

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4359–S4419

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2762–2774, and S. Res. 335–339.

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Measures Reported:

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. 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. 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.

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Measures Passed:

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 337, designating the week beginning September 10, 2023, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”.

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Patriot Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 338, expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17 as “Patriot Week”.

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Senate blood drive: Senate agreed to S. Res. 339, authorizing the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate to conduct a blood donation drive on September 28, 2023.

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Measures Considered:

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024—

Agreement: Senate resumed 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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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 85 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, September 13, 2023; that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count against the post-cloture time.

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Committee Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a report from the Committee on Appropriations be printed in the Record.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 224), Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 226), Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 225), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Michael Colin Casey, of Kentucky, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.
(Total—227) **Pages S4363–65**
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4418.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General David W. Allvin, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SEC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Securities and Exchange Commission, including S. 638, to amend the Securities Act of 1934 to require country-by-country reporting, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

HOUSING SUPPLY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine housing supply and innovation, after receiving testimony from Jenny Schuetz, Brookings Metro, Washington, D.C.; Janne Flisrand, Neighbors for More Neighbors, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Gregory Good, Invest Newark, Newark, New Jersey; and Eric Schaefer, Fading West Development, Buena Vista, Colorado.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety,

and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine the need for transparency in Artificial Intelligence, after receiving testimony from Victoria Espinel, BSA The Software Alliance, and Rob Strayer, Information Technology Industry Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Ramayya Krishnan, Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Sam Gregory, WITNESS, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

BOOK BANS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine book bans, focusing on how censorship limits liberty and literature, after receiving testimony from Alexi Giannoulias, Illinois Secretary of State, Chicago; Max Eden, American Enterprise Institute, and Nicole Neily, Parents Defending Education, both of Arlington, Virginia; Emily J.M. Knox, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Information Sciences, Bloomington; and Cameron J. Samuels, Students Engaged in Advancing Texas, Katy.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded an oversight hearing to examine A.I., focusing on legislating on artificial intelligence, after receiving testimony from Woodrow Hartzog, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; Bill Dally, NVIDIA, Santa Clara, California; and Brad Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington.

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: 39 public bills, H.R. 5384–5422; 1 private bill, H.R. 5423; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 675–679, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3784, to amend title VII of the Social Security Act to provide for a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration for individuals who are victims of identity theft, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–191); and

H.R. 3667, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the reissuance of social security account numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–192). Pages H4261–62

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller-Meeks to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4233

Recess: The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H4237

Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. Page H4239

Recess: The House recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H4256

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: *Fight and Combat Rampant Iranian Missile Exports Act*: H.R. 3152, amended, 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 383; Pages H4239–42, H4256

Mabsa Amini Human rights and Security Accountability Act: H.R. 589, amended, to impose sanctions on the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 384; Pages H4242–47, H4257

Condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights: H. Res. 492, condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued

violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 385; and Pages H4247–49, H4257–58

Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act of 2023: H.R. 3389, amended, to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an evaluation with respect to the use of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS).

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Accurately Counting Risk Elimination Solutions Act: H.R. 1567, amended, to require that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior submit accurate reports regarding hazardous fuels reduction activities; Pages H4249–51

Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act: H.R. 1450, amended, to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts and certain payments made by counties to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior under good neighbor agreements; and Pages H4251–53

Extending the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029: H.R. 3324, to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029. Pages H4255–56

Discharge Petition: Representative DeLauro presented to the Clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 611) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 660) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 7).

Senate Referrals: S. 294 was held at the desk. S. 2747 was held at the desk. Page H4239

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H4239.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4256, H4257, and H4257–58.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; PRESERVING CHOICE IN VEHICLE PURCHASES ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4365, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024”; and H.R. 1435, the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–5, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1435, the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act”, and H.R. 4365, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1435, the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 4365, the “Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 4 and pro forma amendments described in section 5. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 5 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 4 of the resolution are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking mi-

nority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 5 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rodgers of Washington, and Representatives Calvert, McCollum, Tonko, Griffith, Moylan, Rosendale, McCormick, and Spatz.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine how immigration fuels economic growth and our competitive advantage, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the effects of extreme heat and weather on transportation, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the PGA Tour-LIV deal, focusing on the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund’s investments in the United States, 11 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Implementation of the Electronic Health Record Modernization Initiative, 9:30 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “The Impact of Biden’s Open Border on the American Workforce”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “Keeping the Lights On: Enhancing Reliability and Efficiency to Power American Homes”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Making the Grade?: Audit of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean School Bus Program”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Lights, Camera, Subscriptions: State of the Video Marketplace”, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and Other Efforts to Strengthen National Security in the United States”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Unbearable Price: The Devastating Human Costs of the Biden-Mayorkas Border Crisis”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Children are Not for Sale: Examining the Threat of Exploitation of Children in the U.S. and Abroad”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining the Methodology and Structure of the U.S. Geological Sur-

vey’s Critical Minerals List”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unsuitable Litigation: Oversight of Third-Party Litigation Funding”, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “A Dangerous Strategy: Examining the Biden Administration’s Failures on Iran”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Enabling Success: Examining the Competitive Landscape for Small Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “The Future of Automated Commercial Motor Vehicles: Impacts on Society, the Supply Chain, and U.S. Economic Leadership”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, September 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4366, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024, post-cloture.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 4365—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024.

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