

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4501–S4542

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2798–2826, S.J. Res. 45, and S. Res. 342–345.

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Measures Passed:

National Concussion Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 345, supporting the designation of September 15, 2023, as “National Concussion Awareness Day”.
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Measures Considered:

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024: Senate began 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, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4504**

Murray Amendment No. 1205 (to Amendment No. 1092), to change the effective date. **Page S4504**

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 1207, to change the effective date. **Page S4504**

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

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 228), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4503**

Oliver Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Vernon D. Oliver, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Page S4515**

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 14, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 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 Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4515**

Lin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rita F. Lin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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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 Vernon D. Oliver, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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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. **Page S4515**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2023, Senate resume 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; and that at 5 p.m., Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Vernon D. Oliver, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, September 14, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2023.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—228)	Page S4503

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:28 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S4541–42.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “The United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act”.

NAGORNO-KARABAKH

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh, after receiving testimony from Yuri Kim, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs.

GOVERNING AI

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine governing AI through acquisition and procurement, after receiving testimony from Rayid Ghani, Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Fei-Fei Li, Stanford University Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, Stanford, California; Devaki Raj, formerly of CrowdAI, Mountain View, California; Will Roberts, ASI Government, LLC, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida; and Michael Shellenberger, Public, Albany, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 65 public bills, H.R. 5456–5520; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89; H. Con. Res. 64; and H. Res. 684–690, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 663, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–196);

H.R. 3371, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–197);

H.R. 2872, to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue electronic stamps under such Act, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–198); and

H.R. 1530, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the requirement to publish disability benefit questionnaire forms of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–199). **Page H4343**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Luttrell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4301**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H4306**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain (Major) Troy S. Bates, U.S. Army, United States Military Academy West Point, West Point, NY. **Page H4307**

Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act: The House passed H.R. 1435, to amend the Clean Air Act to prevent the elimination of the sale of internal combustion engines, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 391. **Pages H4310–28**

Rejected the Levin motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 390. **Pages H4326–27**

H. Res. 681, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1435) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 389, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 388. **Pages H4317–18**

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

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. **Page H4328**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, September 18th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4328**

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4317, H4317–18, H4326–27, and H4327.

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

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a 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”. H.R. 4259, H.R. 5349, H.R. 5110, H.R. 4957, H.R. 5338, H.R. 5337, H.R. 5339, and H.R. 5340 were ordered reported, as amended. H.J. Res. 88 was ordered reported, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO GENERIC DRUG SHORTAGES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Prevent and Respond to Generic Drug Shortages”. 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: On September 13, 2023, 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; Brian Reissaus, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, Department of the Treasury; Lucas Cadena, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Adam Vaccaro, Director, Office of Investment Security, Department of Commerce; and Halimah Najieb-Locke, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Industrial Base Resilience, Department of Defense.

IMPLEMENTING BASEL III, WHAT'S THE FED'S ENDGAME?

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Implementing Basel III, What’s the Fed’s Endgame?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIGITAL DOLLAR DILEMMA: THE IMPLICATIONS OF A CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY AND PRIVATE SECTOR ALTERNATIVES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Digital Dollar Dilemma: The Implications of a Central Bank Digital Currency and Private Sector Alternatives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAN'S ESCALATING THREATS: ASSESSING U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAN'S MALIGN ACTIVITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia held a hearing entitled ‘Iran’s Escalating Threats: Assessing U.S. Policy Toward Iran’s Malign Activities’. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHILDREN ARE NOT FOR SALE—GLOBAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CHILD TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Children are not for Sale—Global Efforts to Address Child Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TERRORIST ENTRY THROUGH THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement held a hearing entitled “Terrorist Entry Through the Southwest Border”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING SYSTEMIC GOVERNMENT OVERREACH AT CEQ

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Systemic Government Overreach at CEQ”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OH DOCTOR, WHERE ART THOU? PANDEMIC EROSION OF THE DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Oh Doctor, Where Art Thou? Pandemic Erosion of the Doctor-Patient Relationship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL AGENCIES' POST-PANDEMIC TELEWORK POLICIES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Agencies’ Post-Pandemic Telework Policies”. Testimony was heard from Karen Marrongelle, Chief Operating Officer, National Science Foundation; Robert Gibbs, Associate Administrator for the Mission Support Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Dan Dorman, Executive Director for Operation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Randolph Alles, Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

HOW ARE FEDERAL AGENCIES HARNESSING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “How are Federal Agencies Harnessing Artificial Intelligence?”. Testimony was heard from Arati Prabhakar, Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Craig Martell, Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, Department of Defense; and Eric Hysen, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services held a hearing entitled “The Inflation Reduction Act: A Year in Review”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AN UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Update on the Department of Energy’s Science and Technology Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5424, the “Main Street Competes Act”; H.R. 5265, the “Small Business Administration Rural Performance Report Act”; H.R. 5425, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Rural Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5426, a bill 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 H.R. 5427, a bill to prohibit individuals convicted of defrauding the Government from receiving any assistance from the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes. H.R. 5424, H.R. 5265, H.R. 5425, H.R. 5426, and H.R. 5427 were ordered reported, without amendment.

VA ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION: GET WELL SOON?

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “VA Electronic Health Record Modernization: Get Well Soon?”. Testimony was heard from Neil Evans, M.D., Acting Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testi-

mony was heard from Chairman Westerman, Chairman Thompson of Pennsylvania, Chairman Green of Tennessee, and Representatives Collins, Barr, Johnson of Ohio, Dunn of Florida, D’Esposito, Nunn of Iowa, Chuck Edwards, González-Colón, Owens, Meuser, LaMalfa, Kelly of Mississippi, Letlow, Tony Gonzales of Texas, Vicente Gonzalez of Texas, Carter of Georgia, Spatz, Hill, Pfluger, Salazar, Strickland, Waltz, Yakym, Carbajal, James, Wittman, Higgins of Louisiana, and Rosendale.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules: Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1130, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023”; and H. Res. 684, condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, for subverting the Second Amendment to the Constitution and depriving the citizens of New Mexico of their right to bear arms, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, September 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Monday, September 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4366, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

At 5 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Vernon D. Oliver, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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