

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4567–S4607

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2836–2854, and S. Res. 349–352.

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Measures Passed:

National Service Dog Day: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 238, expressing support for recognizing September 20 as National Service Dog Day, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reed (for Tester) Amendment No. 1261, to amend the preamble.

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National Lobster Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 351, designating September 25, 2023, as “National Lobster Day”.

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National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 352, designating September 2023 as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”.

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Measures Considered:

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued 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, 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.

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

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Murray motion to suspend Rule XVI for the consideration of Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092 (listed above) to the bill.

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Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Schu-

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mer Amendment No. 1230, to change the effective date.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 20, 2023; and that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the Murray motion to suspend Rule XVI for the consideration of Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092 (listed above), ripen at 12:15 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 230), Vernon D. Oliver, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 232), Rita F. Lin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 231), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jennifer L. Fain, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Stuart Alan Levey, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring October 3, 2024.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring October 3, 2030.

Daryle Williams, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2024, Shelly Colleen Lowe, term expired.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.	Page S4607	care, after receiving testimony from Carrie Edwards, Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hastings, Nebraska; Judith A. Stein, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Willimantic, Connecticut; Tracy M. Mroz, University of Washington, Seattle; William A. Dombi, National Association for Home Care and Hospice, Washington, D.C.; and David C. Grabowski, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, Boston, Massachusetts.
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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—232)	Pages S4571–72	
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4607.)		

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FCC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairwoman, Federal Communications Commission.

AGING IN PLACE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine aging in place, focusing on the vital role of home health in access to

care, after receiving testimony from Carrie Edwards, Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hastings, Nebraska; Judith A. Stein, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Willimantic, Connecticut; Tracy M. Mroz, University of Washington, Seattle; William A. Dombi, National Association for Home Care and Hospice, Washington, D.C.; and David C. Grabowski, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, Boston, Massachusetts.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine advanced technology, focusing on threats to national security, after receiving testimony from Gregory C. Allen, Center for Strategic and International Studies Wadhwa Center for AI and Advanced Technologies, and Dewey Murdick, Center for Security and Emerging Technology, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jeff Alstott, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine corporate manipulation of Chapter 11 bankruptcy, after receiving testimony from Erik Haas, Johnson and Johnson, Armonk, New York; Melissa B. Jacoby, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Stephen E. Hessler, Sidley Austin LLP, New York, New York; Samir D. Parikh, Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon; and Lori Knapp, Greeneville, Tennessee.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing intelligence in the era of Artificial Intelligence, focusing on addressing the national security implications of AI, after receiving testimony from Benjamin Jensen, CSIS, Burke, Virginia; Jeffrey Ding, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; and Yann LeCun, Meta, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 14, 5555–5580; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 700–703, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 699, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1130) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas; providing for consideration of the resolution (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; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5525) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–201); and

H.R. 3511, to amend the Small Business Act to require training on increasing contract awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–202).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Rogers (AL) motion to take from the Speakers table the bill 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, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House; disagree to the Senate amendment and request a conference with the Senate thereon, by a yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 27 nays, Roll No. 395.

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Agreed to the Rogers (AL) motion to close portions of the conference by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 396.

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Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act and Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024—Rule for Consideration: The House failed to agreed to 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, by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 398, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 397.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, September 18th. Amending title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans

born with spina bifida: S. 112, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, by a yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 399.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024—Appointment of Conferees: Without objection, the Chair appointed the following conferees on 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, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year:

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From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rogers (AL), Wilson (SC), Lamborn, Wittman, Austin Scott (GA), Stefanik, DesJarlais, Kelly (MS), Gallagher, Gaetz, Bacon, Banks, Bergman, Waltz, Johnson (LA), McClain, Jackson (TX), Fallon, Gimenez, Mace, Greene (GA), Smith (WA), Courtney, Garamendi, Norcross, Gallego, Moulton, Carbajal, Khanna, Keating, Kim (NJ), Houlahan, Slotkin, Sherrill, and Escobar.

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From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Representatives Turner, Wenstrup, and Himes.

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From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 636, 651–55, 658–61, 1041, and 1042 of the House bill and secs. 303, 563, 592, 593, 1079, 1090K, 1099JJ, 1726, and 3142 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Foxx, Owens, and Scott (VA).

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From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 224, 749, and 3121 of the House bill, and secs. 314, 712 of division A, 1087, 1088, 1090A, 1090G, 1099II, 3122–24, 3143, 3144, 6074, 8141, and sec. 11009 of division J of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Carter (GA), Pfluger, and Pallone.

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From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of subtitle J of title X of division A, sec. 1086, title LXVIII of division F, division I, and division J of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives McHenry, Luetkemeyer, and Waters.

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From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 217, 1009, 1080K, 1210, 1211, 1213, 1214, 1216, 1220, 1220A, 1220C, 1220G, 1220K, 1220L, 1221–24, 1234, 1245, 1250, 1310L, 1505, and 1883 of the House bill, and secs. 212,

1085, 1302, 1397, 1399B, 1399D, 1399E, 1399F, 1399I, 1399J, 1399K, 1399L, subtitles H–K of title XIII of division A, secs. 1634, 6031, 6242, 6293, division F, and secs. 11104 and 11105 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives McCaul, McCormick, and Meeks.

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 542, 822, 1049, 1689, and 3116 of the House bill, and secs. 1041, 1090H, subtitles I and K of title X of division A, subtitle I of title XIII of division A, secs. 6031, 6075, 6082, 6084, subtitle H of title LX of division E, secs. 6813, 6816, 6821, 6831 of division E, secs. 9007, 9011, 9012, 9014, and title LXXI of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Issa, Lee (FL), and Nadler.

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From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 261, 510, 1853, 1865, 2843, 2844, 2847, and 3515 of the House bill, and secs. 312, 1041, 1090G, 2805, 6711, 11002 of division J, division K, and sec. 11341 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Carl, Hageman, and Grijalva.

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From the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for consideration of secs. 364, 834, 891, 899C, 921, 922, 1047, 1101–10, 1116–18, 1122, 1221, 1222, 1521, 1523, 1805, and 1880 of the House bill, and secs. 537, 867, subtitle H of title X of division A, secs. 1201–03, 1206–09, 1211–13, 1215, 1512, 11133, 6101, 6202, 6203, 6607, sec. 6831 of division E, 8141, 9005, 11331–33, and secs. 601, 603, 605, 703, 704, 715–18, 802, and 1001 of division M, and secs. 11001 and 11002 of division L of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Grothman, Perry, and Raskin.

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From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 886, 1608, 1875, and 1879 of the House bill, and secs. 308, 845, 1090E, 1090G, 3144, 5204, and title X of division M of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mike Garcia (CA), Collins, and Lofgren.

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From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 223, 853, 881, 882, 884, and 886 of the House bill, and secs. 141, 823, 831, 841–45, 849–52, and 5841 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Molinaro, Alford, and Velázquez.

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From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 315, 707, 723, 866, 1602, 1608, 1804, 1854, 3501, 3511–13, 3515, 3531, and 3533 of the House bill, and secs.

314, 1083, 1090D, 1399N, 1606, 1644, 2814, title XXXV of division C, secs. 6079, 6226, 8141, and division H of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Graves (MO), Webster (FL), and Larsen (WA).

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From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 571, 572, 579, 1118, 1413, 1733, and 1885 of the House bill, and secs. 1084, 1090B, 1521, 1833, 1852, 6071, 6077, and 11020 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bost, Luttrell, and Takano.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4401, H4402, H4403, H4403–04, and H4404–05.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH TAIWAN

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Defense Cooperation with Taiwan". Testimony was heard from Ely Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense; Mira Resnick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Regional Security, Department of State; and Major General Joseph McGee, U.S. Army, Vice Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy, J-5, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM UNDER ATTACK: LOOSENING THE CCP'S GRIP ON AMERICA'S CLASSROOMS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "Academic Freedom Under Attack: Loosening the CCP's Grip on America's Classrooms". Testimony was heard from Ryan Walters, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma State Department of Education; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING POLICIES TO IMPROVE SENIORS' ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE DRUGS, MEDICAL DEVICES, AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining Policies to Improve Seniors' Access to Innovative Drugs, Medical Devices, and Technology". Testimony was heard from Dora Hughes, M.D., Acting Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Acting Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and

Human Services; and John Dicken, Director, Health Care—Public and Private Markets, Government Accountability Office.

PROTECTING AMERICAN MANUFACTURING: EXAMINING EPA'S PM2.5 PROPOSED RULE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled “Protecting American Manufacturing: Examining EPA’s PM2.5 Proposed Rule”. Testimony was heard from Bryce C. Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, Utah; and public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, Chairman Green of Tennessee, and Representatives DelBene, Newhouse, Davis of North Carolina, Grothman, Levin, Santos, McClain, Williams of New York, Spatz, Landsman, Moylan, Carey, Casten, Chavez-DeRemer, Ezell, James, Houchin, Molinaro, Khanna, and Baird.

OVERSIGHT OF THE SEC'S DIVISION OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Investment Management”. Testimony was heard from William Birdthistle, Director of Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission.

A HOLISTIC REVIEW OF REGULATORS: REGULATORY OVERREACH AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “A Holistic Review of Regulators: Regulatory Overreach and Economic Consequences”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EFFORTS TO ADDRESS RITUAL ABUSE AND SACRIFICE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Efforts to Address Ritual Abuse and Sacrifice in Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVALUATING CISA'S FEDERAL CIVILIAN EXECUTIVE BRANCH CYBERSECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hear-

ing entitled “Evaluating CISA’s Federal Civilian Executive Branch Cybersecurity Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL SECURITY: ASSESSING SECURITY FAILURES ON JANUARY 6, 2021

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Oversight of United States Capitol Security: Assessing Security Failures on January 6, 2021”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

EXAMINING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled “Examining Proposed Constitutional Amendments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING BARRIERS TO ACCESS IN FEDERAL WATERS: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE MARINE SANCTUARY AND MONUMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining Barriers to Access in Federal Waters: A Closer Look at the Marine Sanctuary and Monument System”. Testimony was heard from Jainey Bavishi, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S MISMANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL ONSHORE OIL AND GAS PROGRAM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the Biden Administration’s Mismanagement of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program”. Testimony was heard from Mike Nedd, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1657, the “Lake Winnibigoshish Land Exchange Act of 2023”; H.R. 3107, the “Improving Outdoor Recreation Coordination Act”; H.R. 3200, the “Gateway Community and Recreation Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 4984, the “D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stauber and Neguse; Mike

Reynolds, Deputy Director, Congressional and External Relations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Jacqueline Emanuel, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Cory Smith, Commissioner, District 1, Itasca County, Minnesota; Randy Brodehl, Commissioner, Flathead County, Kalispell, Montana; Delano Hunter, Acting Director, Department of General Services, Washington D.C.; and a public witness.

THE ROLE OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG MARKETS PART II: NOT WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Role of Pharmacy Benefit Managers in Prescription Drug Markets Part II: Not What the Doctor Ordered”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BIDENOMICS: A PERFECT STORM OF SPENDING, DEBT, AND INFLATION

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Bidenomics: A Perfect Storm of Spending, Debt, and Inflation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHIPS ON THE TABLE: A ONE YEAR REVIEW OF THE CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Chips on the Table: A One Year Review of the Chips and Science Act”. Testimony was heard from Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

FEMA: THE CURRENT STATE OF DISASTER READINESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “FEMA: The Current State of Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery”. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

USE AND REGULATION OF AUTONOMOUS AND EXPERIMENTAL MARITIME TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Use and Regulation of Autonomous and Experimental Maritime Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral

Wayne R. Arguin, Jr., Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P), U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Todd Wiemers, Assistant Commandant for Capability (CG-7), U.S. Coast Guard; and public witnesses.

VA'S FEDERAL SUPREMACY INITIATIVE: PUTTING VETERANS FIRST?

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “VA's Federal Supremacy Initiative: Putting Veterans First?”. Testimony was heard from Erica Scavella, M.D., Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, Chief Medical Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

REDUCED CARE FOR PATIENTS: FALLOUT FROM FLAWED IMPLEMENTATION OF SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING PROTECTIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reduced Care for Patients: Fallout from Flawed Implementation of Surprise Medical Billing Protections”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIA INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency held a hearing entitled “CIA Investigation Update”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine artificial intelligence in financial services, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine child care since the pandemic, focusing on macroeconomic impacts of public policy measures, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine public investment, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, Melissa Holyoak, of Utah, and Andrew N. Ferguson, of Virginia, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Douglas Dziak, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine drought impacts on drinking water access and water availability, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine drinking water infrastructure and tribal communities, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary (European and Eurasian Affairs), Dennis B. Hankins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Nathalie Rayes, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and Tobin John Bradley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10:45 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights, to hold hearings to examine restoring transparency and accountability in the accommodation process, 2:45 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine improving mental health and suicide prevention measures for our Nation's veterans, 3:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled "Industry Perspectives on Defense Innovation and Deterrence", 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Meritocracy in the Military Services: Accession, Promotion, and Command Selection", 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled "Strengthening WIOA: Improving Outcomes for Jobseekers, Employers, and Taxpayers", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled "American Hydropower: Unleashing Reliable, Renewable, Clean Power Across the U.S.", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled "Mapping America's Supply Chains: Solutions to Unleash Innovation, Boost Economic Resilience, and Beat China", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "At What Cost: Oversight of How the IRA's Price Setting Scheme Means Fewer Cures for Patients", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3378, the "Agricultural Security Risk Review Act"; H.R. 5409, the "Safeguarding American Farms from Foreign Influence Act"; H.R. 760, the "Chinese Military and Surveillance Company Sanctions Act"; H.R.

5472, the "FinCEN Oversight and Accountability Act of 2023"; H.R. 5485, the "Financial Privacy Act of 2023"; H.R. 5119, the "Protect Small Business and Prevent Illicit Financial Activity Act"; H.R. 5557, the "Combating Foreign Surveillance Spyware Sanctions Act"; legislation on the Financial Access Improvements Act; legislation on the Russia and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act of 2023; legislation on the Foreign Affiliates Sharing Pilot Program Extension Act; H.R. 3402, the "Power of the Mint Act"; H.R. 5403, the "CBDC Anti-Surveillance State Act"; H.R. 3712, the "Digital Dollar Pilot Prevention Act", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Financial Costs of Mayorkas' Open Border", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Election Commission", 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "IP and Strategic Competition with China: Part III—IP Theft, Cybersecurity, and AI", 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 929, the "Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act of 2023"; H.R. 934, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes; H.R. 1786, the "GROW Act"; H.R. 3448, the "American Battlefield Protection Program Enhancement Act"; H.R. 4051, the "SHARKED Act"; and H.R. 4596, the "Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023", 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4984, the "D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act"; H.R. 5040, the "Cannabis Users' Restoration of Eligibility Act"; legislation on the Modernizing Government Technology Reform Act; H.R. 4428, the "Guidance Clarity Act of 2023"; legislation on the Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act of 2023; and several postal naming measures, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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