; H.R. 2988, the "DOE and NASA Interagency Research Coordination Act"; and H.R. 3559, the "FAA Research and Development Act of 2023", 8:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Subcommittee on National Intelligence Enterprise, 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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10 a.m., Thursday, June 15

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:15 a.m.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

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