

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3129–S3435*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2366–2402, and S. Res. 302–304. **Pages S3147–48**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2024”. (S. Rept. No. 118–69)

S. 534, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development. (S. Rept. No. 118–63)

S. 683, to modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California. (S. Rept. No. 118–64)

S. 706, to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws. (S. Rept. No. 118–65)

S. 736, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System. (S. Rept. No. 118–66)

S. 776, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River system in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 118–67)

S. 843, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of funds for certain additional Carey Act projects. (S. Rept. No. 118–68) **Page S3147**

#### **Measures Passed:**

*University of Alaska Fairbanks Rifle Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 303, congratulating the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association championship, the program’s 11th title overall.

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*University of Oklahoma Softball Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 304, congratulating the University of Oklahoma softball team for winning the 2023 Women’s College World Series, the seventh national title in program history.

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#### **Measures Considered:**

**National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3129–44**

##### **Adopted:**

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 189), Murray Amendment No. 300 (to Amendment No. 935), to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to expand the ways beryllium sensitivity can be established for purposes of compensation under that Act and to extend the authorization of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health of the Department of Labor. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S3135–36**

By 65 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 190), Kaine Amendment No. 429 (to Amendment No. 935), to require the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty

and authorizing related litigation. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.)

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Rejected:

By 16 yeas to 83 nays (Vote No. 191), Paul Amendment No. 222 (to Amendment No. 935), to express the sense of Congress that Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty does not supersede the constitutional requirement that Congress declare war before the United States engages in war. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 192), Vance (for Hawley) Amendment No. 838 (to Amendment No. 935), to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to clarify the meaning of the term “aggregate value” for purposes of the Presidential drawdown authority. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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Pending:

Schumer (for Reed/Wicker) Amendment No. 935, in the nature of a substitute.

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Schumer Amendment No. 936 (to Amendment No. 935), to add an effective date.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that it be in order to call up Cruz/Manchin Amendment No. 926; and with 60-affirmative votes required for adoption, and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to the vote.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on Cruz/Manchin Amendment No. 926, be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader following consultation with the Republican Leader, on Thursday, July 20, 2023, with all provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 20, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; that at 12 noon, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David M. Uhlmann; and that upon disposition of the nomination of David M. Uhlmann, Senate resume consideration of S. 2226, and vote on or in relation to Cruz/Manchin Amendment No. 926, with the previous provisions remaining in effect.

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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 that was originally declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–21)

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—192)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3435.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### RURAL WATER

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy concluded a hearing to examine rural water, focusing on modernizing our community water systems, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Day, RCAP Solutions, Inc., Worcester, Massachusetts; Joseph Duncan, Champlain Water District, South Burlington, Vermont, on behalf of the Green Mountain Water Environment Association; Catherine Coleman Flowers, Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice, Huntsville, Alabama; Pauli Undesser, Water Quality Association and Water Quality Research Foundation, Lisle, Illinois; and Robert White, IV, Alabama Rural Water Association, Montgomery, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association.

### APPROPRIATIONS: SEC

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony

from Gary Gensler, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded an oversight hearing to examine of the Bureau of Reclamation, including S. 461, to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, S. 482, to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, S. 739, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, S. 1118, to establish the Open Access Evapotranspiration (OpenET) Data Program, S. 1215, to require assessments of opportunities to install and maintain floating photovoltaic solar panels at Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers projects, S. 1521, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize and improve the licensing of non-Federal hydropower projects, S. 1662, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Midvale Irrigation District the Pilot Butte Power Plant in the State of Wyoming, S. 1955, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, S. 2102, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, S. 2160, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern, S. 2161, to provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, S. 2162, to support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, S. 2166, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 and the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to provide grants to States and Indian Tribes for programs to voluntarily repurpose agricultural land to reduce consumptive water use, S. 2169, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, S. 2202, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize the modification of transferred works to increase public benefits and other project benefits as part of extraordinary operation and maintenance work, and S. 2247, to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, after receiving testimony from Senator Padilla; and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

## BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1253, to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1444, to increase the pay and enhance the training of United States Border Patrol agents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2272, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for special base rates of pay for wildland firefighters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Fara Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 195, to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854;

S. 382, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation;

S. 910, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act;

S. 1286, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering activities of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians;

S. 1322, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify the authorized purposes and term period of tribal leases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1987, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2273, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act; and

S. 2285, to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, with an amendment.

## LEGISLATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2088, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, after receiving testimony from Wizipan Garriott, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Ryman LeBeau, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota; and Frank Star Comes Out, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

## VERTICAL MERGER ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine trends in vertical merger enforcement, after receiving testimony from Makan Delrahim, former Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, and Charlotte Slaiman, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nancy L. Rose, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably the following business items:

S. 38, to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 673, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration;

S. 936, to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women's business centers;

S. 943, to increase the minimum disaster loan amount for which the Small Business Administration may require collateral, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1156, to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1345, to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Credit Risk Management, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to issue rules relating to environmental obligations of certified development companies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1352, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the loan guaranty program, enhance the ability of small manufacturers to access affordable capital, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1396, to improve commercialization activities in the SBIR and STTR programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2099, to establish an Office of Community Financial Institutions within the Small Business Administration that will strengthen the ability of Community Financial Institutions to support the development of small business concerns in underserved communities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2212, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish an SBIC Advisory Committee; and

An original bill entitled, "Community Advantage Loan Program Act".

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 37 public bills, H.R. 4725–4761; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 601–603 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H3859–60**

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

H.R. 1501, to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from operating or procuring certain foreign-

made unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–151);

H.R. 3254, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a process to review applications for certain grants to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–152); and

H.R. 4470, to extend the authorization of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program

of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–153, Part 1). **Page H3856**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India. The House reconvened at 12:37 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Pages H3703–07**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:23 p.m. and reconvened at 9 p.m. **Page H3839**

**Schools Not Shelters Act:** The House passed H.R. to prohibit the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 340. Consideration began yesterday, July 18th. **Pages H3839–40**

Rejected the Vasquez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, by a yea-and-nay vote of 200 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 339. **Pages H3839–40**

H. Res. 597, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3935) and (H.R. 3941) was agreed to yesterday, July 18th.

**Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act:** The House considered H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 20th. **Pages H3707–H3839, H3840–54**

Agreed to:

Graves (MO) amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that makes technical, conforming, and clarifying changes throughout the bill; **Page H3805**

Graves (MO) en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147: Bean (FL) (No. 2) that would expand eligibility to include connecting taxiways under Sec. 685. AIP Eligibility For Certain Spaceport Infrastructure; Brown (No. 5) that requires air carriers and foreign air carriers to provide complementary drinking water to all passengers on all domestic and international flights over 1 hour; Cammack (No. 8) that makes catchment area analyses eligible for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds; Carbajal (No. 9) that directs the FAA to start a pilot program for mobile clearance for general aviation and Part 135 air carriers; Case (No. 11) that directs the Federal Aviation Administration, in consultation with the Department of State, to submit a report to Congress on airports of strategic importance in the Indo-Pacific region; Case (No. 12) that

directs GAO to conduct a study on grant implementation at airports in the Freely Associated States; Castro (TX) (No. 13) that requires the Department of Transportation to make publicly available the Uniform report of DBE awards commitments and payment for each airport sponsor beginning with fiscal year 2024; Ciscomani (No. 14) that directs the FAA to prioritize funding for certain projects and details how they should go about dispensing funds; Ciscomani (No. 15) that creates new priority criteria for the secretary to consider regarding air traffic controllers; Cloud (No. 16) that requires energy project applicants submitted to the FAA to submit a foreign agent and principal disclosure; Davids (KS) (No. 17) that revises language in Section 507 to change the deadline in Section 507(2)(b) from 30 days to 60 days; DelBene (No. 18) that expands the Center of Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuels and Environment (ASCENT) to conduct research on hydrogen to increase aviation decarbonization, in addition to other research authorized to be carried out by ASCENT; Deluzio (No. 19) that directs GAO to conduct a report on the effect of airline mergers for consumers; DeSaulnier (No. 20) that creates a Task Force on Human Factors in Aviation Safety to analyze current risks related to human factors and identify recommendations to decrease the risks; Donalds (No. 21) that expresses the Sense of Congress that Congress encourages the FAA to welcome the use of drones to bolster and augment traditional manual inspection, survey, and maintenance operations (e.g. operations relating to electric transmission infrastructure, water quality and detecting harmful algal blooms, transportation infrastructure, telecommunications infrastructure, etc.); Donalds (No. 22) that directs the Comptroller General to consult with FAA-certified airports and industry stakeholders to evaluate the airports' emergency response plans and determine whether such plans appropriately assess electricity-related considerations relating to primary power source disruption events stemming from natural disasters; Eshoo (No. 24) that requires the FAA to solicit feedback from communities impacted by aircraft noise as part of the Community Collaboration Program; and Espaillat (No. 25) that requires the FAA to consider vulnerabilities of in-flight wifi that may lead to the exposure of passenger data; **Pages H3806–08**

Graves (MO) en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147: Feenstra (No. 26) that directs the Secretary of Transportation to take such actions as are necessary to respond with an approval or denial of any application for the provision of essential air service to the greatest extent practicable no later than 6 months after receiving such application;

Fitzpatrick (No. 28) that makes alterations to the structure and timeframe of the aviation rulemaking committee established by Sec. 522; Robert Garcia (CA) (No. 30) that modifies cockpit voice recording preservation requirements to include real-world nearly catastrophic closecall incidents (for example, almost landing on another plane when lined up on a taxiway rather than a runway at SFO in 2017; González-Colón (No. 31) that authorizes a GAO study on air cargo operations in Puerto Rico; Gooden (TX) (No. 32) that applies equal NOTAM prohibitions to air carriers and foreign air carriers landing in or taking off from a U.S. airport from overflying Russian airspace; Gottheimer (No. 34) that requires a GAO study on flight delays at airports in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut and possible causes; Hagedman (No. 37) that includes language that requires the Administrator, when implementing and updating the acquisition management system, to take into account the life cycle, reliability, performance, service support, and costs to guarantee the acquisition of equipment that is of high quality and reliability resulting in greater performance and cost-related benefits for airports; Hagedman (No. 38) that requires the FAA to take necessary actions to provide easily accessible and streamlined non-federal weather observer training to airport personnel in that such personnel can manually provide weather observations when automated surface observing systems and automated weather observing systems experience outages and errors; Hagedman (No. 39) that requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on methods related to the recruitment, retention, employment, education, training, and well-being of the aviation workforce specifically within rural communities, and report the findings to Congress; Higgins (LA) (No. 40) that directs the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation to conduct and submit an assessment on the mitigation of unmanned aircraft systems at the border; Hill (No. 41) that requires the FAA to brief the Senate and House Committees of jurisdiction on the status of the Little Rock VORTAC relocation project; Houlahan (No. 42) that requires FAA to provide notification and financial reimbursement to specified aviation entities for financial losses incurred because of closures due to Presidential Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) related to any residence of the President which is secured by the U.S. Secret Service, subject to an audit of the financial losses incurred; Hoyle (No. 43) that requires the FAA to develop and publish safety training materials for airport ground crew workers (including supervisory employees) to help prevent accidents involving aircraft engine ingestion and jet blast hazards; Huizenga (No. 45) that prevents Sec-

retary of Transportation from requiring that an airport shorten or narrow their runway, apron, or taxiway as a condition for funding if the airport supports an Air Force or Air National Guard base at the airport, regardless of stationing of military aircraft; Johnson (SD) (No. 49) that encourages the FAA to utilize cloud-based, interactive digital platforms to meet community engagement and agency coordination requirements in the environmental review process; Kean (NJ) (No. 51) that directs the FAA to consult the DOD regarding powered-lift aircraft operating regulations; Kilmer (No. 52) that revises the expansion of AIP for resiliency improvements to include Incident Support Bases, defines natural disasters, and clarifies the full scope of AIP improvement projects for eligible airports; Lee (No. 55) (NV) that adds research to sections on use of UAS in wildfire prevention, response and mitigation, as well as agricultural uses, to make clear that processes to allow for research into wildfires and agriculture must be considered in any federal rulemaking process related to UAS; Lynch (No. 57) that revises the representative in the task force on Aviation and Airport Community Engagement to ensure that multiple airport communities and communities around airports are included; and Lynch (No. 58) that ensures deliberate engagement with local community groups for the Community Collaboration Program; **Pages H3808–10**

Graves (MO) en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147: Lawler (No. 54) that directs the GAO to conduct a study on the shortage of pilots faced by air carriers; Lucas (No. 56) that ensures FAA's future plans to expand air traffic controller training facilities focuses on improving staff training without duplicating existing federal investments; Magaziner (No. 59) that allows Airport Improvement Program funds to be used for projects to comply with cybersecurity standards and recommendations from the Civil Aviation Cybersecurity Rulemaking Committee; Meng (No. 63) that clarifies that as part of the Part 150 Noise Standard Update, feedback should be solicited from individuals living in overflight communities; Neguse (No. 66) that requires the Community Collaboration Program to directly interview impacted residents; Peltola (No. 72) that adds extensions needed for fuel/firefighting operations/etc. that are often pushed out as ineligible, yet very much needed to allow Alaska's aviation system to function more smoothly and allow for heavier payloads to remote locations; Pettersen (No. 78) that strikes "in decision-making processes" in Sec. 135 to allow more avenues for the public to have their concerns relayed to the Aviation Noise Officer to provide to the Administrator; Pettersen (No. 79) that

requires the FAA, within 1 year of enactment, to develop guidance on what medications should be readily available without additional approval on the in-flight medical kits; Pettersen (No. 80) that requires the Pilot Mental Health Task Group to review protocols of allowable antidepressants for a pilot's medical certification; Pettersen (No. 81) that directs the Pilot Mental Health Task Force to consider implementing the recommendations from the Department of Transportation Inspector General's report on Comprehensive Evaluations of Pilots with Mental Health Challenges; Pfluger (No. 82) that provides a sense of Congress that route structures to rural airports serve a critical function to our Nation by connecting many of our military installations to major regional airline hubs; Porter (No. 83) that requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the response time of the FAA Administrator in regard to congressional inquiries and requests, in addition to requiring the FAA Administrator to annually testify before Congress on the agency's efforts, activities, objectives, plans, and efforts to engage with Congress and the public; Pressley (No. 84) that requires GAO study on transit access to airports; Rose (No. 86) that requires a GAO to issue a report to Congress on the recent mass flight cancellations that occurred over the Fourth of July holiday; Van Drew (No. 95) that adds large UAS operators as a member of the Unmanned and Autonomous Flight Advisory Committee; Westerman (No. 96) that makes technical corrections to Section 204 to ensure data privacy and enhance the safety of general aviation aircraft personnel and passengers; Westerman (No. 97) that clarifies that BVLOS rulemaking should ensure the safety of manned aircraft in the national airspace;

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Donalds amendment (No. 23 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that directs the FAA Secretary to consult with Part 141 flight schools and industry stakeholders to establish an apprenticeship program to bolster the qualified pilot pipeline; **Pages H3816–17**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 53 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that requires the FAA to promulgate a rule which will allow for restricted category aircraft performing a wildfire suppression operation to transport firefighters to and from the site of a wildfire if those firefighters are performing ground wildfire suppression; **Pages H3825–26**

Obernolte amendment (No. 67 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that requires the FAA to implement an accountability system that ensures students can schedule an airman practical test in no more than fourteen (14) calendar days after the test is requested; **Pages H3829–30**

Langworthy amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that strikes Sec. 546 to

maintain current training requirements for a person who is applying for an airline transport certificate with an airplane category and class rating (by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 341); **Pages H3814–16, H3841**

Fitzpatrick amendment (No. 29 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that requires the FAA to implement as a rule the recommendations issued by the aviation rulemaking committee for commercial passenger aircraft established by Sec. 522 (by a recorded vote of 392 ayes to 41 noes, Roll No. 343); **Pages H3817–18, H3842–43**

Huizenga amendment (No. 44 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that requires the Secretary of Transportation—in the process for prioritizing awarding grants under the Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Pilot Program established and described in P.L. 119–328—to also prioritize eligible entities that collaborate with the DOD or National Guard (by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 347); **Pages H3820–22, H3845**

Kean (NJ) amendment (No. 50 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that requires the Secretary of Transportation to refine the reporting directives to provide more detailed information about the cause of a commercial passenger flight cancellation or delay, allowing greater transparency to the traveling public regarding the cause of a canceled or delayed flight (by a recorded vote of ayes to noes, Roll No. 350); and **Page H3824–25, H3847**

Obernolte amendment (No. 68 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that allows FAA approved high-octane unleaded aviation gasoline to be sold at airports in lieu of 100 octane low-lead aviation gasoline (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 354). **Page H3830–31, H3849–50**

Rejected:

Feenstra amendment (No. 27 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to exempt nonhub airports from the requirement to have at least one individual who maintains certification as an emergency medical technician during air carrier operations (by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 342); **Pages H3817, H3841–42**

Gosar amendment (No. 33 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to prohibit changes to existing National Park air tour management plans (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 344); **Pages H3818–19, H3843**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 35 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to require the Inspector General to investigate the FAA's decision to broaden the acceptable EKG range for pilots to fly (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 345); **Pages H3819–20, H3843–44**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 36 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to require airlines to reinstate pilots who were fired or forced to resign because of vaccine mandates (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 346);

Pages H3820, H3844–45

Issa amendment (No. 47 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to require the FAA Administrator to make an objective, independent assessment of a NOTAM request when the request comes from outside the FAA (by a recorded vote of ayes to noes, Roll No. 348);

Pages H3822–23, H3845–46

Jackson (TX) amendment (No. 48 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to revise Section 608 to add concentrated animal feeding operations and eligible meat and food processing facilities to the list of Applications for Designation (by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 349);

Pages H3823–24, H3846–47

McClintock amendment (No. 62 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to strike authorization for the Essential Air Service (by a recorded vote of 49 ayes to 386 noes, Roll No. 351);

Pages H3826–28, H3847–48

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 64 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to require a report on the Secretary of Transportation flight records (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 352);

Pages H3828, H3848–49

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 65 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to restrict funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion officials or training (by a recorded vote 181 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 353);

Pages H3828–29, H3849

Ogles amendment (No. 69 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to strike “social” from the scope of factors examined under the FAA Beyond Program (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 355);

Pages H3831–32, H3850–51

Ogles amendment (No. 70 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to clarify that a study of turbulence should include a focus on weather conditions rather than climate change since weather is the proximate cause (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 356);

Pages H3832–33, H3851

Owens amendment (No. 71 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to protect all existing flights at Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 357);

Pages H3833–35, H3851–52

Perry amendment (No. 73 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to strike sec. 1132 (CLEEN) (by a recorded vote of 127 ayes to 308 noes, Roll No. 358);

Pages H3835–36, H3852–53

Perry amendment (No. 74 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to reduce the authorization levels in sections 101, 103, and 1111 (by a recorded vote of 52 ayes to 381 noes, Roll No. 359); and

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Perry amendment (No. 75 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to strike vertiport from the AIP definitions section (by a recorded vote of 45 ayes to 387 noes, Roll No. 360).

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H. Res. 597, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3935) and (H.R. 3941) was agreed to yesterday, July 18th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 20th.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–56).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and twenty recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3839–40, H3840, H3841, H3841–42, H3842–43, H3843, H3843–44, H3844–45, H3845, H3845–46, H3846–47, H3847, H3847–48, H3848–49, H3849, H3849–50, H3850–51, H3851, H3851–52, H3852–53, H3853, and H3853–54.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

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

### ADMISSIONS, CURRICULUM, AND DIVERSITY OF THOUGHT AT THE MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Admissions, Curriculum, and Diversity of Thought at the Military Service Academies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 824, the “Telehealth Benefit Expansion for Workers Act of 2023”; H.R. 3226, the “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, Registry Reauthorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 3391, the “Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0”; H.R. 3836, the “Medicaid Primary Care Improvement Act”; H.R. 4531, the “Support for Patients and Communities 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. 4421, the “Preparing for All Hazards and Pathogens Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 4420, the “Preparedness and Response Reauthorization Act”; and H.R. 3887, the “Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2023”. H.R. 824, H.R. 4531, H.R. 4529, H.R. 4421, and H.R. 4420 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3226, H.R. 3838, H.R. 3843, H.R. 3884, H.R. 3821, H.R. 3391, H.R. 3836, H.R. 4381, H.R. 3813, and H.R. 3887 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## BIDEN AND MAYORKAS’ OPEN BORDER: ADVANCING CARTEL CRIME IN AMERICA

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Biden and Mayorkas’ Open Border: Advancing Cartel Crime in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Capitol Police Office of Inspector General”. Testimony was heard from Ron Russo, Inspector General, U.S. Capitol Police.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4250, the “PRESS Act”; and H.R. 4639, the “Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act”. H.R. 4250 and H.R. 4639 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1607, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes; H.R.

2839, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4374, the “Energy Opportunities for All Act”. H.R. 1607 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2839 and H.R. 4374 were ordered reported, without amendment.

## HEARING WITH IRS WHISTLEBLOWERS ABOUT THE BIDEN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing with IRS Whistleblowers About the Biden Criminal Investigation”. Testimony was heard from Gary Shapley, Supervisory Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and Joseph Ziegler, Criminal Investigator, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

## MEMBERS’ DAY HEARING: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled ‘Members’ Day Hearing: House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology’. Testimony was heard from Representative Lee of Pennsylvania.

## BURDENOME RED TAPE: OVERREGULATION IN HEALTH CARE AND THE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Burdenome Red Tape: Overregulation in Health Care and the Impact on Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a markup on H.R. 3848, the “HOME Act of 2023”; H.R. 3874, the “Veterans Education Assistance Improvement Act”; H.R. 3898, the “Transcript Assurance for Heroes Act”; H.R. 3900, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish certain rights for spouses of members of the uniformed services; H.R. 3933, the “TAP Promotion Act”; H.R. 3943, the “Servicemember Employment Protection Act of 2023”; and H.R. 3981, the “Veterans Education Oversight Expansion Act”. H.R. 3933 and H.R. 3874 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 3943, H.R. 3848, H.R. 3900, H.R. 3898, and H.R. 3981 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup on H.R. 592, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization Improvement Act”; H.R. 608, to terminate the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1659, the “Department of Veterans Affairs IT Modernization Improvement Act”; H.R. 2499, the “VA Supply Chain Management System Authorization Act”; 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 Veteran Affairs Disability Benefit 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”. H.R. 196, H.R. 4461, H.R. 1659, H.R. 608, H.R. 592, H.R. 4225, H.R. 4278, and H.R. 2733 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 3504 and H.R. 2499 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

## BIDEN'S GLOBAL TAX SURRENDER HARMS AMERICAN WORKERS AND OUR ECONOMY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Tax held a hearing entitled “Biden’s Global Tax Surrender Harms American Workers and Our Economy”. Testimony was heard from Michael Plowgian, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Tax Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act”, an original bill entitled, “State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act”, and an original bill entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act”, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Timothy D.

Haugh, USAF, to be general and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service Commander, United States Cyber Command, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine perspectives on deposit insurance reform after recent bank failures, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration budget, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on non-Federal stakeholder views, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the urgent need to reform the U.S. transplant system, focusing on the cost of inaction, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 2333, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and other pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider 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 nomination of Julia Kathleen Munley, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine housing accessibility and affordability for older adults and people with disabilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

## House

*Committee on the Judiciary, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government:* hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on legislation on Military and Veterans in Parks (MVP) Act; H.R. 1786, the “GROW Act”; H.R. 1829, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; and H.R. 2468, the “Mountain View Corridor Completion Act”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, joint hearing entitled “VA Contracting: Challenges in Competition and Conflicts of Interest”, 9:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Biden Administration’s PRC Strategy”, 8 a.m., 390 Cannon.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Thursday, July 20

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the nomination of David M. Uhlmann, Senate will continue consideration of S. 2226, National Defense Authorization Act, and vote on or in relation to Cruz/Manchin Amendment No. 926, with 60-affirmative votes required for adoption.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
9 a.m., Thursday, July 20

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 3935—Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act.

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