

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2252–2286, S.J. Res. 37, S. Res. 291–293, and S. Con. Res. 12.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2024”. (S. Rept. No. 118–57)

Report to accompany S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 118–58)

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Measures Passed:

Commending and Congratulating the Denver Nuggets: Senate agreed to S. Res. 291, commending and congratulating the Denver Nuggets on their championship victory in the 2023 National Basketball Association Finals.

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Congratulating the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame Men’s Lacrosse Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 292, congratulating the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men’s Lacrosse National Championship.

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Women Veterans Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 293, designating June 12, 2023, as “Women Veterans Appreciation Day”. **Page S2444**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for

defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad that was declared in Executive Order 14078 of July 19, 2022; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–19)

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Kotagal Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kalpana Kotagal, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 183), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit ripen following disposition of the nomination of Myong J. Joun.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination of Kalpana Kotagal be considered expired at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2023; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental

Protection Agency, all post-cloture time be considered expired and the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S2444**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2023. **Page S2444**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 180), Tiffany M. Cartwright, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Pages S2336–37**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 182), Myong J. Joun, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S2349**

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 181), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2337**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—183) **Pages S2337, S2349, S2349–50**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2444.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Randy A. George, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Army, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Ernst, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, to be Vice Chairman, and Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, and Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, both to be a Member, each of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BANK MERGERS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine bank mergers and the economic impacts of consolidation, after receiving testimony from Morgan Harper, American Economic Liberties

Project, and Alexa Philo, Americans for Financial Reform, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Faulkender, University of Maryland, College Park.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting Social Security for all, focusing on making the wealthy pay their fair share, after receiving testimony from Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; and Kathleen Romig, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Amy Hanauer, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, and Andrew G. Biggs, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Anna M. Gomez, of Virginia, Geoffrey Adam Starks, of Kansas, and Brendan Carr, of Virginia, each to be a Member, and Fara Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, all of the Federal Communications Commission, Alvin Brown, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 636, to establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in the State of Colorado, to protect private water rights in the State, S. 912, to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, S. 1015, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona, S. 1088, to authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, S. 1254, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1405, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land in the State of Utah, S. 1622, to discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced multiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, S. 1634, to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, S. 1657, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, S. 1760, to

amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, S. 1776, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 1890, to provide for the establishment of a grazing management program on Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, S. 2020, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, S. 2042, to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, S. 2136, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, S. 2149, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, and S. 2216, to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, after receiving testimony from Thomas Heinlein, Assistant Director, National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Chris French, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Michelle McConkie, Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration Director, Salt Lake City; Joseph Heringer, North Dakota Department of Trust Lands Commissioner of University and School Lands, Bismarck; and John J. Entsminger, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gwynne A. Wilcox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and Loren E. Sweatt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 616, to amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act to provide for the transfer of additional Federal land to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, S. 1898, to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and S. 1987, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, after receiving testimony from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior;

John Crockett, Associate Deputy Chief for State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, Department of Agriculture; Montana Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras, Helena; Leonard Fineday, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, Minnesota; Buu Nygren, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Jeffrey Stiffarm, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Hays, Montana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jerry Edwards, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, and Brandon S. Long, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, who were both introduced by Senators Cassidy and Kennedy, Matthew James Maddox, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Cardin and Van Hollen, and Philip S. Hadji, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who was introduced by Senators Brown, Cassidy, and Vance, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine Artificial Intelligence and intellectual property, focusing on copyright, after receiving testimony from Jeff Harleston, Universal Music Group, Santa Monica, California; Ben Brooks, Stability AI, and Karla Ortiz, both of San Francisco, California; Matthew Sag, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia; and Dana Rao, Adobe Inc., San Jose, California.

VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 449, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assignment of patient advocates at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 495, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide assisted living services for eligible veterans, S. 853, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Zero Suicide Initiative pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 928, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prepare an annual report on suicide prevention, S. 1037, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from carrying out certain activities under the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program until certification of system stability improvements, S. 1040, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on the premises of any facility of the

Veterans Health Administration, S. 1125, to authorize an electronic health record modernization program of the Department of Veterans Affairs and increase oversight and accountability of the program to better serve veterans, medical professionals of the Department, and taxpayers, S. 1172, to amend title 28, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished to veterans in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, S. 1315, to improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1436, to expand and extend benefits available to veterans in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, S. 1545, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the ability of veterans to access medical care in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the community by providing veterans the ability to choose health care providers, S. 1612, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish a rule to implement the requirement that the Secretary be permitted to waive the limitation in law on reimbursement of veterans receiving domiciliary care in State homes, S. 1828, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recognize nurse registries for purposes of the Veterans Community Care Program, S. 1951, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand entitlement of veterans to care from the Department of Veterans Affairs and to guarantee health care benefits for veterans enrolled in the patient enrollment system of the Department, S. 1954, to improve the provision of health care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans diagnosed with diabetes and heart disease, S. 2067, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, an original bill entitled, "Making Community Care Work for Veterans Act", an original bill entitled, "Leveraging Integrated Networks in Communities for Veterans Act", and an original bill entitled, "Rural Vital Emergency Transportation Services Act", after receiving testimony from Miguel LaPuz, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Integrated Veteran Care, Veterans Health Administration, Matthew Miller, Director, Suicide Prevention Program, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Cynthia Gantt, Deputy Director of the Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation within Patient Care Services, and Leslie Sofocleous, Executive Director, EHRM-Integration Office, all of

the Department of Veterans Affairs; Jon Retzer, Disabled American Veterans, and Meggan Thomas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lieutenant Colonel James Lorraine, USAF (Ret.), America's Warrior Partnership, Akin, South Carolina.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Timothy D. Haugh, USAF, to be the Director of the National Security Agency, and Michael Colin Casey, of Kentucky, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 4569–4594, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A reports was filed today as follows: H. Res. 582, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2670) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–141).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller-Meeks to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024: The House considered H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 13th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–10, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–141, 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 Armed Services now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–141: Alford (No. 1) that increases the authorized amount of funding for Army Ground Technology by \$2.6 million; Allred (No. 2) that expresses a sense of Congress on how the Secretary of Defense should prioritize critical and emergency technology partnerships in an effort to bolster U.S. defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region; Amodi (No. 3) that amends the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 to clarify the universe of military activities authorized to be conducted at the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) to include the establishment of up to 15 small pads for radar emitters, and the use and maintenance of existing roads; Bacon (No. 4) that amends pilot program to improve rate calculation for Basic Allowance for Housing by specifying focus on single-family housing; Bacon (No. 5) that directs the Secretary of Defense to require consideration of affiliate past performance for small business contract consideration; Bacon (No. 6) that directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide the congressional defense committees a future force design for the United States Air Force and United States Space Force projected through 2050; Balderson (No. 7) that requires the Department of Defense to submit a report on Department policies regarding the consideration and approval of easements for certain energy infrastructure; Banks (No. 8) that gives the President the authority to transfer retired or nearly-retired U.S. aerial refueling tankers to Israel in the event of an emergency; Banks (No. 9) that prohibits any funds authorized by the NOAA from going to any entity owned or controlled by the Iranian government or on relevant blacklists; Banks (No. 10) that expands the annual China Military Power Report to include

China's security cooperation with Iran and Russia; Banks (No. 11) that requires a DOD assessment of the precision-guided munitions Israel needs in the event of conflict with regional actors; Banks (No. 12) that prohibits any funds authorized in this bill from being made available directly or indirectly to the Badr Organization; Barr (No. 13) that directs the Department of Defense, in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard and the Secretary of State, to conduct a feasibility study on the establishment of a Indo-Pacific Maritime Governance Center of Excellence; Barr (No. 14) that directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the relevant federal agencies, to conduct a study on the impacts to United States national security from Chinese influence in the electric vehicle supply chain; Barr (No. 15) that expresses a sense of Congress Regarding the Feasibility Study for Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant; Barr (No. 16) that awards certain medals to Members of the Armed Forces serving in Afghanistan during Operation Allies Refuge; Bergman (No. 17) that increases funding for the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle family for vehicle safety data recorders with predictive logistics for weapons and vehicles; Bice (No. 18) that Requires a report on airborne Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) requirements within the United States Africa Command area of responsibility; Bice (No. 19) that requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategy to disrupt fentanyl trafficking, and report to Congress on efforts to enhance counter-fentanyl cooperation with Mexico; Bice (No. 20) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress with an updated supply chain assessment of certain semiconductor metals with national security applications; Biggs (No. 21) that expresses a sense of Congress about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and the need to continue offering security assistance and related support; Blunt Rochester (No. 22) that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to identify health care provider training gaps in screening and treating maternal mental health conditions; Blunt Rochester (No. 23) that requires the Secretary of Defense to update the registry and provider lists under subsection (b) of section 717 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2016 and submit to Congress a report on mental health provider readiness designations; Boebert (No. 24) that requires DoD to report on institutions of higher education which have received DoD funding and hosted a Confucius Institute funded by the People's Republic of China; Bost (No. 25) that requires the DoD to report to Congress on current footwear regulations and indicate potential regulation improvements that support the needs of the warfighter and the domestic industrial base; Bow-

man (No. 26) that requires public disclosure about the cost of the United States overseas military footprint; Bowman (No. 27) that requires a report on military recruitment practices in public secondary schools; Breechen (No. 28) that requires the Special Inspector General to Ukraine to investigate the accuracy and consistency with which weapons were fiscally evaluated to be fiscally worth by the DOD since the start of the Ukraine-Russia war; Brownley (No. 29) that requires DOD to report on food purchasing; Buchanan (No. 30) that requires Sec. Def. to submit a report the HASC on the effectiveness of Department of Defense Instruction 6025.25 titled the "Drug Take Back Program" and include recommendations on actions to improve or expand the program; Buchanan (No. 31) that requires a GAO study to evaluate the feasibility and advisability of equipping all tactical vehicles of the Armed Forces with black box data recorders; Buchanan (No. 32) that requires a Department of Defense study on the accessibility of mental health care providers and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty; Buchanan (No. 33) that mandates the Department of Defense promptly notify the Department of Veterans Affairs about someone transitioning from active duty to a veteran with an opioid use disorder; Buck (No. 34) that requires categorization and tracking of F-35 aircraft parts; Buck (No. 35) that manages fragmentation among entities involved in artificial intelligence across the Department of Defense; Buck (No. 36) that establishes a process for carrying out demilitarization and disposition of major end items; Buck (No. 37) that designates a single entity to oversee the implementation of predictive maintenance procedures; Budzinski (No. 38) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congressional Defense Committees on FY23 expenditures for the Child Development Center at Scott Air Force Base and an assessment of future fiscal needs; Budzinski (No. 39) that requires the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to Congressional Defense Committees on the infrastructure upgrades needed to support mobility aircraft operations; Budzinski (No. 40) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congressional Defense Committees on the risks of flooding and other natural weather phenomenon that threaten to endanger military installations; Burchett (No. 41) that requires cost sharing for RDT&E contracts; Burchett (No. 42) that declassifies any documents relating to publicly known sightings of UAPs; Burlison (No. 43) that requires that the Secretary of Defense may not enter into a contract for online tutoring services which could result in personal data of citizens of the United States being transferred to the control of the People's Republic of China; Cammack

(No. 44) that establishes a Working Group to identify potential applications for blockchain technology, smart contracts, or distributed ledger technologies to improve efficiencies or functions at the Department of Defense; Caraveo (No. 45) that allows transitioning service members to learn about agriculture through the Transition Assistance Program; Caraveo (No. 46) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to conduct a report on the transition process for service members with healthcare backgrounds and the number of transitioning service members that join the Medical Reserve Corps; Carbajal (No. 47) that prohibits the official display of a cut flower or green in any public area of a building of the Executive Office of the President, the Department of State, or the Department of Defense unless it is produced in the United States; Carey (No. 48) that prohibits the decommissioning of any KC-135 Stratotankers in Fiscal Year 2024; Carter (GA) (No. 49) that adds the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives to the list of committees that the Secretary of Defense must submit justification to when U.S. Department of Defense funds are used by EcoHealth Alliance for research; Carter (TX) (No. 50) that directs the Secretary of Defense to assess the capacity of the Department of Defense to test, evaluate, and use additive fabrication technology to supplement maintenance parts in support of weapon systems and associated support equipment; Case (No. 51) that modifies 10 USC 1781 to add a requirement that requires the Department of Defense to determine the market capacity for applicable medical care and educational services to support Exceptional Family Member Program-enrolled families and provide a report to the Services on a quarterly basis to prevent access to care issues; Case (No. 52) that seeks a study to reexamine the calculation of weighted student units for impact aid payments for eligible federally connected children with disabilities to better support local educational agencies in providing quality education; Case (No. 53) that directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs to assess and develop plans for Civic Action Teams in the Pacific Islands; Case (No. 54) that amends the DOD Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) to ensure that regionally associated installations can better coordinate and enter into agreements with projects that are in vicinity to other installations but effect current or anticipated military training, testing, or operations within the region; Case (No. 55) that directs the military to provide a report on efforts to renew critical training land leases in the State of Hawaii; and Case (No. 56) that modifies the Pilot Program to Develop Young

Civilian Defense Leaders in the Indo-Pacific to also include civilians working for ministries with a security mission, so that countries without militaries can participate;

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Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–141: Casten (No. 57) that calls for the DOD and HHS to work together to study and report to Congress the barriers to mental health care for military pilots, and to provide recommendations to Congress on how best to: Improve Access to Mental Health Care for military pilots, Improve the process by which pilots are receiving mental health care are cleared to fly; Castor (FL) (No. 58) that ensures interstate reciprocity of Individualized Education Program (IEP) for military dependent students when a parent/guardian receives PCS orders; Castor (FL) (No. 59) that directs the Department of Defense to provide temporary daycare accommodations for military dependents when a servicemember is on Permanent Change of Station, Temporary Duty or any other similar deployment; Crenshaw (No. 61) that directs the Secretary of Defense to allow those injured in the line of duty and eligible for medical retirement to continue service while receiving hostile fire/imminent danger pay; Crow (No. 62) that requires DOD to develop a strategy to address medical research and development gaps essential to caring for casualties experiencing combined traumatic injuries across chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) spectrum; Curtis (No. 63) that requires an assessment of Cable Security Fleet's ability and preparedness to repair transoceanic submarine fiber optic cables that may be damaged or cut by adversaries; Curtis (No. 64) that asks for an assessment of Russia's information operations capabilities and an assessment of current efforts taken by the Department of Defense and allied and partner militaries' information operations components to target and otherwise coordinate efforts against Russian military information operations; Curtis (No. 65) that asks for a report on the sophistication of Iranian missile capabilities and details of Iranian ballistic missile testing; Curtis (No. 66) that asks for a classified report on Iranian involvement in the narcotics trade, the entities associated with the trade, and an assessment on the financial benefits of involvement in the trade & what the money is used for; Davis (NC) (No. 67) that requires a report from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on innovative prevention and treatment methods for military personnel suffering from migraines; De La Cruz (No. 68) that provides funding in the amount of \$5 million each for the following programs: the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) Maritime Intelligence Support; the U.S. Northern Command Mexico Office of Defense

Cooperation; and the Advanced Analytics for Global Threat Network Disruption for U.S. Northern Command; DesJarlais (No. 69) that codifies NNSA as the interagency lead on nuclear forensics, making NNSA responsible for integrating the National Technical Nuclear Forensics (NTNF) activities in a consistent, unified strategic direction; Donalds (No. 70) that expresses the Sense of Congress that Congress supports Project Pele, a DOD SCO program that seeks to develop, demonstrate, and deploy a portable nuclear microreactor to bolster American national security and reduce fuel-related logistical challenges; Donalds (No. 71) that directs several government entities, including the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Guard, to develop a national strategy to deploy nuclear microreactors to respond to the impacts of a natural disaster; Donalds (No. 72) that directs the U.S. Space Force to submit a report pertaining to its current and future potential use of nuclear thermal propulsion space vehicles and nuclear electric propulsion space vehicles, and how these nuclear-powered space vehicles can bolster America's national security; Donalds (No. 73) that adds Sense of Congress that Congress understands the benefits that advanced nuclear reactors can provide to domestic and international military operations, while reducing fuel-related logistical challenges; Donalds (No. 74) that directs the DOD to submit a confidential report evaluating the American national security risks associated with Chinese and Russian interest in space (e.g. satellites; space stations; moon exploration; moon mineral acquisition; etc.); Donalds (No. 75) that adds a Sense of Congress that Congress encourages the U.S. Armed Forces to utilize innovative technological capabilities, such as artificial intelligence, quantum information science, advanced air mobility, counter-uas, to ultimately defend the national security of the United States; Duncan (SC) (No. 76) that grants the Secretary of Defense the authority to transfer data and technology developed under the MOSAICS program to eligible private sector entities; Dunn (FL) (No. 77) that provides for flexibility in Humanitarian Aid as part of the Denton Program; Edwards (No. 78) that requires the Department of Defense to report to Congress on the status of the formulation of policies by the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency to record and track alleged incidents of misuse of U.S.-provided equipment in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras; Eshoo (No. 79) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Navy should name a future commissioned ship after William B. Gould, a formerly enslaved sailor who served in the Navy during the Civil War; Fallon (No. 80) that expresses the Sense of Congress that the US and Taiwan should explore efforts to expand energy sources and harden existing

facilities; Fitzgerald (No. 81) that requires elementary and secondary schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) to publish the curriculum on a publicly available website; Foster (No. 82) that assessment of the ability of the United States to detect and monitor supercritical nuclear weapon tests conducted at very low yields; Franklin (No. 83) that provides funding for Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management program; Frost (No. 84) that requires a report from the Department of Defense and Armed

Services Inspectors General evaluating the cost of financial investigations and the amount directly or indirectly recovered through financial investigations; Fry (No. 85) that directs the Secretary of Defense to issue a report, within 1 year of enactment, on the impact of ROTC programs on military recruitment efforts; Fry (No. 86) that prohibits the availability of funds for elimination of ROTC programs at institutions of higher education; Gaetz (No. 87) that changes the votes required for conviction, sentencing, and other matters in general and special courts-martial Gallagher (No. 88) that mandates a study of the feasibility and advisability of establishing a combined planning group or alternative mechanism with Taiwan; Gallagher (No. 89) that tasks DoD to assess vulnerabilities in its supply chain, identify and recommend changes to acquisition laws, regulations, and policies, and prioritize recommendations to achieve critical mineral supply chain independence; Gallagher (No. 90) that requires the annual China Military Power report to provide an assessment of the PRC's development in critical and emerging technologies and identify at least 10 PRC entities that are operating in each technology with their known affiliation with the PLA; Gallagher (No. 91) that directs the Secretary of Defense to designate priority theaters of operation and priority combatant commands for each fiscal year no later than October 31st; directs the President and the Secretary of State to give priority in procurement of defense articles and in foreign military sales to countries located in the theaters designated as priority; Gallagher (No. 92) that directs an assessment of the feasibility, effectiveness, and value of developing low-cost anti-ship weapons; Gallagher (No. 93) that bars DoD from contracting or procuring goods or services, directly or indirectly, from entities on the 1260H list and their subsidiaries; Garamendi (No. 94) that allows the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Federal Ship Financing (Title XI) Program to also provide low-interest loans and loan guarantees for re-flagging commercial vessels under

the U.S. registry and repairs, retrofits, and reconfigurations of civilian vessels in domestic shipyards; Garcia (TX) (No. 95) that provides an evidentiary whistleblower standard provision for clarification in investigation procedures; Garcia (TX) (No. 96) that expands bereavement leave to the death of a parent, spouse, or child to include language of non-biological relatives (e.g., adopted, or foster children); Gimenez (No. 97) that requires a report from the President on Iran's military assistance and cooperation with Bolivia, Brazil and Venezuela to be submitted to appropriate Congressional committees; Gluesenkamp Perez (No. 98) that expresses the sense that it is important for readiness that the military be able to fix its own equipment and directs the Secretary of Defense to submit the report required under EO 14036 related to DOD repairing its own equipment; Tony Gonzales (TX) (No. 99) that increases the Family Separation Allowance to \$400 from \$250; González-Colón (No. 100) that amends Section 204(c) of the Military Construction Authorization Act of 1974 by striking a sentence that hindered federal clean-up work in the Culebra nature reserve; Gooden (TX) (No. 101) that requires the Secretary of Defense to annually report the total cost to procure technical data that would be used by the government in an effort to promote vendor competition and allow control over specific elements of sustainment; Gosar (No. 102) that authorizes employees at the Yuma Proving Grounds to use non-electric vehicles in the performance of their duties; Gottheimer (No. 103) that increases the DoD SkillBridge Program by \$5 million, funds will be specifically used for employers to train service members transitioning to civilian life for supply chain and transportation related employment; Gottheimer (No. 104) that requires the Secretary of Defense to report on the status of U.S.-Israel cooperation on efforts to counter threats by Iran in the form of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), including loitering munitions, otherwise known as "suicide" and "kamikaze" drones; Gottheimer (No. 105) that increases the National Defense Education Program by \$5 million to strengthen and expand STEM education opportunities and workforce initiatives targeted at military students; Gottheimer (No. 106) that expresses support for joint U.S.-Israel cooperation in the space arena between NASA and the Israel Space Agency, as well as between the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, and the Israeli Air Force in areas of research, development, test, and evaluation; Gottheimer (No. 107) that requires the Secretary of Defense to include in their annual report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China information on the PRC's burgeoning relationship with the Islamic Republic of

Iran; Gottheimer (No. 108) that directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, to report to Congress ways it protects U.S. defense technology sold to foreign partners; Graves (LA) (No. 109) that makes veterans of Operation End Sweep eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal; Graves (LA) (No. 110) that extends the sunset of the no-cost contracts provision of the 2019 NOAA to December 31, 2032; Graves (LA) (No. 111) that adds countering illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing as an authorization for which the Secretary may support foreign security capacity building; Green (TN) (No. 112) that directs the Commander of Army Special Operations Command to establish an exchange program between Army special operations forces and the special operations forces of the Polish Army; Green (TN) (No. 113) that mandates that the Department of Defense produce a report to Congress on the feasibility of furnishing the national guard of every state a cyber unit to ensure the state has the ability to quickly respond to cyber attacks; and Green (TN) (No. 114) that requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Department maintains access to a top-tier subterranean training facility for the improvement of training for Special Operations Forces (SOF) units;

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Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–141: Grijalva (No. 115) that extends the protections necessary for the continued use by the Air Force of the Barry M. Goldwater Range in Arizona; Grothman (No. 116) that requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that, to the extent practicable, commercial positions in the Department of Defense are filled by civilian employees or contractors rather than a member of the Armed Forces; Guthrie (No. 117) that directs the Secretary of the Army to report to Congress on the Army Human Resources Command 2030 Transformation Plan, including timelines, milestones, and resource needs; Hageman (No. 118) that requires the DoD to report on the Ukraine Lend-Lease program's impact on U.S. defense stockpiles and how all equipment will be recovered when the authority expires; Hageman (No. 119) that enhances fentanyl threat reporting to include a review of U.S. laws and policies which may be facilitating fentanyl trafficking over the southern border; Hageman (No. 120) that requires the Department of Defense to ensure authorized funds for energy resilience under the NATO DIANA initiative considers all energy sources that are capable of providing sufficient baseload power; Hayes (No. 121) that requires the military departments to review all

installation-level web information about suicide prevention and behavioral health and ensure that contact information is up to date, certifying this annually to Congress; Hill (No. 122) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on threats Iran poses to United States and partner military bases; Houlahan (No. 123) that prohibits export or sale of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China, North Korea, Russia, Iran or any country subject to sanctions imposed by the United States; Huffman (No. 124) that requires the Secretary to publish the most recent list of chaplain endorsements submitted to the Armed Forces Chaplain Board and the list of known endorsements used by AFCB to verify submissions; Huizenga (No. 125) that requires a study by the Secretary of Defense on alternative vessel design for improved operations and shock impact mitigation on special operations personnel health and fatigue; Huizenga (No. 126) that expresses the sense of Congress that NATO member states should commit to providing, at a minimum, 2 percent of its GDP to defense; Huizenga (No. 127) that requires a report to Congress on military activities of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China in the Arctic Region; Hunt (No. 128) that recommends the Secretary of Defense continue to support and fully fund the existing Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officer Program and its academic partnership and assess opportunities to expand the program to other services and across the Combatant Commands; Issa (No. 129) that upgrades the Navy Cross of CAPT E. Royce Williams (Ret.) to the Medal of Honor; Issa (No. 130) that requires a report on the nuclear cooperation between Iran and Russia; Ivey (No. 131) that enables the Defense Innovation Unit within the DoD to identify, support, and collaborate with multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnerships that have the potential to generate key technologies, products, or other solutions that address national defense or security needs; Ivey (No. 132) that directs the Secretary of Defense, through the Defense-State Liaison Office, to consult with state authorities that administer professional licenses to increase awareness among state agencies, service members, and their spouses regarding portability of professional licenses when deployed to another state; and directs the GAO to study and report on the implementation and efficacy of portability rights; Jackson (TX) (No. 133) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress a report on foreign-owned agricultural land located within 50 miles of a United States military installation; Jackson (TX) (No. 134) that requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive Pacific Islands security strategy; Jackson (TX) (No. 135)

that requires a report on college-level credits for military recruits; Jackson Lee (No. 136) that adds report to be submitted within 220 days following enactment on Capacity to Provide Disaster Survivors with Emergency Short Term Housing; Jacobs (No. 137) that requires the Department of Defense to provide public and congressional notice when certain reports are withheld from public notice, and requires a report on the Department's implementation of this requirement; James (No. 138) that adds additional funding for advanced procurement of F-15EX Aircraft; James (No. 139) that requires DOD and State to do a joint assessment on current and future constraints to our defense supply chain; Joyce (OH) (No. 140) that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States is dangerously dependent upon foreign adversaries for the procurement of natural rubber; Kaptur (No. 141) that authorizes the Secretary of Defense to create a new Last Member Standing Medal, to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably and as a result of combat with a force hostile to the United States was the last surviving member of their unit; Keating (No. 142) that prohibits the Air Force from renewing the Chiller Class J&A until it develops a methodology to compare the cost differential between initial procurement costs of chillers and ancillary equipment with and without competition; Krishnamoorthi (No. 143) that expresses a sense of Congress that building trust and familiarity between the United States and Taiwan is an important component of helping Taiwan improve its self-defense capabilities and that the Secretary of Defense should utilize existing authorities to strengthen working-level communication and coordination between the United States and Taiwan, including relating to conducting exercises; concepts of operation and tactics, techniques, and procedures; and other measures to help Taiwan meet its self-defense needs; Lamborn (No. 144) that requires the Department of Defense to provide a strategy on the Precision Strike Missile production capacity for FY24–25 and increasing production capacity; Landsman (No. 145) that requires the Department of Defense to submit confidential and non-confidential reports to Congress on private military companies (PMCs); Landsman (No. 146) that requires a study into the feasibility of providing child care to National Guardsmen while on inactive-duty training; Larsen (WA) (No. 147) that authorizes the Secretary of the Air Force to transfer property rights to the county of Snohomish; Lee (FL) (No. 148) that instructs the Secretary to consider the unintended consequences of Defense Health Agency's recent decision to reduce the footprint of the 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base; Lee (NV) (No. 149) that requires the Secretary of the Air

Force to conduct a behavioral health epidemiological consultation focusing on the unique social and occupational stressors affecting servicemembers and military families at Creech Air Force Base; Lee (NV) (No. 150) that requires the Secretary of Defense to carry out a study on the use of Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program funds for supporting investments in childcare options around military bases; Lee (NV) (No. 151) that requires the Secretary of the Air Force to report on the feasibility and potential impact of reinstating assignment incentive pay for Creech Air Force Base; Lee (NV) (No. 152) that requires the Secretary of Defense to carry out a report on at-home child care programs and the feasibility study of streamlining licensing and certification requirements across the Department of Defense's services and bases to better support child care availability and spouse employment; Lee (NV) (No. 153) that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a feasibility study into leveraging resources across states and the private sector to better advance the Department of Defense State Partnership Program; Loudermilk (No. 154) that requires the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Chief of the Navy Reserve, to submit a report to the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee on the status of Navy C-130 recapitalization and its impact on contested logistics and intra-theater airlift capacity; Luna (No. 155) that requires that servicemembers receive a copy of their medical records no later than 12 days after the separation or retirement from military; Luttrell (No. 156) that requires a report on the Army and Air Force programs to locally utilize small businesses; Lynch (No. 157) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, to develop and implement a centralized program to monitor and assist members of the Armed Forces at risk of suicide who have been recently discharged from health care, as recommended by the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee; Magaziner (No. 158) that requires the Secretary of the Navy to report to the congressional defense committees on the use and implementation of the Navy Shipbuilding Workforce Development Special Initiative; Magaziner (No. 159) that requires the Secretary of Defense to sell or make available for rent sleepers and bassinets with advanced sleep technology through military exchanges; Magaziner (No. 160) that requires TRICARE's managed care support contractors to keep provider directories up to date; Malliotakis (No. 161) that the Secretary of Defense to create one Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for all the Boroughs of New York City; Manning (No. 162) that adds a description of the threat posed by Iran's Is-

lamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to Europe to the Annual Report on Military Power of Iran; Massie (No. 163) that reports on the casualty and equipment losses for both sides involved in conflict in Ukraine; Mast (No. 164) that requires report on U.S. Defense and Technological Industrial Base specifically related to air and missile defense in CENTCOM; McCaul (No. 165) that expresses a sense of Congress on the implementation of the Advanced Capabilities Pillar of the Trilateral Security Partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States and requires a report on efforts of the Department of State to implement the advanced capabilities pillar of the AUKUS partnership; McClain (No. 166) that amends Sec. 705 to include Lactation Consultants in order to assist military spouses in need of lactation services; McClain (No. 167) that requires a report from Sec. Defense on (1) specific weapon systems Ukraine needs to defend itself from Russia; (2) specific weapon systems Taiwan needs to defend itself from the PLA; (3) assessment of weapon supply chains; McClain (No. 168) that requires a report from Sec. of Defense on efforts to expand the frequency of bilateral and multilateral exercises involving Israel and US' Middle East regional partners; McCormick (No. 169) that provides the flexible hiring authority given to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Defense (DoD) to the OIGs of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for matters related to oversight of aid to Ukraine; McGarvey (No. 170) that modifies an existing pilot program at the Department of Defense on timeliness of SBIR awards to include the military departments; McGovern (No. 171) that makes technical changes to the Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program to clarify congressional intent; Meeks (No. 172) that adds immediately family members, including military spouses, to the Task Force of DOD on Mental Health report as pertains to access to telehealth services; Menendez (No. 173) that directs the Secretary of Defense to improve outreach to departing servicemembers on career training opportunities in the cybersecurity field, including online search functions;

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Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–141: Meng (No. 174) that Section 1303 of the base text and inserts a “free, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific.”; Meng (No. 175) that requires a report on the security relationship between the United States and the Hellenic Republic; Meng (No. 176) that inserts the text of the ATRRS Act; Miller (IL) (No. 177) that expresses a sense of Congress on the importance of pastoral care at Department of Defense medical facilities; Miller-Meeks

(No. 178) that requires a report on DOD's electric waste containing critical minerals and rare earth elements and information detailing technologies from which these elements could be extracted from electric waste and returned to the U.S. supply chain; Mills (No. 179) that requires a report from the Secretary of Defense to the congressional defense committees, the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on expediting fighter aircraft sales to Israel; Molinaro (No. 180) that directs the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on Block II of the Black Hawk helicopter program of the Army, including the requested funding for Black Hawk Block II for fiscal years 2025–2029 by year and appropriation, requirements for the program, and a program acquisition strategy; Molinaro (No. 181) that ensures trained and licensed mental and behavioral health professionals conduct routine mental health checkups to ensure the safety and well-being of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities;

Molinaro (No. 182) that requires an updated report on the U.S. Biodefense Strategy, including an assessment on the current and potential biological threats against the United States; Molinaro (No. 183) that requires a GAO study on the effectiveness of the Exceptional Family Member Program and how it currently supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; Molinaro (No. 184) that requires the Secretary to provide periodic reports to Congress on how the Department is ensuring full, adequate TRI CARE coverage of Narcan (Naloxone) for servicemembers and their families; Molinaro (No. 185) that requires the Secretary to report to Congress within 180 days following enactment on any discrepancies between in home/nursing care between TRICARE and CHAMPVA; Moskowitz (No. 186) that requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study on the impact of the cancer drug shortage on veterans and service members; Moulton (No. 187) that directs SECDEF submit a report concurrent with the budget submission and submission of future years defense planning that provides a five-year projection of divestments the department plans to make for major weapon systems (as defined in law); Moylan (No. 188) that requires a DOD study of the feasibility of dredging the Port of Guam to determine if this would be a positive externality for DOD operations on Guam; Moylan (No. 189) that requires a study to determine if utility poles on Guam are sufficient for DOD readiness in the case of future natural disasters, and if it is feasible to move these poles to underground transmission; Neguse (No. 190) that requires the Secretary of Defense to take certain actions to establish a comprehensive training standard and certification program for military vehi-

cle operations, aiming to address the persistent issue of inadequate training and reduce incidents, particularly vehicle rollovers, caused by operator inexperience and lack of training; Neguse (No. 191) that requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a database to record training performed by members of the Armed Forces and make such information available to states and other employers to satisfy civilian licensing and certification requirements, and provide servicemembers with a competency report before transitioning to civilian life; Neguse (No. 192) that requires responsiveness testing of Defense Logistics Agency pharmaceutical contracts; Neguse (No. 193) that requires that the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a study and report on military grace period reforms, focusing on the impact and stigma of unit tasking during the Transition Assistance Program on service members' ability to transition to civilian life; Neguse (No. 194) that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide housing accommodations for members of the Armed Forces and their dependents who are on military housing waitlists; Neguse (No. 195) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress evaluating beneficiary access to TRI CARE network pharmacies under the TPharm5 contract and changes in beneficiary access versus the TPharm4 contract; Norman (No. 196) that authorizes the President to award Major James Capers Jr. the Medal of Honor for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, in which he was awarded the Silver Star; Norman (No. 197) that states that it is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy shall name a vessel of the United States Navy the "U.S.S. Major James Capers Jr." in honor of Major James Capers, Jr., for the acts of valor he showed as a Member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, in which he was awarded the Silver Star; Norman (No. 198) that requires the cost of any project funded with financial support from the Department of Defense to disclose the cost to taxpayers; Obernolte (No. 199) that allows a certain entity to access to the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area for a particular time and a particular purpose; Ocasio-Cortez (No. 200) that requests a GAO report on the status of the Federal environmental cleanup and decontamination process in Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico; Ogles (No. 201) that directs the Secretary of Defense to invite Taiwan to the 2024 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise; Panetta (No. 202) that awards Thomas H. Griffin the Medal of Honor for acts of valor as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War; Panetta (No. 203) that requires the Secretary to notify

servicemembers via mail, email, or in person about the availability of the free MilTax program and other free DOD tax services within the first two months of the calendar year, and requires the Secretary to submit a report to Congress on program participation; Panetta (No. 204) that improves training, equipping, and utilization of information operations for military planning and strategy; Panetta (No. 205) that creates a Special Operations Forces Arctic Strategy to improve Arctic training and readiness; Pappas (No. 206) that requires the Defense Suicide Prevention Office to establish a procedure for assessing suicide risk at military installations; Pascrell (No. 207) that requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of eliminating outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for active-duty service members who suffered a traumatic brain injury while exercising their official duties; Pascrell (No. 208) that requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of recognizing the approval of non-governmental accreditation bodies for transitional and residential brain injury treatment programs for active-duty service members that sustained a brain injury while completing their official duties; Peters (No. 209) that requires the Secretary of the Navy to report to Congress on an annual basis each instance in the year preceding the report in which the Navy used a government dock for a ship repair and maintenance availability when sufficient capacity existed in private docks during the period in which such repairs were expected to be performed; Pettersen (No. 210) that directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to work with the Service Surgeon General and the Joint Staff Surgeon “to sustain medical support during arctic operations.”; Pettersen (No. 211) that requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, to publish a guide regarding how a survivor of a deceased member of the Armed Services may receive the personal effects of such member and file a claim with the Secretary of military department concerned if the survivor believes the effects were disposed of incorrectly; Pfluger (No. 212) that requires DOD develop and implement policies to adapt Link-16 system management and certification to align with agile development practices; Pfluger (No. 213) that requires DOD to expand Tier 1 training exercises; Pfluger (No. 214) that requires DOD to report on incidents involving unmanned aerial systems and related training exercises; Pfluger (No. 215) that requires DOD to expedite KC-46A deliveries to Israel and provide immediate training slots for Israeli pilots, maintainers, and air crew; Pfluger (No. 216) that requires DOD to invest personnel into going into districts to increase awareness

of what a future in military service provides to their future; Phillips (No. 217) that implements GAO recommendations from report GAO-21-438 relating to military foster and adoptive families; Pocan (No. 218) that requires a report on Doll’s progress made and remaining challenges to achieving an unqualified audit opinion; Porter (No. 219) that requires a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of routine neuroimaging modalities in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury among servicemembers due to blast pressure exposure during combat and training; Porter (No. 220) that commissions a report on a military construction strategy for a sufficient number of child development centers as necessary to eliminate wait lists for members of the Armed Forces seeking childcare at child development centers; Posey (No. 221) that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide priority for domestically sourced, fully traceable, bovine heparin approved by the Food and Drug Administration when available; Reschenthaler (No. 222) that expresses a sense of Congress that the Army Artificial Intelligence Integration Center has proven effective at accelerating the employment of cutting edge capabilities; Reschenthaler (No. 223) that expresses a sense of Congress that encourages the Department of Defense, in collaboration with the Department of the Veterans Affairs, to monitor and ensure appropriate measures are available to reduce suicides among former members of the Guard and Reserve Components who were not activated for military service; Reschenthaler (No. 224) that prohibits availability of funds for DoD to close Austin’s Playrooms at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune, and Naval Medical Center San Diego; Reschenthaler (No. 225) that expresses a sense of Congress that explosion welding is a critical capability for ensuring the national security of the United States and its allies; Reschenthaler (No. 226) that expresses a sense of Congress and report to congressional defense committees on development-stage research of lightweight advanced carbon materials such as coal-derived graphite and carbon foam; Reschenthaler (No. 227) that expresses a sense of Congress that DOD should continue to support projects that onshore domestic extraction, processing, and manufacturing capabilities of the domestic supply chain of rare earth permanent magnets essential to defense and national security applications; Rodgers (No. 228) that expresses a sense of Congress regarding military service by individuals with amputations; Rodgers (WA) (No. 229) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees and the Comptroller General of the United States a certification in writing that the prepositioned stocks of the Department of Defense

meet all readiness operational plans; Rodgers (WA) (No. 230) that changes the way the Soldier's Medal affects military retirement pay;

Rose (No. 231) that adds a sense of Congress that the MQ-9 Reaper should be utilized to the greatest extent possible in the area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command; Rose (No. 232) that prohibits the Department of Defense's Office of Strategic Capital from investing or facilitating investments in Chinese-owned firms; Rose (No. 233) that adds that it is the sense of Congress that the Indo-Pacific is a joint theater of operations that requires joint coordination among all service branches in order to meet the challenges of the region; Roy (No. 234) that establishes a Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance (SIGUA) office charged with overseeing all military and non-military U.S. assistance appropriated or otherwise made available for Ukraine; and Roy (No. 235) that prohibits funds authorized to DoD or otherwise made available by this Act from being made available, directly or indirectly, to the Government of Iran or any person owned or controlled by the Government of Iran.

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Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 5 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–141 that seek to: Schrier (No. 236) require the Department of Defense to list the DoD systems that interact with Veteran Affairs electronic health records, including downtime incidents and the steps to resolve these issues so that care is not disrupted; Austin Scott (GA) (No. 237) prohibit DoD from purchasing batteries from China; Austin Scott (GA) (No. 238) make a technical correction to 10 USC 8634(e) regarding the participation of NATO Naval personnel in submarine safety programs; Austin Scott (GA) (No. 239) make technical correction to 10 USC 2165(b) by adding The College of International Security Affairs (CISA) as one of National Defense University's five colleges; Sewell (No. 240) increase funding for Air Force Professional Development Education; Sewell (No. 241) increase funding for Department of Defense Software Factories; Sherrill (No. 242) instruct the Department of Defense to conduct outreach to community colleges to support their entrance into the Skillbridge Program as Skillbridge program providers; Slotkin (No. 243) require the Department of Defense to post on a publicly available website timely and regularly updated information on the status of cleanup at sites for which the Secretary has obligated funding for environmental restoration activities; Smith (NJ) (No. 244) direct the Navy to convey 3.13 acres of land to the Town of Colts Neck; Smith (NJ) (No. 245) require the GAO to conduct a comprehensive inves-

tigation to establish the facts regarding military experiments related to Lyme disease; Smith (NJ) (No. 246) require the President to submit to Congress a report on the People's Republic of China's military engagement with, and operation of, key facilities in Cambodia, including Ream Naval Base and Dara Sakor Airport; Smith (NJ) (No. 247) require the Secretary of Defense to produce a report on the feasibility of developing and deploying asymmetric naval assets in defense of Taiwan; Smith (NJ) (No. 248) require the Secretary of the Navy to produce a report to Congress on the changes to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training and provide information on deaths or serious injury to candidates; Smith (NJ) (No. 249) direct the Director of the Defense Health Agency to develop a mental health intake waiver to allow service members to quickly access civilian mental health services in a period of duress when DHA does not have the capacity to meet mental health service needs in a timely manner; Sorensen (No. 250) require a report be provided by the Air Force on the cost of decommissioning TACP units throughout the country for the three fiscal years following enactment; Soto (No. 251) expand consideration for the Space National Guard's operations to places where there is significant space launch activity; Spanberger (No. 252) include Americans who went missing during their service with the Canadian Armed Forces prior to U.S. involvement in World War II in the definition of "missing person" for the purpose of ensuring these Americans are classified as such by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency; Spartz (No. 253) require DoD to provide a report to Congress reconciling all U.S. assistance to Ukraine, including normal and supplemental appropriations and drawdowns; Spartz (No. 254) require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the implementation of innovative data analysis and information technology solutions in the DoD; Spartz (No. 255) require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to Congress addressing DoD's plans to improve the financial management of the department; Steel (No. 256) require a report on Chinese influence in commercial sea lines of communication and threats posed to strategic maritime routes in African Atlantic ports; Steel (No. 257) require a study on the defense needs of Taiwan and the potential loan and lease of defense articles to the Government of Taiwan; Stefanik (No. 258) require all military service academies to consider standardized test scores on their applications; Steil (No. 259) require the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to jointly brief relevant committees of weapons the United States has committed to sending to Ukraine and to other regional allies who are providing weapons to Ukraine; Steube (No. 260) direct the Department of

Defense Office of Inspector General to provide detailed oversight and report to Congress on the U.S. taxpayer-funded assistance to Ukraine no later than 180 days; Stewart (No. 261) restore authority for the Department of the Army to plan for military construction projects for the Chemical and Biological Defense Program at Dugway Proving Ground; Stewart (No. 262) require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to provide a report on the feasibility of migrating Department of Defense and Intelligence Community classified networks into a modernized multilevel security system; Strong (No. 263) require the Secretary of Defense submit to Congress a plan to use, transfer or donate excess border wall construction materials and execute said plan until the Department of Defense is no longer incurring costs to maintain, store, or protect said materials; Sykes (No. 264) direct the U.S. Department of Defense to produce a classified report on current and future military posture, logistics, maintenance, and sustainment requirements to bolster the United States' "capacity to resist force" in the event of a Chinese attack and attempted invasion of Taiwan; Takano (No. 265) direct GAO to report on market consolidation within the defense industrial base and the economic and national security impacts of any resultant anti-competitive behavior; Takano (No. 266) direct GAO to report on the use of Other Transaction Authority (OTA) Contracts across the Department of Defense; Tenney (No. 267) require a report on the threat of aerial drones and unmanned aircraft to United States national security and an assessment of the unmanned traffic management systems of every military base and installation (within and outside the United States) to determine whether the base or installation is adequately equipped to detect, disable, and disarm hostile or unidentified unmanned aerial systems; Tenney (No. 268) require a report on CENTCOM capabilities and any capability gaps in carrying out CENTCOM's responsibilities, as well as recommendations to address any capability gaps; Thanedar (No. 269) require annual briefings on a DoD-issued a memo on Category Amendment practices and directs contracting officers to take a few actions to address procurement disparities; Thompson (PA) (No. 270) require the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to submit a report to Congress that identifies the most significant obstacles the Agency faces in recovering and identifying the remains of members of the Armed Forces missing in action; Tiffany (No. 271) prohibit the Department of Defense from creating, procuring, or displaying any map that depicts Taiwan or any offshore island under the administration of the Taiwan government as part of the territory of the Peo-

ple's Republic of China; Timmons (No. 272) require the development, testing, and certification phase of the Geosynthetics Reinforced Performance pavement test and authorizes \$3.3 million in appropriations; Titus (No. 273) require the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense to jointly submit a report to Congress on the stability of the Russian regime; Tlaib (No. 274) add a list of specific locations/methods that promotional material for the 988 hotline should be posted/distributed at military installations to a section requiring their distribution on all military bases; Torres (CA) (No. 275) establish a feasibility study on the possibility of certain professional credentials, such as airplane mechanic certs, held by servicemembers becoming transferrable post-discharge in civilian life; Turner (No. 276) provide a Sense of Congress on the importance of maintaining in-patient military medical treatment facilities; Wagner (No. 277) direct the DOD Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Office to analyze DOD capabilities to combat child sexual abuse and exploitation and to provide recommendations for educational programs on how to identify and report child sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agency; Walberg (No. 278) include an assessment of the Army's Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F) model as part of the DOD's reporting requirement on its Comprehensive Strategy on Force Resilience; Waltz (No. 279) incorporate cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods in the Energy Performance Master Plan, prioritizing commercially available tools; Waltz (No. 280) require that the certification of the Army's Warfighter Machine Interface Program is consistent with Section 3453 requirements; Waltz (No. 281) require a report on Harpoon missile delivery to Taiwan; Waltz (No. 282) require a briefing on Joint Exercises with Taiwan; Waltz (No. 283) require the Administrator of MARAD to provide a brief on the status of establishing and implementing a national maritime strategy; Wenstrup (No. 284) update credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of board certification for physicians; Westerman (No. 285) authorize the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to assist the State of Arkansas in properly securing and preparing the property known as the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI), or "Army/Navy Hospital," for possible reversion back to the United States Government; Wild (No. 286) add recommendations for improved awareness of 24/7 mental health services, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, to the Department of Defense Mental Health Task Force report; Wild (No. 287) revise the Department

of Defense report on expanding partnership opportunities with companies to provide job search assistance to veterans up to two years post-separation from the military, by increasing the support timeline from two to five years; Wilson (SC) (No. 288) amend Sec. 1303 by inserting the line, “and with deeper coordination on nuclear deterrence as highlighted in the Washington Declaration adopted by the two leaders during President Yoon Suk Yeol’s state visit on April 26, 2023.”; Wittman (No. 289) waive security clearance reinstatement review for certain covered persons within one year of Armed Services or Department of Defense separation and accelerates reviews for certain covered persons within two years of separation; and Wittman (No. 290) authorize the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in coordination with the military department acquisition executives, to establish reserves of long-lead items and components required to accelerate munitions deliveries. **Pages H3465–74**

H. Res. 582, as amended, the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2670), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 294. The amendment offered by Representative Cole was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 293, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 292. **Pages H3229–31**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3229–30, H3230 and H3230–31.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4509, the “Transparency in Billing Act”; H.R. 4507, the “Transparency in Coverage Act of 2023”; H.R. 4527, the “Health DATA Act”; and H.R. 4508, the “Hidden Fee Disclosure Act”. H.R. 4509, H.R. 4507, H.R. 4527, and H.R. 4508 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 4510, the “NTIA Reauthorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 3430, the “Spectrum Relocation Enhancement Act”; H.R. 3385, the “Diaspora Link Act”; and H.R. 3369, the “AI Accountability Act”. H.R. 4510 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 3430, H.R. 3385, and H.R. 3369 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a markup on H.R. 1435, the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act”; H.R. 4468, the “Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023”; and H.R. 4469, the “No Fuel Credits for Batteries Act of 2023”. H.R. 1435, H.R. 4468, and H.R. 4469 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

PROTECTING INVESTOR INTERESTS: EXAMINING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL POLICY IN FINANCIAL REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting Investor Interests: Examining Environmental and Social Policy in Financial Regulation”. Testimony was heard from Keith Ellison, Attorney General, Minnesota; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4470, the “Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2023”; H.R. 4467, the “DHS Border Services Contracts Review Act”; and H.R. 2577, the “DHS Suicide Prevention and Resiliency for Law Enforcement Act”. H.R. 4470, H.R. 2577, and H.R. 4467 were ordered reported, as amended.

PROTECTING THE U.S. HOMELAND: FIGHTING THE FLOW OF FENTANYL FROM THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “Protecting the U.S. Homeland: Fighting the Flow of Fentanyl from the Southwest Border”. Testimony was heard from Kemp Chester, Senior Advisor to the Director of National Drug Control Policy, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Steven Cagen, Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; James Mandryck, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Tyrone Durham, Director, Nation State Threats Center, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and George Papadopoulos, Acting Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S RECORD ON FEDERAL COAL LEASING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the Biden Administration’s Record on Federal Coal Leasing”. Testimony was heard from Randall Luthi, Chief Energy Advisor, Office of the Governor, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 929, the “Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act of 2023”; H.R. 2882, the “Udall Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2023”; and H.R. 3579, the “Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act of 2023”. Testimony was heard from Heather Dawn Thompson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; Sharon Vogel, Executive Director, Cheyenne River Housing Authority, Eagle Butte, South Dakota; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4435, the “Unauthorized Spending Accountability Act”; H.R. 4502, the “Modernizing the Acquisition of Cybersecurity Experts Act”; H.R. 4503, the “AI Training Expansion Act”; H.R. 1209, the “Fair and Open Competition Act”; H.R. 3358, the “Mission Not Emissions Act”; H.R. 3230, the “Unfunded Mandates Accountability and Transparency Act”; H.R. 890, the “Guidance Out Of Darkness Act”; H.R. 192, to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia; H.R. 1695, the “Strengthening Agency Management and Oversight of Software Assets Act”; H.R. 292, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24355 Creekside Road in Santa Clarita, California, as the “William L. Reynolds Post Office Building”; H.R. 996, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3901 MacArthur Blvd., in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Dr. Rudy Lombard Post Office”; H.R. 1060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”; H.R. 1098, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East Derry Road in East Derry, New Hampshire, as the “Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office”; H.R. 1687, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6444 San Fernando Road in Glendale, California, as the “Paul Ignatius Post Office”; H.R. 2379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the “Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office”; H.R. 2754, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 3728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”; and H.R. 3944, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Church Street in Mount Vernon, Georgia, as the “Second Lieutenant Patrick Palmer Calhoun Post Office”. H.R. 4435, H.R. 4502, H.R. 4503, H.R. 1209, H.R. 3358, H.R. 3230, H.R. 890, H.R. 192, and H.R. 1695 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 292, H.R. 996, H.R. 1060, H.R. 1098, H.R. 1687, H.R. 2379, H.R. 2754, H.R. 3728, and H.R. 3944 were ordered reported, without amendment.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Committee on Rules: Full Committee concluded a hearing on H.R. 2670, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2670, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule provides for no further general debate. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each amendment made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the further amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution of the report are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc at any time consisting of amendments not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

ENHANCING FIRE WEATHER PREDICTION AND COORDINATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Fire Weather Prediction and Coordination”. Testimony was heard from Mark Goeller, State Forester and Director, Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 4278, the “Restore Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability Act”; H.R. 196, the “Expediting Temporary Ratings for Veterans Act”; H.R. 4461, the “Modernizing Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Questionnaires Act”; H.R. 3504, the “VA Medical Center Security Report Act”; H.R. 2733, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General Training Act”; and H.R. 4225, the “VA Acquisition Review Board Act”. Testimony was

heard from Lewis Ratchford, Chief Security Officer, Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Case, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

WHERE IS ALL THE WELFARE MONEY GOING? RECLAIMING TANF NON-ASSISTANCE DOLLARS TO LIFT AMERICANS OUT OF POVERTY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Where is all the Welfare Money Going? Reclaiming TANF Non-Assistance Dollars to Lift Americans Out of Poverty”. Testimony was heard from Clarence Carter, Commissioner, Department of Human Services, Tennessee; Shad White, State Auditor, Office of the State Auditor, Mississippi; Robert Knodell, Director, Department of Social Services, Missouri; Kristi Putnam, Secretary, Department of Human Services, Arkansas; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

MOLDOVA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine supporting a democratic and secure Moldova, after receiving testimony from Dan Bischof, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; Igor Grosu, and Doina Gherman, both of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova; and William Hill, Wilson Center.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act”, an original bill entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act”, and an original bill entitled, “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act”, 11 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the budget of the United States Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023, a joint resolution proposed by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Interior, to approve agreements concluded with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau (and an agreement

with the Republic of the Marshall Islands upon its conclusion) to amend the Compacts of Free Association with the Freely Associated States, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine 25 years of the Child Tax Credit (1997–2022), 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2043, to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, S. 1457, to authorize negotiation and conclusion and to provide for congressional consideration of a tax agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), S. 1203, to amend the Peace Corps Act by reauthorizing the Peace Corps, providing better support for current, returning, and former volunteers, S. 847, to establish the International Children with Disabilities Protection Program within the Department of State, S. 2006, to foster Tunisia's democratic institutions, to limit funds until Tunisia restores checks and balances, and to authorize the creation of a fund to support democratic reforms, S. 416, to designate the Russian-based mercenary Wagner Group as a foreign terrorist organization, S. 490, to require the President to remove the extension of certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices if Hong Kong no longer enjoys a high degree of autonomy from the People's Republic of China, S. Con. Res. 2, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 133 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, S. Res. 20, condemning the coup that took place on February 1, 2021, in Burma and the Burmese military's detention of civilian leaders, calling for an immediate and unconditional release of all those detained, promoting accountability and justice for those killed by the Burmese military, and calling for those elected to serve in parliament to resume their duties without impediment, S. Res. 75, reaffirming the state of Arunachal Pradesh as Indian territory and condemning the People's Republic of China's provocations in South Asia, and the nominations of Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Department of State, Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and Gerald H. Acker, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, and Kara C. McDonald, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Rep-

resentative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Vernelle Trim FitzPatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, Lisa Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Joel Ehrendreich, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, and Edgard D. Kagan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1080, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substances violations, S. 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, and the nominations of Loren L. AliKhan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Susan Kim DeClercq, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Julia Kathleen Munley, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Vernon D. Oliver, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Tara K. McGrath, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 11:15 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on the Financial Services and General Government FY 2024 Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup on the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill, 5 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled "Exposing the Dangers of the Influence of Foreign Adversaries on College Campuses", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 824, the "Telehealth Benefit Expansion for Workers Act of 2023"; H.R. 3226, the "Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Reauthorization Act of 2023"; H.R. 3838, the "Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023"; H.R. 3843, the "Action for Dental Health Act of 2023"; H.R. 3884, the "Sickle Cell Disease and Other Heritable Blood Disorders Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act of 2023"; H.R. 3821, the "Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act of 2023"; H.R. 2365, the "National Plan to End Parkinson's Act"; H.R. 3391, the "Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0"; H.R. 4421, the

“Preparing for All Hazards and Pathogens Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 4420, the “Preparedness and Response Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 4529, the “Public Health Guidance Transparency and Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 4381, the “Public Health Emergency Congressional Review Act”; H.R. 3813, the “CDC Leadership Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 3836, the Medicaid Primary Care Improvement Act”; H.R. 4531, the “Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 4056, the “Ensuring Medicaid Continuity for Foster Care Act of 2023”; and H.R. 3887, the “Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2023”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled “Reforming the Proxy Process to Safeguard Investor Interests”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Proxy Advisory Industry”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability, hearing entitled “The State Department’s Climate Agenda: A Budget Overview by the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia; and Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific, joint hearing entitled “Examining Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for South and Central Asian Affairs”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology, hearing entitled “Future of FEMA: Agency Perspectives with Administrator Criswell”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the American Confidence in Elections Act, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “The Consequences of Criminal Aliens on U.S. Communities”, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 386, the “Mount Rushmore Protection Act”; H.R. 1318, the “Women’s Suffrage National Monument Location Act”; H.R. 2717, the “Hershel Woody Williams National Medal of Honor

Monument Location Act”; H.R. 3448, the “American Battlefield Protection Program Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 4377, to amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 with respect to extensions, additions, and revisions to the Barry M. Goldwater Range in Arizona, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 4374, the “Energy Opportunities for All Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs; and Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, joint hearing entitled “Beyond the Budget: Addressing Financial Accountability in the Department of Defense”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Continuing U.S. Leadership in Commercial Space at Home and Abroad”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Stolen Taxpayer Funds: Reviewing the SBA and OIG Reports of Fraud in Pandemic Lending Programs”, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “When the Lights Are On But No One’s Home: An Examination of Federal Office Space Utilization”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request: Agency Perspectives (Part II)”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, joint hearing entitled “Reviewing the Digital G.I. Bill Program”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the FY 2024 Intelligence Authorization Act, 10 a.m., HVC–304 Hearing Room. This markup is closed.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 2 p.m., HVC–304 Hearing Room.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Risky Business: Growing Peril for American Companies in China”, 7 p.m., 390 Cannon.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

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The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through June 30, 2023

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	89	92	..
Time in session	404 hrs, 35'	336 hrs, 36'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,257	3,163	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	634	..
Public bills enacted into law	32	4	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	170	176	346
Senate bills	23	4	..
House bills	3	88	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	1	..
House joint resolutions	7	12	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	5	10	..
Simple resolutions	127	61	..
Measures reported, total	*99	131	230
Senate bills	70	..	..
House bills .....	..	96	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	8	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	5	..
Simple resolutions	28	22	..
Special reports	11	1	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	94	60	..
Measures introduced, total	2,542	5,152	7,694
Bills	2,209	4,445	..
Joint resolutions	36	78	..
Concurrent resolutions	11	55	..
Simple resolutions	286	574	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	172	145	..
Recorded votes .....	..	143	..
Bills vetoed	1	5	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through June 30, 2023

Civilian nominees, totaling 284, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	73
Unconfirmed	206
Withdrawn	5
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,059, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	780
Unconfirmed	279
Air Force nominees, totaling 2,931, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,484
Unconfirmed	447
Army nominees, totaling 5,768, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,192
Unconfirmed	576
Navy nominees, totaling 1,845, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,764
Unconfirmed	81
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,097, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,077
Unconfirmed	20
Space Force nominees, totaling 400, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	399
Unconfirmed	1
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	13,384
Total confirmed	11,769
Total unconfirmed	1,610
Total withdrawn	5
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 46 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 132 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, July 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Kalpana Kotagal, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Kalpana Kotagal, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 13

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2670—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

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