

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4243–S4336

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2736–2750, and S. Res. 332–333.

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Measures Passed:

Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 294, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area small businesses, and the bill was then passed.

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Administrative Fine Program: Senate passed S. 2747, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the Administrative Fine Program for certain reporting violations.

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Bradsher Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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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, September 7, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2023.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, September 7, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 11, 2023.

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Cummings Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey Irvine

Cummings, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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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 Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 220), Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2012.

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By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 222), Anna M. Gomez, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2021. **Page S4257**

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

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 221), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4254**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Jeffrey Matthew Marootian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), which was sent to the Senate on January 23, 2023. **Page S4336**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—222) **Pages S4254, S4257**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:17 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4332.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on challenges in the property insurance market and the impact on consumers, after receiving testimony from Douglas Heller, Consumer Federation of America, and Jerry Theodorou, R Street Institute,

both of Washington, D.C.; and Michelle Norris, National Church Residences, Columbus, Ohio.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent advances in artificial intelligence and the Department of Energy's role in ensuring United States competitiveness and security in emerging technologies, after receiving testimony from David Turk, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Anna B. Puglisi, Georgetown University Center for Security and Emerging Technology, Washington, D.C.; Rick Stevens, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Illinois; and Andrew Wheeler, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Fort Collins, Colorado.

THE DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing IIJA, focusing on perspectives on the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth S. Biser North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Secretary, Raleigh; Kishia L. Powell WSSC Water, Laurel, Maryland; and Eric Volk, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association, Bismarck, on behalf of The National Rural Water Association.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE BUDGET

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 fiscal year 2024 budget priorities for the Western Hemisphere, after receiving testimony from Brian A. Nichols, Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Todd D. Robinson, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, both of the Department of State; and Marcela Escobari, Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Tanya Monique Jones Bosier, Danny Lam Hoan Nguyen, and Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, September 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
1 p.m., Friday, September 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.



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