

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3437–S3500

Measures Introduced: Fifty-five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2403–2457, S. Res. 305–306, and S. Con. Res. 16.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2437, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–70)

S. 2438, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–71)

S. 2443, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–72)

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Measures Passed:

250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 1096, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support programs at the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

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50th Anniversary of Hip Hop: Senate agreed to S. Res. 305, commemorating the 50th anniversary of hip hop and designating August 11, 2023, as “Hip Hop Celebration Day”, designating August 2023 as “Hip Hop Recognition Month”, and designating November 2023 as “Hip Hop History Month”.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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 per-

sonnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 85 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 194), Cruz Amendment No. 926 (to Amendment No. 935), to prohibit the export or sale of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to certain entities. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 19, 2023, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

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Reed (for Scott (FL)) Amendment No. 510 (to Amendment No. 935), to provide for drone security.

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Reed (for Romney) Amendment No. 823 (to Amendment No. 935), to end the treatment of the People’s Republic of China as a developing nation.

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Reed (for Sinema/Kelly) Amendment No. 315 (to Amendment No. 935), to provide for the assumption of full ownership and control of the International Outfall Interceptor in Nogales, Arizona, by the International Boundary and Water Commission.

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Reed (for Grassley/Durbin) Amendment No. 273 (to Amendment No. 935), to improve a provision relating to a report on progress on a multi-year strategy and plan for the Baltic Security Initiative.

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Reed (for Blackburn) Amendment No. 224 (to Amendment No. 935), to provide funding for women’s health to support initiatives for mobile mammography services for women veterans.

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Reed (for Moran/Warnock) Amendment No. 949 (to Amendment No. 935), to ensure access to commissary and exchange privileges for remarried spouses of members of the Armed Forces.

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Reed (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 685 (to Amendment No. 935), to provide for an enhanced domestic content requirement for navy shipbuilding programs.

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Rejected:

By 13 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 195), Lee Amendment No. 376 (to Amendment No. 935), to

limit the availability of funds for the support of Ukraine. **Pages S3448–49**

Pending:

Schumer (for Reed/Wicker) Amendment No. 935, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3444**

Schumer Amendment No. 936 (to Amendment No. 935), to add an effective date. **Page S3444**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that it be in order to call up the following amendments to the bill: Cornyn Amendment No. 931, Rounds Amendment No. 813, Warnock Amendment No. 199; that with respect to the amendments listed above, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed, with no further amendments or motions in order, and with 60-affirmative votes required for adoption, and that there be two minutes equally divided prior to each vote. **Page S3448**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, July 25, 2023; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Cornyn Amendment No. 931, and Rounds Amendment No. 813, in the order listed. **Page S3500**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 193), David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S3437–44**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—195) **Pages S3444–45, S3448–49**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:54 p.m., until 6:30 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3500.)

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. 2443) entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act";

An original bill (S. 2438) entitled, "State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act"; and

An original bill (S. 2437) entitled, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act".

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,699 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on deposit insurance reform after recent bank failures, after receiving testimony from Emily DiVito, Roosevelt Institute, New York, New York; Thomas J. Fraser, First Mutual Holding Company, Lakewood, Ohio; and Andrew Olmem, Mayer Brown LLP, Washington, D.C.

NOAA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration budget, after receiving testimony from Rick Spinrad, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, and Rear Admiral Nancy Hann, Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, and Director, Commissioned Officer Corps, both of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

WRDA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Water

Resources Development Act, focusing on non-Federal stakeholder views, after receiving testimony from Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, California; Tony Pratt, Delaware Bay Beach Association, Lewes, on behalf of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association; Joel Paulsen, Metro Flood Diversion Authority, Fargo, North Dakota; and Chris Blanchard, Cooper Consolidated, Convent, Louisiana.

U.S. TRANSPLANT SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the urgent need to reform the U.S. transplant system, focusing on the cost of inaction, after receiving testimony from Molly McCarthy, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, Redmond, Washington; Matthew D. Wadsworth, Life Connection of Ohio, Kettering; Raymond J. Lynch, Pennsylvania State College of Medicine, Hershey; Donna Cryer, Global Liver Institute, Washington, D.C.; and LaQuayia Goldring, Louisville, Kentucky.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2333, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public

Health Service Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, with amendments.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

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, with an amendment; and

The nomination of Julia Kathleen Munley, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing accessibility and affordability for older adults and people with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Jenny Schuetz, Brookings Metro, Washington, D.C.; Alison Cannington, The Kelsey, San Francisco, California; Rick Wajda, Indiana Builders Association, Fishers; and Domonique Howell, Liberty Resources Inc, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 58 public bills, H.R. 4762–4819; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 59; and H. Res. 604–608 were introduced. **Pages H3886–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3891–92**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. J. Henry Buck, Jr., Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **Page H3861**

Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act: The House passed H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, by a yeand-nay vote of 351 yeas to 69 nays, Roll No. 364. **Pages H3863–74**

Agreed to:

Graves (MO) en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147: Manning (No. 60) that adds a Sense of Congress on FAA engagement with HBCUs and MSIs on aviation workforce development; Manning (No. 61) that requires the FAA Administrator to report to Congress on implementation of the FAA Youth Access to American Jobs in Aviation Task Force's recommendations on increasing access to information and enhancing collaboration; Quigley (No. 85) that clarifies requirements of the joint DoD and FAA dynamic scheduling airspace system pilot program and requires a report to Congress on the impact of dynamic scheduling and management of special activity airspace and special use airspace; Rouzer (No. 87) that clarifies adoption of the Aeromedical Innovation and Modernization Working Group's findings and creates a Medical Portal Modernization Task Group, comprised of working group members, to study creating a portal

for pilots to track the status of their medical application; Rouzer (No. 88) that prohibits DOT procurement of drones from certain foreign adversaries, including China and Russia; Ruiz (No. 89) that requires the Comptroller General to conduct a study on the closure of the Banning Municipal Airport in Banning, California; Scott (GA) (No. 90) that revises Sec. 483 (Engagement Events) to increase the number of annual events the FAA must convene to engage with aviation-impacted communities in each geographic region of the Administration from one to two; Self (No. 91) that provides a feasibility study to determine what the cost would be to harden satellites that contribute to U.S. aerospace navigation; Sherrill (No. 92) that mandates an FAA study within 180 days that researches prior instances and national security implications of airborne incidents or misrepresentations of domestically launched, unbeaconed, unmanned free balloons and the technical efficacy of putting an electronic emitter onboard said launches; Steil (No. 93) that directs the FAA to update FAA Order 7031.2C to lower the remote radar bright display scope installation requirement from 30,000 annual itinerant operations to 15,000; Thompson (No. 94) that requires the Department of Transportation and National Academies to conduct a study on the loss of commercial air service in small communities throughout the country, and to provide recommendations on how to restore service to these communities; Williams (No. 99) that conducts a study of surface surveillance systems that are operational as of the date of enactment of this Act; Yakym (No. 100) that extends the air traffic control maximum hiring requirement through Fiscal Year 2028; Smith (NJ) (No. 101) that requires the President or his designee to certify offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic and Mid Atlantic Planning Area will not compromise radar or create risks to aviation and space activities; Boebert (No. 102) that requires the report on future electric grid resiliency in the underlying bill to also be made available to the American people on a public website; Boebert (No. 103) that requires the report on telework in the underlying bill to also be made available to the American people on a public website; and Beyer (No. 104) that commissions study to modernize aeronautical standards (by a recorded vote of 348 ayes to 57 noes, Roll No. 361).

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Rejected:

Perry amendment (No. 76 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to strike sections 206 and 207 relating to N number restrictions (by a recorded vote of 64 ayes to 329 noes, Roll No. 362); and

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Perry amendment (No. 77 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–147) that sought to strike the telework provisions in the underlying bill and applies the SHOW UP Act (H.R. 139) telework restrictions to the FAA (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 363).

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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 Tuesday, July 18th.

Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 24th.

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Senate Referrals: S. 70 was held at the desk. S. 460 was held at the desk. S. 794 was held at the desk. S. 1308 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3884.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3871–72, H3872, H3872–73, and H3873–74.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HEARING ON THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government held a hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”. Testimony was heard from D. John Sauer, Special Assistant Attorney General, Louisiana Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kiggans of Virginia, Levin, Crane, and Owens; Frank Lands, Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Jacqueline Emanuel, Associate Deputy Chief,

U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Woody Cline, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Gila County, Arizona; Lisa Wilson, Deputy Director of Engineering and Operations, Department of Operations, Utah; and public witnesses.

VA CONTRACTING: CHALLENGES IN COMPETITION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a joint hearing entitled "VA Contracting: Challenges in Competition and Conflicts of Interest". Testimony was heard from Michael Parrish Chief Acquisition Officer and Principal Executive Director Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs.

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S PRC STRATEGY

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Biden Ad-

ministration's PRC Strategy". Testimony was heard from Ely Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense; Daniel J. Kritenbrink, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Thea Rozman Kendler, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Department of Commerce.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

6:30 a.m., Friday, July 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Monday, July 24

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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