

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2105–S2128

Measures Introduced: Forty-one bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2003–2043, and S. Res. 254–257. **Pages S2122–23**

Measures Passed:

Father's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 256, recognizing Father's Day and the role of father engagement in improving the overall health and life outcomes for both the mother and baby. **Page S2128**

Glioblastoma Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 257, designating July 19, 2023, as "Glioblastoma Awareness Day". **Pages S2127–28**

Merle Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Natasha C. Merle, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S2115**

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 Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Page S2115**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2115**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2115**

Chile Tax Convention Treaty—Cloture: Senate began consideration of Treaty Doc. 112–8, the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed in Washington on February 4, 2010, with a Protocol signed the same day, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012, and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes (the "related Agreement") on February 4, 2010. **Pages S2115–16**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the treaty, 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 Natasha C. Merle, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S2116**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2115**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the treaty. **Page S2115**

Rikelman Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Julie Rikelman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Pages S2117–18**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2117**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, and that all time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m.; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during today's session of Thursday, June 15, 2023, ripen on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. **Page S2128**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 164), Nusrat Jahan Choudhury, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S2106–09**

Messages from the House: **Page S2122**

Measures Referred: **Page S2122**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S2105, S2122**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S2127
Privileges of the Floor: Page S2127
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—165) Pages S2109, S2117

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2128.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPACTS OF PLASTIC PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of plastic production and disposal on environmental justice communities, after receiving testimony from Sharon Lavigne, Rise St. James, Berkeley, California; Angelle Bradford, Sierra Club Delta Chapter, New Orleans, Louisiana; Chris Tandazo, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, Summit; Donna Jackson, Project 21, Kensington, Maryland; and Kevin Sunday, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Harrisburg.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 133, to extend the National Alzheimer's Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment;

S. 1852, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program; and

S. 1855, to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

PLANNING FOR EMERGENCIES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine planning for older Americans and people with disabilities in all phases of emergencies, after receiving testimony from DeeDee Bennett Gayle, State University of New York, Albany; Jonathan M. Bydlak, R Street Institute, Washington, D.C.; Mahshid Abir, The RAND Corporation, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Annie Lloyd, Darlington, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 16, 4141–4194; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74–75; and H. Res. 512–519, were introduced. Pages H2956–59

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H2961–62

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Deacon Dan S. Borné, Diocese of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Page H2937

Recess: The House recessed at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened at 10:01 a.m. Page H2944

Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2023: The House passed H.R. 288, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 271. Pages H2944–45

Rejected the Dean 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. 270.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–7 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Pages H2938–44**

Agreed to:

Hageman amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–108) that subjects interpretative rules, general statements of policy, and all other agency guidance to de novo judicial review. **Pages H2942–44**

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 Tuesday, June 13th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow, June 16th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, June 20th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H2945**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2944–45 and H2945.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee concluded 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. 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 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a markup on the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies FY

2024 Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representative Curtis; Kristi Noem, Governor, South Dakota; Mark Gordon, Governor, Wyoming; Nada Wolff Culver, Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Kathy Chandler-Henry, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Eagle County, Colorado; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee concluded 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”. H.R. 2980, H.R. 2988, and H.R. 3559 were ordered reported, as amended.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on National Intelligence Enterprise 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.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D569)

S. 777, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2023, the rates of compensation for veterans with

service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on June 14, 2023. (Public Law 118–6)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 16, 2023**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, June 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, June 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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