

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2226, National Defense Authorization Act, as amended.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3713–S3846*

**Measures Introduced:** One hundred sixty-one bills and fourteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2555–2715, S.J. Res. 39–42, S. Res. 319–327, and S. Con. Res. 19. **Pages S3752–58**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Joint Economic Committee on the 2023 Economic Report of the President”. (S. Rept. No. 118–86)

S. 2587, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–81)

S. 1868, to require an interagency study to produce a security assessment process on adjacent space to high-security leased space to accommodate a Federal agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–82)

S. 2605, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–83)

S. 2624, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–84)

S. 2625, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. (S. Rept. No. 118–85)

S. 133, to extend the National Alzheimer’s Project, with an amendment.

S. 134, to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer’s Project Act.

S. 1855, to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. **Page S3752**

#### **Measures Passed:**

*Commemorating Tony Bennett:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 322, commemorating the life, legacy, and entertainment career of Tony Bennett. **Page S3275**

*National Defense Authorization Act:* Senate passed 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, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text 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, as amended. Subsequently, Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2226. **Pages S3730–31**

*Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network:* Senate passed H.R. 2544, to improve the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. **Pages S3731–33**

*Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 323, supporting the goals and ideals of Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day on August 21, 2023. **Page S3839**

*National Farmers Market Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, designating the week of August 6 through August 12, 2023, as “National Farmers Market Week”. **Page S3839**

*National Anti-Counterfeiting and Consumer Education and Awareness Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 325, recognizing the importance of trademarks in the economy and the role of trademarks in protecting consumer safety, by designating the month of August as “National Anti-Counterfeiting and Consumer Education and Awareness Month”.

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**National Poll Worker Recruitment Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 326, recognizing August 23, 2023, as “National Poll Worker Recruitment Day”.

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**Disaster Assistance Simplification Act:** Senate passed S. 1528, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S3839–43

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 1088, of a perfecting nature. Pages S3841–43

**Disaster Assistance Deadlines Alignment Act:** Senate passed S. 1858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Page S3843

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 1091, to add an applicability provision. Page S3843

**Duck Stamp Modernization Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 788, to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue fully electronic stamps under that Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Boozman) Amendment No. 1089, in the nature of a substitute. Page S3844

**I–27 Numbering Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 992, to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate the Texas and New Mexico portions of the future Interstate-designated segments of the Port-to-Plains Corridor as Interstate Route 27, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Page S3844

Schumer (for Cruz) Amendment No. 1090, in the nature of a substitute. Page S3844

**Starr-Camargo Bridge:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1608, to provide for the expansion of the Starr-Camargo Bridge near Rio Grande City, Texas, and the bill was then passed.

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#### Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

**National Defense Authorization Act:** By 86 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 212), Senate passed 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, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, July 27, 2023, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 202), Barrasso Amendment No. 999 (to Amendment No. 935), to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a Nuclear Fuel Security Program, expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program, establish an HALEU for Advanced Nuclear Reactor Demonstration Projects Program, and submit a report on a civil nuclear credit program, and to enhance programs to build workforce capacity to meet critical mission needs of the Department of Energy. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

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Cardin/Young Amendment No. 705 (to Amendment No. 935), to identify countries that are champions in the battle to combat global corruption. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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Scott (SC) Amendment No. 944 (to Amendment No. 935), to require an assessment of the impact and feasibility of restricting gifts and grants to United States institutions of higher education from entities on the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 206), Gillibrand Amendment No. 1065 (to Amendment No. 935), to amend title XXXIII of the Public Health Service Act with respect to funding for the World Trade Center Health Program. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

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By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 207), Hawley Amendment No. 1058 (to Amendment No. 935), to extend the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and to provide for compensation under such Act for claims relating to Manhattan Project waste, and to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

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By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 208), Menendez Amendment No. 638 (to Amendment No. 935), to reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.)

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By 86 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 209), Schatz/Murkowski Amendment No. 1078 (to Amendment No. 935), to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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Young Amendment No. 230 (to Amendment No. 935), to ensure that the Department of Defense has received an unqualified opinion on its financial statements by October 1, 2027. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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Daines/Tester Amendment No. 1084 (to Amendment No. 935), to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 211), Reed/Wicker Amendment No. 1087 (to Amendment No. 935), to provide for a manager's amendment.

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

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Rejected:

By 11 yeas to 88 nays (Vote No. 203), Sanders Amendment No. 1030 (to Amendment No. 935), to reduce military spending. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 204), Marshall Amendment No. 874 (to Amendment No. 935), to prohibit the flying, draping, or other display of any flag other than the flag of the United States at public buildings. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 205), Kennedy Amendment No. 1034 (to Amendment No. 935), to prohibit allocations of Special Drawing Rights at the International Monetary Fund for perpetrators of genocide and state sponsors of terrorism without congressional authorization. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 210), Rubio Amendment No. 523 (to Amendment No. 935), to provide that sums in the Thrift Savings Fund may not be invested in securities that are listed on certain foreign exchanges. (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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#### Withdrawn:

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

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motions to invoke cloture on Schumer (for Reed/Wicker) Amendment No. 935 (listed above) and on the bill, be withdrawn.

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#### Appointments:

**Migratory Bird Conservation Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 70–770, the appointment of the following individual to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Senator Boozman.

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**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki):** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 118th Congress: Senators Wicker, Boozman, Tillis, and Scott (SC).

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**United States Holocaust Memorial Council:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, and further amended by Public Law 106–292, reappointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 118th Congress: Senators Rubio and Scott (SC).

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**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:** The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China during the 118th Congress: Senators Rubio, Cotton, Daines, and Sullivan.

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**Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences

authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. [Page S3839](#)

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators Duckworth, Cardin, and Kaine be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from July 28, 2023, through September 4, 2023. [Page S3839](#)

**Committee Reporting—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m., committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters. [Page S3839](#)

**Printing of National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that 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, as passed by the Senate, be printed. [Page S3839](#)

**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, July 28, 2023, at 11:45 a.m.; Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 12:15 p.m.; Friday, August 4, 2023, at 12 noon; Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 10 a.m.; Friday, August 11, 2023, at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 12 noon; Friday, August 18, 2023, at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 2 p.m.; Friday, August 25, 2023, at 12 noon; Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 11:45 a.m.; and Friday, September 1, 2023, at 11:45 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, September 1, 2023, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. [Page S3845](#)

**Jefferson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. [Page S3738](#)

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 27, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. [Page S3738](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S3738](#)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, September 5, 2023; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, July 27, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m. [Page S3845](#)

**Wilcox Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gwynne A. Wilcox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. [Page S3738](#)

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. [Page S3738](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. [Page S3738](#)

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S3738](#)

**Cook Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. [Page S3738](#)

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Gwynne A. Wilcox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. [Page S3738](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. [Page S3738](#)

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S3738](#)

**Kugler Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. [Page S3738](#)

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. [Page S3738](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3738**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3738**

**Gomez Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anna M. Gomez, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. **Pages S3738–39**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S3738**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3738**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3738**

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

Eric W. Kneedler, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

Hugo Yue-Ho Yon, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

Matthew D. Murray, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Ervin Jose Massinga, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Yael Lempert, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Martina Anna Tkadlec Strong, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Jennifer L. Johnson, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Julie Turner, of Maryland, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gerald H. Acker, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the Inter-

national Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

William W. Popp, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Bryan David Hunt, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Joel Ehrendreich, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.

Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

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.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S3845–46**

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

Jeffrey M. Bryan, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Richard E.N. Federico, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Page S3845**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S3750**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S3838–39**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3839**

**Text of S. 2226 as Previously Passed:**

**Record Votes:** Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total—212) **Pages S3718–20, S3722–29**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m., until 11:45 a.m. on Friday,

July 28, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3845.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 2587) entitled, "Defense Appropriations Act", an original bill (S. 2605) entitled "Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act", an original bill (S. 2624) entitled, "Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act", and an original bill (S. 2625) entitled, "Homeland Security Appropriations Act".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 447, to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 484, to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide training and guidance relating to human rights abuses, including such abuses perpetrated against the Uyghur population by the Government of the People's Republic of China;

S. 1153, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the National Manufacturing Advisory Council within the Department of Commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1303, to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1409, to protect the safety of children on the internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1418, to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to strengthen protections relating to the online collection, use, and disclosure of

personal information of children and teens, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1421, to require origin and location disclosure for new products of foreign origin offered for sale on the internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1648, to facilitate access to the electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and commercial space reentries, with amendments;

S. 1669, to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in motor vehicles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2116, to require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2201, to increase knowledge and awareness of best practices to reduce cybersecurity risks in the United States, with amendments.

### SINGLE-USE WASTE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, concluded hearings to examine solutions for single-use waste, focusing on expanding refill and reuse infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Dacie Meng, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Clemence Schmid, Loop Global, Geneva, Switzerland; and Tim Debus, Reusable Packaging Association, Murphy, North Carolina.

### HAITI

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine Haiti, focusing on next steps on the international response, after receiving testimony from Brian A. Nichols, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Marcela Escobari, Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 115 public bills, H.R. 4953–5067; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 83; H. Con. Res. 61; and H. Res. 621–633, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 3224, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend the authorization of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–159);

H.R. 3286, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the duties of the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency regarding open source software security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–160, Part 1); and

H.R. 3208, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity On-the-Job Training Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–161).

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

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:21 p.m.

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**Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024:** The House passed H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 380. Consideration began yesterday, July 26th.

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Rejected the Wasserman Schultz motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 379.

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H. Res. 614, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4366) and the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 9) and (S.J. Res. 24) was agreed to yesterday, July 26th.

**Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-**

Chicken; Threatened Status with Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”:

The House passed S.J. Res. 9, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status with Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 381.

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H. Res. 614, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4366) and the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 9) and (S.J. Res. 24) was agreed to yesterday, July 26th.

**Clerk to Correct:** Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 4366, the clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references, and to make other technical corrections and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, July 25th.

**Unmanned Aerial Security Act:** H.R. 1501, amended, to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from operating or procuring certain foreign-made unmanned aircraft systems; and

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**First Responder Access to Innovative Technologies Act:** 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.

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**Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”:** The House passed S.J. Res. 24, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared

Bat”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 382. **Pages H4052–58**

H. Res. 614, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4366) and the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 9) and (S.J. Res. 24) was agreed to yesterday, July 26th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, July 28th. **Page H4060**

**Director of the Congressional Budget Office—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President pro tempore hereby appointed Dr. Phillip Swagel as the Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term expiring January 3, 2027. **Page H4061**

**Work Period Designation:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Friday, July 28, 2023, through Monday, September 11, 2023, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5. **Page H4061**

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication:** Read a letter from Chairman Graves wherein he transmitted copies of fifteen resolutions included in the General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on July 27, 2023. **Pages H4064–4123**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 546 was held at the desk. S. 994 was held at the desk. S. 1387 was held at the desk. S. 2051 was held at the desk. **Page H4042**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H4041–42.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4049–50, H4050, H4051–52 and H4057–58.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

**Committee on Agriculture:** Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 4763, the “Financial Innovation and Technology for the 21st Century Act”. H.R. 4763 was ordered reported, as amended.

### LOWERING COSTS AND INCREASING VALUE FOR STUDENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND TAXPAYERS

**Committee on Education and Workforce:** Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

held a hearing entitled “Lowering Costs and Increasing Value for Students, Institutions, and Taxpayers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3385, the “Diaspora Link Act”; H.R. 3369, the “AI Accountability Act”; H.R. 4510, the “NTIA Reauthorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 1435, the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act”; H.R. 4468, the “Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023”; and H.R. 4469, the “No Fuel Credits for Batteries Act of 2023”. H.R. 3385, H.R. 3369, and H.R. 4510 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1435, H.R. 4468, and H.R. 4469 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Financial Services:** Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4766, the “Clarity for Payment Stablecoins Act of 2023”; H.R. 4841, the “Keep Your Coins Act of 2023”; H.R. 4790, the “Guiding Uniform and Responsible Disclosure Requirements and Information Limits Act of 2023”; H.R. 4767, the “Protecting Americans’ Retirement Savings from Politics Act”; H.R. 4823, the “American Financial Institution Regulator Sovereignty and Transparency Act”; H.R. 4655, the “Businesses Over Activists Act”; and H.J. Res. 66, a joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau relating to “Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)”.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Foreign Affairs:** On July 26, 2023, Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 4619, to authorize the sale of Virginia Class submarines to Australia in support of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 4725, to conduct oversight and accountability of the State Department’s implementation of AUKUS, and for other purposes; H.R. 4716, to amend the Arms Export Control Act in support of Australia and the AUKUS partnership; H.R. 4715, to amend the Arms Export Control Act in support of the United Kingdom and the AUKUS partnership; H.R. 1776, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally; H.R. 4517, to require the Secretary of State to submit a plan for the reimbursement of personal funds expended to evacuate American citizens, American lawful permanent residents, and Afghan allies from Afghanistan, and for other purposes; H.R. 3152, to impose sanctions with respect to countries, individuals, and entities that engage in any effort to acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer, or deploy

Iranian missiles and related goods and technology, including materials and equipment, and for other purposes; H.R. 4741, to require the development of a strategy to promote the use of secure telecommunications infrastructure worldwide, and for other purposes; H.R. 4691, to provide for congressional review of actions to terminate or waive sanctions imposed with respect to Iran; H.R. 1456, to limit the use of funds for the production of films using assets of the Department of State under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; H. Res. 578, calling for the immediate release of Eyyvin Hernandez, a United States citizen and Los Angeles County public defender, who was wrongfully detained by the Venezuelan regime in March 2022; and H.R. 4825, to require the imposition of sanctions and other measures relating to the Russian oil price cap policy, and for other purposes. H.R. 1776, H.R. 4741, H.R. 4691, H.R. 3152, and H.R. 4825 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 4619, H.R. 4716, H.R. 4715, H.R. 1456, H.R. 4725, H.R. 4517, and H. Res. 578 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **A FAILURE TO PLAN: EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S PREPARATION FOR THE AFGHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “A Failure to Plan: Examining the Biden Administration’s Preparation for the Afghanistan Withdrawal”. Testimony was heard from Command Sergeant Major Jacob Smith, 4–31 Infantry, 2nd BCT, 10th Mountain Division, U.S. Army; and public witnesses.

#### **ILLICIT IT: BANKROLLING KIM JONG UN**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Illicit IT: Bankrolling Kim Jong Un”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **COLOMBIA'S DESCENT TO SOCIALISM: ASSESSING GUSTAVO PETRO'S PRESIDENCY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Colombia’s Descent to Socialism: Assessing Gustavo Petro’s Presidency”. Testimony was heard from Mark Wells, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Peter Natiello, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing

entitled “Oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration”. Testimony was heard from Anne Milgram, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

#### **THE DANGERS AND DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS OF ‘GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE’ FOR CHILDREN**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled “The Dangers and Due Process Violations of ‘Gender-Affirming Care’ for Children”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH: EXAMINING THE FUTURE OF THE OFFSHORE LEASING PROGRAM**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding American Jobs and Economic Growth: Examining the Future of the Offshore Leasing Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 1437, the “Black Vulture Relief Act of 2023”; H.R. 1792, the “South Pacific Tuna Treaty Act of 2023”; H.R. 2950, the “Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023”; H.R. 2982, the “New York-New Jersey Watershed Protection Act”; H.R. 4051, the “SHARKED Act”; H.R. 4094, the “Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act”; H.R. 4587, the “Red Snapper Act”; and H.R. 4596, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wittman, Radewagen, Curtis, Boebert, Rutherford, Tonko, Rose, and Huffman; Kelly Kryc, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Program Management and Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING BARRIERS TO ACCESS: ONGOING VISITOR EXPERIENCE ISSUES AT AMERICA’S NATIONAL PARKS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Barriers to Access: Ongoing Visitor Experience Issues at America’s National Parks”. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Sams III, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing on legislation on the Restoring Accountability in the Indian Health Service Act of 2023. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT AND REAUTHORIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight and Reauthorization of the Office of National Drug Control Policy”. Testimony was heard from Rahul Gupta, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

## HEMP IN THE MODERN WORLD: THE YEARSLONG WAIT FOR FDA ACTION

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services held a hearing entitled “Hemp in the Modern World: The Yearslong Wait for FDA Action”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BECAUSE I SAID SO: EXAMINING THE SCIENCE AND IMPACT OF COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Because I Said So: Examining the Science and Impact of COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 4755, the “Privacy Enhancing Technology Research Act”; H.R. 4824, the “Carbon Sequestration Collaboration Act”; H.R. 4877, the “Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act”; H.R. 1069, the “Clean Energy Demonstration Transparency Act of 2023”; H.R. 3915, the “Aviation Weather Improvement Act”; and H.R. 4866, the “Fire Weather Development Act of 2023”. H.R. 4755, H.R. 4877, H.R. 1069, H.R. 3915, and H.R. 4866 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4824 was ordered reported, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1547, the “One Seat Ride Act”; H.R. 4693, the “Tennessee Valley Authority Salary Transparency Act”; H.R. 4762, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the non-premium war risk insurance program; H. Res. 609, the “Expressing opposition to Central Business District Tolling Program of New York City”; H.R.

1752, the “Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility Act”; H.R. 532, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 600 East First Street in Rome, Georgia, as the “Harold L. Murphy Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; H.R. 4688, to direct the Administrator of General Service to sell the property known as the Webster School; and 15 General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 1547, H.R. 4693, and H.R. 1752 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4762, H. Res. 609, H.R. 532, and H.R. 4688 were ordered reported, without amendment. Fifteen General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted.

## REVIEW OF THE RECAPITALIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SURFACE, AIR, IT, AND SHORESIDE ASSETS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Review of the Recapitalization of the United States Coast Guard Surface, Air, IT, and Shoreside Assets”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Paul F. Thomas, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard; and Marie Mak, Director, Contracting and National Security, Government Accountability Office.

## VA DISABILITY EXAMS: ARE VETERANS RECEIVING QUALITY SERVICES?

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “VA Disability Exams: Are Veterans Receiving Quality Services?”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Jeff London, Executive Director, Medical Disability Exams Office, Veterans Benefits Administration; Jacqueline Imboden, Assistant Director, Procedures and Interagency/MilPay Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; Christopher Parker, Associate Executive Director, Office of Acquisitions Logistics and Construction; Henry Bridges, Senior Medical Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment; and Stephen Bracci, Director, Claims and Medical Exams Inspection Division, Office of Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General.

**THE EMPLOYEE RETENTION TAX CREDIT EXPERIENCE: CONFUSION, DELAYS, AND FRAUD**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Employee Retention Tax Credit Experience: Confusion, Delays, and Fraud”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings*****ECONOMIC IMPACT OF DIABETES**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic impact of diabetes, after receiving testimony from Buu V. Nygren, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Janet Brown-Friday, American Diabetes Association, and Benedic Ippolito, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark A. Herman, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

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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. Signed on July 26, 2023. (Public Law 118-10)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
JULY 28, 2023**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
11:45 a.m., Friday, July 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Friday, July 28

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

House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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