

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4421–S4499*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2775–2797, and S. Res. 340–341. **Pages S4440–41**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2024.” (S. Rept. No. 118–98) **Page S4440**

#### Measures Passed:

*Department of Veterans Affairs:* Senate passed S. 2795, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S4499**

*National Voter Registration Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 341, recognizing September 19, 2023, as “National Voter Registration Day”. **Page S4499**

#### Measures Considered:

**Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024—Agreement:** Senate continued 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. **Pages S4421–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 14, 2023; and that all time be considered expired at 10:30 a.m. **Page S4499**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4499.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### IMMIGRATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how immigration fuels economic growth and our competitive advantage, after receiving testimony from Britta Glennon, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; David J. Bier, Cato Institute, Robert Rector, The Heritage Foundation, and Ronil Hira, Howard University, all of Washington, D.C.; and Laurens van Beek, Integrated DNA Technologies, Kessel-Lo, Belgium.

#### EXTREME HEAT AND WEATHER

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effects of extreme heat and weather on transportation, after receiving testimony from David M. Hondula, City of Phoenix, Arizona; Travis Parsons, Laborers’ Health and Safety Fund of North America, Washington, D.C.; and Aimee Flannery, Jacobs Solutions, Herndon, Virginia.

#### PGA TOUR–LIV DEAL

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the PGA Tour–LIV deal, focusing on the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund’s investments in the United States, after receiving testimony from Ben Freeman, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, and Joey Shea, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, D.C.;

and Brian Murphy, Logically AI, Arlington, Virginia.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons, after receiving testimony from Colette S.

Peters, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 5424–5455; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 682–683, were introduced. **Pages H4295–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4298–99**

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

H. Res. 680, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1435) to amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4365) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–193);

H.R. 4762, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the non-premium war risk insurance program (H. Rept. 118–194); and

H. Res. 681, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1435) to amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines (H. Rept. 118–195). **Page H4295**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaLota to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4269**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H4275**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H4276**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, September 12th.

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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 386; and

**Pages H4276–77**

*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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 387. **Page H4277**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m. **Pages H4277–78**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4276–77 and H4277.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Implementation of the Electronic Health Record Modernization Initiative. Testimony was heard from Neil Evans, Acting Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jonathan Nebeker, Executive Director, Clinical Informatics and Chief Medical Informatics Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

### THE IMPACT OF BIDEN’S OPEN BORDER ON THE AMERICAN WORKFORCE

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Biden’s Open Border on the American Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON: ENHANCING RELIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY TO POWER AMERICAN HOMES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “Keeping the Lights On: Enhancing Reliability and Efficiency to Power American Homes”. Testimony was heard from Gene Rodrigues, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, Department of Energy; David Ortiz, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

**MAKING THE GRADE?: AUDIT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY’S CLEAN SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Making the Grade?: Audit of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean School Bus Program”. Testimony was heard from Sean W. O’Donnell, Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, SUBSCRIPTIONS: STATE OF THE VIDEO MARKETPLACE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Lights, Camera, Subscriptions: State of the Video Marketplace”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES (CFIUS) AND OTHER EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Paul Rosen, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

**AN UNBEARABLE PRICE: THE DEVASTATING HUMAN COSTS OF THE BIDEN-MAYORKAS BORDER CRISIS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Unbearable Price: The Devastating Human Costs of the Biden-Mayorkas Border Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CHILDREN ARE NOT FOR SALE: EXAMINING THE THREAT OF EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled “Children are Not for Sale: Examining the Threat of Exploitation of Children in the U.S. and Abroad”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EXAMINING THE METHODOLOGY AND STRUCTURE OF THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY’S CRITICAL MINERALS LIST**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the Methodology and Structure of the U.S. Geological Survey’s Critical Minerals List”. Testimony was heard from Nedal Nassar, Chief of Minerals Intelligence Research, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**UNSUITABLE LITIGATION: OVERSIGHT OF THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FUNDING**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unsuitable Litigation: Oversight of Third-Party Litigation Funding”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**A DANGEROUS STRATEGY: EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S FAILURES ON IRAN**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “A Dangerous Strategy: Examining the Biden Administration’s Failures on Iran”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PRESERVING CHOICE IN VEHICLE PURCHASES ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1435, the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing 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 or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommend.

## ENABLING SUCCESS: EXAMINING THE COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Enabling Success: Examining the Competitive Landscape for Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE FUTURE OF AUTOMATED COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES: IMPACTS ON SOCIETY, THE SUPPLY CHAIN, AND U.S. ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “The Future of Automated Commercial Motor Vehicles: Impacts on Society, the Supply Chain, and U.S. Economic Leadership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Lisa M. Franchetti, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “The United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act”, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine governing AI through acquisition and procurement, 10 a.m., SD–562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Jerry Edwards, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Margaret M. Garnett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Jennifer L. Hall, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, Brandon S. Long, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Matthew James Maddox, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Brandy R. McMillion, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Karoline Mehalchick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, and Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International

Trade, Philip S. Hadji, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Rebecca C. Lutzko, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and April M. Perry, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH–216.

### House

*Committee on Education and Workforce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4259, the “Think Differently about Education Act of 2023”; H.R. 5349, the “Crucial Communism Teaching Act”; H.R. 5110, the “Protecting Hunting Heritage and Education Act”; H.J. Res. 88, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program”; H.R. 4957, the “Department of Labor Succession Act”; H.R. 5339, the “RETIRE Act”; H.R. 5337, the “Retirement Proxy Protection Act”; H.R. 5338, the “No Discrimination in My Benefits Act”; and H.R. 5340, the “Providing Complete Information to Retirement Investors Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Prevent and Respond to Generic Drug Shortages”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Implementing Basel III, What’s the Fed’s Endgame?”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Digital Dollar Dilemma: The Implications of a Central Bank Digital Currency and Private Sector Alternatives”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled “Iran’s Escalating Threats: Assessing U.S. Policy Toward Iran’s Maligned Activities”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Children are not for Sale—Global Efforts to Address Child Trafficking”, 12 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Terrorist Entry Through the Southwest Border”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining Systemic Government Overreach at CEQ”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability,* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “Oh Doctor, Where Art Thou? Pandemic Erosion of the Doctor-Patient Relationship”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce, hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Agencies’ Post-Pandemic Telework Policies”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled “How are Federal Agencies Harnessing Artificial Intelligence?”, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, hearing entitled “The Inflation Reduction Act: A Year in Review”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Update on the Department of Energy’s Science and Technology Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, markup on legislation to amend the Small Business Economic Policy Act of 1980 to examine how the competitiveness of small businesses is affected by the enforcement of Federal anti-trust laws, and for other purposes; legislation to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on the performance of the Office of Rural Affairs, to require a report on the memorandum of understanding between the

Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture entered into on April 4, 2018, and for other purposes; legislation to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Rural Affairs, and for other purposes; legislation to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to provide a link to resources for submitting reports on suspected fraud relating to certain COVID–19 loans; and legislation to prohibit individuals convicted of defrauding the Government from receiving any assistance from the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “VA Electronic Health Record Modernization: Get Well Soon?”, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, September 14

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, September 14

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** 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, and vote on the motion to proceed thereon at 10:30 a.m.

## House Chamber

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

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