

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S2445–S2964*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-three bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2287–2329, S. Res. 294–298, and S. Con. Res. 13.

**Pages S2459–61**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Report to accompany S. 2103, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 118–59)

S. 2302, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–60)

S. 2309, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–61)

S. 2321, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–62) **Page S2458**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**No CORRUPTION Act:** Senate passed S. 932, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses. **Page S2962**

**Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3672, to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Indian River, Michigan, as the "Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S2962**

**Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura VA Clinic:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 475, to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Gallup, New Mexico, as the Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura VA Clinic, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2962**

**Honoring the life and legacy of Gloria Molina:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 297, honoring the life, achievements, and legacy of Gloria Molina, the first Latina elected to the California State Legislature, Los Angeles City Council, and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. **Page S2962**

**National Whistleblower Appreciation Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 298, designating July 30, 2023, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day". **Page S2963**

**Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General Training Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1096, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General of the Department, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2963**

Cardin (for Hassan/Boozman) Amendment No. 659, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2963**

**Children of Vietnam Veterans benefits:** Senate passed S. 112, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida. **Pages S2963–64**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture:** 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. **Page S2449**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Page S2449**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order authorizing the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Department of the Navy, to order to active duty members and units of the Selected Reserve and appropriately designated Individual Ready Reserve members to augment the active forces for Operation Atlantic Resolve to enhance the United States' ability to sustain its heightened level of presence and operations in support of United States European Command; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM-20) **Page S2456**

**Uhlmann Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S2449**

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

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 185), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2449**

**Bloomekatz Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S2449–50**

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

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 186), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2450**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture; and that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m. **Page S2964**

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

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 184), Kalpana Kotagal, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2027.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Pages S2445–2449**

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

2 Space Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S2964**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2456–57**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Pages S2457–58**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S2458–59**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2461–63**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S2455**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2468–S2961**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S2961–62**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—186) **Pages S2448–50**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2964.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 2302) entitled, "Legislative Branch Appropriations Act";

An original bill (S. 2321) entitled, "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act"; and

An original bill (S. 2309) entitled, "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act".

### COAST GUARD OVERSIGHT

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing concluded an oversight hearing to examine the budget of the United States Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Commandant, and Master Chief Heath B. Jones, Master Chief Petty Officer, both of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

### COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Joseph Yun, Special Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations; Carmen G. Cantor, Assistant

Secretary of the Interior for Insular and International Affairs; Siddharth Mohandas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Palau President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., Palau; Leo Falcam, Jr., Chief Negotiator, Federated States of Micronesia, Pohnpei State; and Jack Ading, Republic of the Marshall Islands Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Majuro.

## CHILD TAX CREDIT 25 YEARS

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight concluded a hearing to examine 25 years of the Child Tax Credit (1997–2022), after receiving testimony from Katherine Michelmore, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor; Indivar Dutta-Gupta, Center for Law and Social Policy, and Kevin Corinth, and Angela Radichi, both of American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

## BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2043, to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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

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; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 416, to designate the Russian-based mercenary Wagner Group as a foreign terrorist organization, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment;

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, with amendments;

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, with amendments; 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 Representative 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, Edgard D. Kagan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and promotion lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters, and ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lieutenant General Timothy D. Haugh, USA, to be the Director of the National Security Agency.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 43 public bills, H.R. 4595–4637; and 9 resolutions; H. Con. Res. 56; and H. Res. 584–591, were introduced.

**Pages H3573–75**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H3577–78**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 583, providing for further 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. 118–142).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:22 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 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 14th.

**Pages H3502–71**

Agreed to:

Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 5 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–141 that was debated on July 12th that: Schrier (No. 236) requires 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) prohibits DoD from purchasing batteries from China; Austin Scott (GA) (No. 238) makes a technical correction to 10 U.S.C. 8634(e) regarding the participation of NATO Naval personnel in submarine safety programs; Austin Scott (GA) (No. 239) makes technical correction to 10 U.S.C. 2165(b) by adding The College of International Security Affairs (CISA) as one of National Defense University's five colleges; Sewell (No. 240) increases funding for Air Force Professional Development Education; Sewell (No. 241) increases funding for Department of Defense Software Factories; Sherrill (No. 242) instructs 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) requires 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) directs the Navy to convey 3.13 acres of land to the Town of Colts Neck; Smith (NJ) (No. 245)

requires the GAO to conduct a comprehensive investigation to establish the facts regarding military experiments related to Lyme disease; Smith (NJ) (No. 246) requires 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) requires 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) requires 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) directs 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; Sorenson (No. 250) requires 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) expands consideration for the Space National Guard's operations to places where there is significant space launch activity; Spanberger (No. 252) includes 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) requires DoD to provide a report to Congress reconciling all U.S. assistance to Ukraine, including normal and supplemental appropriations and drawdowns; Spartz (No. 254) requires 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) requires 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) requires 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) requires 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) requires all military service academies to consider standardized test scores on their applications; Steil (No. 259) requires 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 pro-

viding weapons to Ukraine; Steube (No. 260) directs 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) restores 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) requires 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) requires 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) directs 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) directs 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) directs GAO to report on the use of Other Transaction Authority (OTA) Contracts across the Department of Defense; Tenney (No. 267) requires 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) requires 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) requires annual briefings on a DoD-issued memo on Category Amendment practices and directs contracting officers to take a few actions to address procurement disparities; Thompson (PA) (No. 270) requires 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) prohibits 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 People's Republic of China; Timmons (No. 272) requires the development, testing, and certification phase of the Geosynthetics Reinforced Performance pavement test and authorizes \$3.3 million in appropriations; Titus (No. 273) requires 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) adds 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) establishes 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) provides a Sense of Congress on the importance of maintaining in-patient military medical treatment facilities; Wagner (No. 277) directs 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) includes 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) incorporates cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods in the Energy Performance Master Plan, prioritizing commercially available tools; Waltz (No. 280) requires that the certification of the Army's Warfighter Machine Interface Program is consistent with Section 3453 requirements; Waltz (No. 281) requires a report on Harpoon missile delivery to Taiwan; Waltz (No. 282) requires a briefing on Joint Exercises with Taiwan; Waltz (No. 283) requires the Administrator of MARAD to provide a brief on the status of establishing and implementing a national maritime strategy; Wenstrup (No. 284) updates credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of board certification for physicians; Westerman (No. 285) authorizes 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) adds 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) revises 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) amends 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) waives 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) authorizes 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 (by a recorded vote of 399 ayes to 31 noes, Roll No. 297);

Pages H3503–04

Luna amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits any form of support or direct involvement by federal agencies in research that is conducted by the Chinese government, the Chinese Communist Party, or any of their affiliated agents, instruments, or entities;

Pages H3504–06

Jackson amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits the Secretary of Defense from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 300);

Pages H3506–12, H3525–26

Rosendale amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits TRICARE from covering and the Department of Defense from furnishing sex reassignment surgeries and gender hormone treatments for transgender individuals (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 111 noes, Roll No. 301);

Pages H3508–09, H3526–27

Norman amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits provision of gender transition procedures, including surgery or medication, through the Exceptional Family Member Program (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 302);

Pages H3509–11, H3527

Roy amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that amends Section 904 to prohibit federal funds from being used to establish a position within the Department of Defense for anything similar to Chief Diversity Officers or Senior Advisors for Diversity and Inclusion (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 308);

Pages H3521–22, H3531

Roy amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits funds authorized for DoDEA from being used to promote that idea that,

(1) Any race is inherently superior or inferior to any other race, color, or national origin; (2) The U.S. is a fundamentally racist country; (3) The Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution are racist documents; (4) An individual's moral character or worth is determined by the individual's race, color, or national origin; (5) An individual, by virtue of the individual's race, is inherently racist or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously; (6) An individual, because of the individual's race, bears responsibility for the actions committed by other members of the individual's race, color, or national origin (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 201 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 309);

**Pages H3522–24, H3531–32**

Davidson amendment (No. 40 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that requires a study and report on health conditions arising in members of the Armed Forces after the administration of the COVID–19 vaccine;

**Pages H3538–39**

Davidson amendment (No. 45 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on allied contributions to defense spending;

**Pages H3541–42**

Alford amendment (No. 46 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that directs the Secretary of the Air Force to not terminate fighter flying mission of fighter squadron of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve until 180 days after Sec of Air Force submits a modernization plan to congressional defense committees including options for modernization of fighter squadrons of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve and the replacement of the aircraft with more capable aircraft;

**Pages H3542–43**

Issa amendment (No. 61 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that requires DoD, within one year, produce documents and after action reports for decisions surrounding the evacuation of Bagram Airbase, the Abbey Gate suicide bomber, the airlift and follow-on movements of those airlifted, and any efforts to stymie non-USG American groups attempting to extract AMCITs, LPRs, or Afghan Allies from Afghanistan;

**Pages H3558–60**

Crane amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits the Department of Defense from making participation in training or support for certain race-based concepts a requirement for hiring, promotion, or retention of individual (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 310);

**Pages H3532–34, H3561–62**

Norman amendment (No. 33 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that eliminates any offices of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion along with the personnel in said offices within the offices of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 6(h) of rule XVIII of the rules of the

House, the votes of the delegates were decisive on the vote (recorded vote of 216 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 311) and a separate vote in the House was required (recorded vote of 214 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 312);

**Pages H3534–35, H3562–63**

Norman amendment (No. 34 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that codifies Trump admin guidance to prohibit the display of unapproved flags (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 313);

**Pages H3535–37, H3564**

Boebert amendment (No. 35 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits Department of Defense Education Activity schools from purchasing and having pornographic and radical gender ideology books in their libraries (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 314);

**Pages H3537–38, H3564–65**

Waltz amendment (No. 41 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that allows DoD to transfer excess controlled property to Federal and State agencies under the 1033 program, consistent with the original intent of the program (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 315);

**Pages H3539–41, H3565**

Hageman amendment (No. 49 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that requires that all documents and correspondence of the Countering Extremism Working Group are provided to the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government and the Committee on Armed Services (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 318);

**Pages H3546–47, H3567**

Perry amendment (No. 56 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits any funding authorized by this Act or otherwise made available for DOD for FY24 to provide any kind of support to the Taliban and prohibits any form of sanctions relief or mitigation unless explicitly authorized by Congress in subsequent legislation (by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 323); and

**Pages H3553–55, H3570**

Burlison amendment (No. 62 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that prohibits DoD from establishing new DEI administrator positions and/or taking actions to fill vacancies in currently existing DEI billets (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 324);

**Pages H3560–61, H3571**

Rejected:

Blumenauer amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to strike Section 1639 and prohibits the use of funds for the sustainment of the B83–1 bomb (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 298);

**Pages H3518–19, H3524–25**

Tlaib amendment (No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to strike the prohibition on the reduction of the total number of nuclear armed Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) deployed

in the United States in Sec. 1638. Prohibition on reduction of the intercontinental ballistic missiles of the United States (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 299); **Pages H3519–21, H3525**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to strike \$300 million of Ukraine funding (by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 341 noes, Roll No. 303); **Pages H3511–12, H3527–28**

Gaetz amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to prohibit security assistance for Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 70 ayes to 358 noes, Roll No. 304); **Pages H3512–14, H3528–29**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to strike the creation of a Center of Excellence in Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 95 ayes to 332 noes with two answering “present”, Roll No. 305); **Pages H3514–15, H3529**

Davidson amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State, to develop and submit a report to Congress that contains a strategy for U.S. involvement in Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 301 noes, Roll No. 306); **Pages H3515–17, H3529–30**

Ogles amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to strike Section 1224 of the bill, which extends lend-lease authority to Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 71 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 307); **Pages H3517–18, H3530–31**

Perry amendment (No. 58 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for promotion of sustainable building materials (including low-embodied or no-carbon concrete or asphalt) or net-zero emissions construction; **Pages H3555–56**

Perry amendment (No. 59 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to prohibit the use of RDT&E funding on electric vehicles, electric vehicle chargers, and photovoltaic technology; **Pages H3556–58**

Good amendment (No. 47 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to prohibit the use of federal funds to carry out the recommendations of the Naming Commission (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 316); **Pages H3543–44, H3566**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 48 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to state that no cluster munitions or cluster munitions technology shall be sold or transferred to Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 276 noes, Roll No. 317); **Pages H3544–46, H3566–67**

Davidson amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to strike Section 217, which authorizes funds to NATO for the joint fund established for the Defence Innovation Accelerator for the

North Atlantic initiative (DIANA) (by a recorded vote of 79 ayes to 353 noes, Roll No. 319); **Pages H3547–49**

Davidson amendment (No. 51 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to express a sense of Congress that the U.S. should not continue subsidizing NATO member countries who choose not to invest in their own defense by meeting the 2014 Wales Summit Defense Spending Benchmark (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 320); **Pages H3549–50, H3568–69**

Gaetz amendment (No. 52 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to prohibit federal funds for training on diversity, equity, and inclusion (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 321); and **Pages H3550–52, H3569**

Biggs amendment (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 118–142) that sought to exempt defense related activities from the Endangered Species Act (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 322); **Pages H3552–53, H3569–70**

H. Res. 583, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2670) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 296, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 295. **Pages H3502–03**

H. Res. 582, the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2670), was agreed to yesterday, July 12th.

**Order of Business:** Agreed by unanimous consent that: (1) it be in order at any time through July 20, 2023, to consider the following joint resolutions in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee: House Joint Resolution 68, House Joint Resolution 70, House Joint Resolution 71, or House Joint Resolution 74; (2) that each such joint resolution be considered as read; that the previous question be considered as ordered on each such joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except for debate as follows: for House Joint Resolution 68, 30 minutes equally divided among and controlled by Representative McCaul, Representative Meeks, and Representative Boebert or their respective designees; for House Joint Resolutions 70 and 74, 30 minutes equally divided among and controlled by Representative McCaul, Representative Meeks, and Representative Gosar or their respective designees; and for House Joint Resolution 71, 30 minutes equally divided among and controlled by Representative McCaul, Representative Meeks, and Representative Crane or their respective designees; and (3) that the provisions of section 202 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622) shall not apply to each such joint resolution through July 20, 2023. **Page H3572**

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad is to continue in effect beyond July 19, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–52).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he has authorized the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Department of the Navy, to order to active duty members and units of the Selected Reserve and appropriately designated Individual Ready Reserve members—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–53).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and twenty-nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3502–03, H3503, H3504, H3524–25, H3525, H3526, H3526–27, H3527, H3527–28, H3528–29, H3529, H3529–30, H3530–31, H3531, H3531–32, H3561–62, H3562–63, H3563, H3563–64, H3564–65, H3565, H3566, H3566–67, H3567, H3567–68, H3568–69, H3569, H3569–70, H3570 and H3571.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Financial Services and General Government FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Financial Services and General Government FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill. The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## EXPOSING THE DANGERS OF THE INFLUENCE OF FOREIGN ADVERSARIES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Exposing the Dangers of the

Influence of Foreign Adversaries on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a 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 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”. H.R. 824, H.R. 3226, H.R. 3838, H.R. 3391, H.R. 3884, H.R. 3836, and H.R. 3887 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 3821, H.R. 2365, H.R. 3843, H.R. 4421, H.R. 4420, H.R. 4529, H.R. 4381, H.R. 3813, H.R. 4531, and H.R. 4056 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

### REFORMING THE PROXY PROCESS TO SAFEGUARD INVESTOR INTERESTS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Reforming the Proxy Process to Safeguard Investor Interests”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE PROXY ADVISORY INDUSTRY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Proxy Advisory Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S CLIMATE AGENDA: A BUDGET OVERVIEW BY THE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FOR CLIMATE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “The State Department’s Climate Agenda: A Budget Overview by the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate”. Testimony was heard from John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Department of State.

## EXAMINING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia; and Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific held a joint hearing entitled “Examining Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for South and Central Asian Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Horst, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Michael Schiffer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

## FUTURE OF FEMA: AGENCY PERSPECTIVES WITH ADMINISTRATOR CRISWELL

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology held a hearing entitled “Future of FEMA: Agency Perspectives with Administrator Criswell”. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4563, the “American Confidence in Elections Act”. H.R. 4563 was ordered reported, as amended.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission”. Testimony was heard from Lina Khan, Chair, Federal Trade Commission.

## THE CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL ALIENS ON U.S. COMMUNITIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “The Consequences of Criminal Aliens on U.S. Communities”. Testimony was heard from Bradley Schoenleben, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Orange County, California; Ramon Batista,

Chief of Police, Santa Monica Police Department, California; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of South Dakota, Grijalva, Neguse, and Moore of Utah; Ravi I. Chaudhary, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations, and Environment, U.S. Air Force; Mike Reynolds, Deputy Director, Congressional and External Relations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Helene Duhamel, State Senator, South Dakota; Master Chief Britt Slabinski, U.S. Navy (Retired), Special Warfare Operator (SEAL), U.S. Navy; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 4374, the “Energy Opportunities for All Act”. Testimony was heard from Nada Wolff Culver, Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## BEYOND THE BUDGET: ADDRESSING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs; and Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a joint hearing entitled “Beyond the Budget: Addressing Financial Accountability in the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from Asif Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Brett Mansfield, Deputy Inspector General for Audits, Office of Inspector General, Department of Defense; and John Tenaglia, Principal Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting, Department of Defense.

## CONTINUING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN COMMERCIAL SPACE AT HOME AND ABROAD

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Continuing U.S. Leadership in Commercial Space at Home and

Abroad". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## STOLEN TAXPAYER FUNDS: REVIEWING THE SBA AND OIG REPORTS OF FRAUD IN PANDEMIC LENDING PROGRAMS

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Stolen Taxpayer Funds: Reviewing the SBA and OIG Reports of Fraud in Pandemic Lending Programs". Hannibal Ware, Inspector General, U.S. Small Business Administration.

## WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE ON BUT NO ONE'S HOME: AN EXAMINATION OF FEDERAL OFFICE SPACE UTILIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "When the Lights Are On But No One's Home: An Examination of Federal Office Space Utilization". Testimony was heard from David Marroni, Acting Director for Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Nina Albert, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, U.S. General Services Administration.

## REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET REQUEST: AGENCY PERSPECTIVES (PART II)

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled "Review of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request: Agency Perspectives (Part II)". Testimony was heard from Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Maria-Elena Giner, Commissioner, U.S. Section, International Boundary and Water Commission; Louis Aspey, Associate Chief, National Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Aaron Bernstein, Director, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and Nicole R. LeBoeuf, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

## REVIEWING THE DIGITAL G.I. BILL PROGRAM

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a joint hearing entitled "Reviewing the Digital G.I. Bill Program". Testimony was heard from Joseph Garcia, Executive Di-

rector, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3932, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024". H.R. 3932 was ordered reported, as amended. This markup was closed.

## MEMBER DAY

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Member Day". Testimony was heard from Representatives Beyer, Pfluger, Nunn, Moore of Utah, and Rose.

## RISKY BUSINESS: GROWING PERIL FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES IN CHINA

*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Risky Business: Growing Peril for American Companies in China". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, markup on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, markup on the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies FY 2024 Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "How Mandates Like ESG Distort Markets and Drive Up Costs for Insurance and Housing", 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled "Fixing FISA, Part II", 9:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Friday, July 14

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, July 14

**Senate Chamber**

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

**House Chamber**

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

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